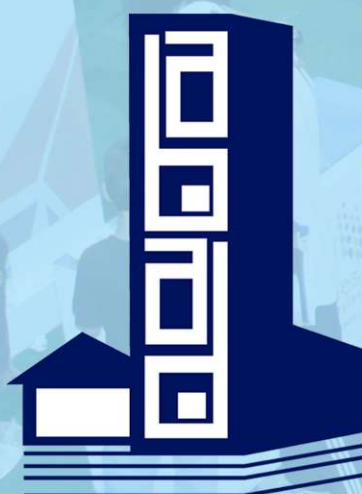


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EDITORIAL



Construction Industry has been regarded as the engine for revival of the economy. It has been placed as supportive for the economic growth and social change in any country.

Construction industry has been used to revert the downward trend in any country. In Pakistan, Construction industry is the second largest employer after agriculture and provides jobs to both unskilled and skilled workers. It has been reported to be supporting the activities leading to the growth of economy which are helpful in providing shelter to shelter less people in Pakistan.

The builders and developers of Pakistan realized the importance of construction industry and decided to organize themselves and therefore formed Association of Builders & Developers of Pakistan in 1972. This Association has been working for betterment of the industry by providing support for resolution of the issues of construction and housing industry and by introducing latest construction technologies for improving the quality of construction and bringing it to international standards. In the same context, ABAD organized ABAD INTERNATIONAL EXPO 2014 in Karachi Expo Centre from 12 to 14 August 2014 wherein products and construction technology from different countries were displayed.

ABAD International Expo provided information about latest technologies in place of old construction process to setup residential projects and low cost houses. In addition to the builders and developers the exhibition was participated by local and international experts in construction and more than 100 allied industries.

The event provided an enabling environment to the discerning target audiences to promote Business to Business and Business to Customers contacts. Local Builders, Companies representing Construction and Allied Material from all across Pakistan were invited to showcase their projects, products and services in that grand show to highlight the true potential of Pakistan in the field of Building and Construction. This event proved to be a tremendous success and ABAD is targeting to organize such event every year.

Engr. Zaheer Qadri

Messages by Co-conveners



Construction industry has been regarded as a motivational force for economic development in any country. There is nothing denying the fact that building and construction activities have been instrumental in overcoming the depressed conditions prevailing in any country. The construction sector has been found supportive of economic growth and social change in any country.

With our Magazine, we are providing awareness to the Government and the general public regarding the construction sector. Our motto is to support the industry and to make it more prosper and stable as it is among the driving forces of national economy.

Mustafa Sheikhan
Co-Convener

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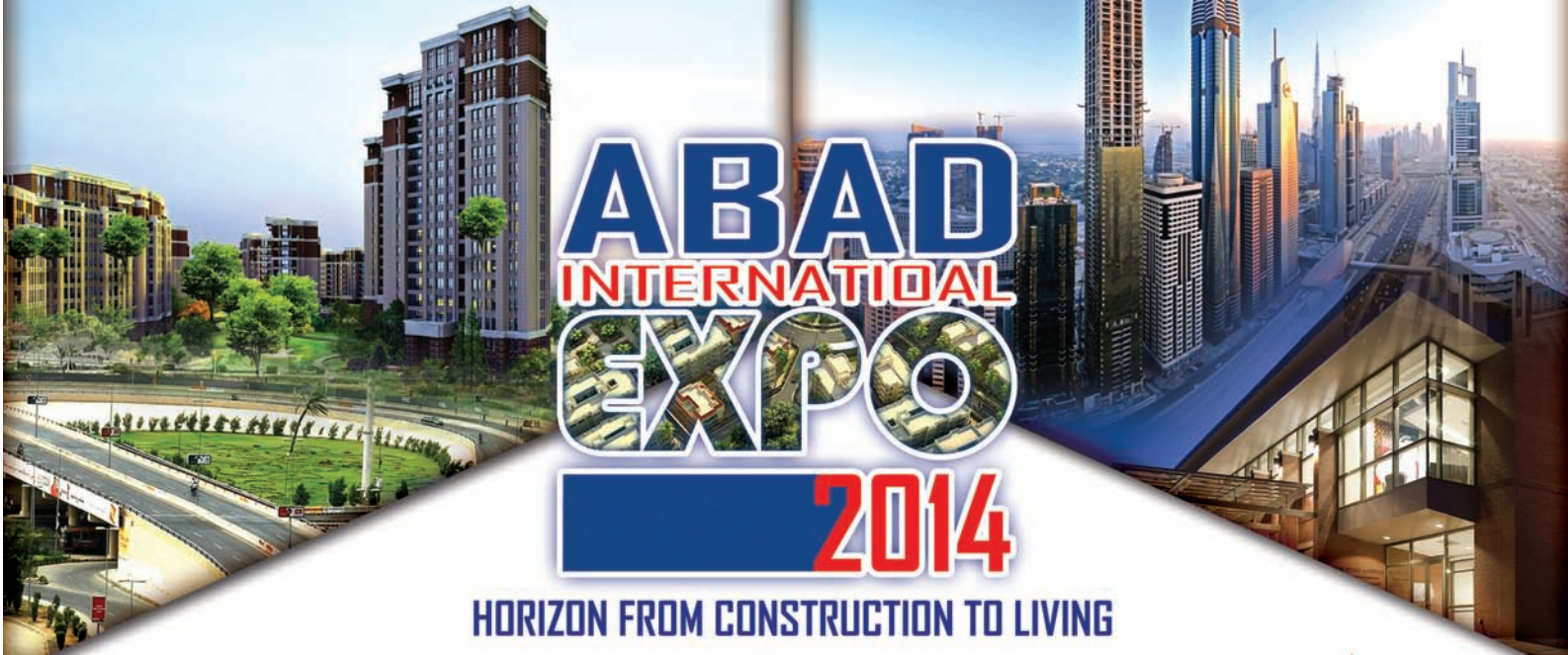


Since its inception, ABAD has been active in highlighting the issues of construction industry. Side by side it has been resolving the problems faced by its members by maintaining close liaison with all relevant Government Departments and Authorities. Different teams of the members of ABAD are working and rendering their precious time for the betterment of this industry.

As a co-convener of the Magazine, I ask all the members to come forward and tell us about the issues in the construction of their projects, so that we can also highlight and try our level best to resolve them on immediate basis.

Muhammad Zeeshan Siddiqui
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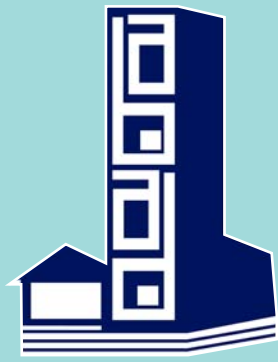
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ABAD INTERNATIONAL EXPO 2014

ABAD International Expo was held from 12th to 14th August, 2014 at Karachi Expo Centre. The event promises to be most dynamic exhibiting a rendezvous of builders and developers, remodelers, building materials, sales and marketing professionals, architects and other building industry professionals. The ABAD Expo is an initiative of the Association of Builders and Developers of Pakistan (ABAD) and jointly managed in conjunction with Pakistan's leading event management company, Badar Expo Solutions (BXSS).

The three days long International Expo was unexpected for both the organizers and the participants under the prevailing circumstances and scenario of the whole country. A large number of citizens turned out and visited the exhibition which surprised everyone. The stall holders, particularly the builders and developers; were expecting that like previous experience the public turnout shall be poor and there will not be any booking whatsoever as per its legacy but there negative expectations proved wrong and it became equally fruitful for almost all the stall holders. More or less



everyone booked flats, plots, bungalows, shops and units and as well booking and purchase of construction material received heavy responses etc. that gave them confidence and they could achieve maximum results out of it.



The event hosted two-day seminar to educate the delegates, guests and visitors regarding the need and importance of housing and construction in the country. Themes of the seminar were Role of Construction





Industry in National Economy, Smart Cities Advocacy in South Asia, Low Cost Housing and Rehabilitation of Katchi Abadies. A number of professionals spoke at the seminar and discussed leading issues of the country's construction industry such as the dearth of big construction companies and the use of low quality materials in housing and construction.

There were number of lucky draw schemes held by some of the builders and developers that actually fetched general public attention and a large number of people won hundreds of prizes through these lucky draws.



Association of Builders and Developers (ABAD) also organized a grand lucky draw through its Winners Arena in which citizens took special interest and until late hours of the exhibition days they were gathered around ABAD stall. Forty Umrah tickets, 15 Motor Bikes, Hundreds of mobile sets, dozens of household accessories and a number of other gift hampers were kept for that lucky draw. A large number of people with their children were benefited in that junction. Quite simple questions were asked so that they may win prizes and could be encouraged and this Expo might be made successful at the end of the day. A brand new Toyota Corolla car was also placed in the lucky draw.



Cultural Show, music, folk and modern, Balochi and traditional dances and other celebrations were among the main features of the Expo. A number of Government Dignitaries also visited the Expo and appreciated ABAD efforts to boost Pakistan economy.

The exhibition was organized in all six halls of the Expo Centre with the participation of over 130 companies exhibiting in the show out of which 24 are from different countries like UAE, Malaysia, China, Turkey, Thailand, Singapore, Sri Lanka and Germany.



ABAD INTERNATIONAL EXPO 2014

Inauguration Ceremony



The exhibition was inaugurated by Speaker Sindh Assembly Agha Siraj Khan Durrani. During his address he appreciated the Association for organizing such a great event and added that ABAD International Expo 2014 will not only expand building and construction activities but will also attract foreign investment.

Agha Siraj Durrani further said that ABAD has worked hard with full support from Government of Sindh. There was once a time when construction industry was in grim conditions and Pakistani builders sought Arab states to invest in the sector but our

Government encouraged ABAD in its efforts to resolve building and construction issues in Pakistan that led to the launch of many residential projects in duration of last 5 years.

He said that construction industry plays a key role in the development of the country. “ABAD International Expo 2014 will prove our capability and advancement in technology in construction sector”. He said “It is very auspicious to have international delegation present in event which proves that Pakistan is a very hospitable country” He said, “Government of Sindh has spread the scope of Building Control Authority to the whole province”. He announced that if builders are facing the problems of illegal possessions of land then ABAD should make a team of law experts and it will be approved by Sindh Assembly to take action against this problem and to prevent it in future.



After that Chairman ABAD Mohsin Sheikhan addressed the gathering and informed them about the exhibition by saying that ABAD International Expo 2014 was the first exhibition of its kind related to building and construction industry. The exhibition spread in all the 6 halls of Karachi Expo Centre with 360 stalls from 120 companies. In addition to Pakistan number of companies belong to UAE, Malaysia, China, Turkey, Thailand, Singapore, Sri Lanka and Germany.





Chairman Mohsin Sheikhan said that ABAD International Expo 2014 will prove to be a milestone for the construction industry of Pakistan. The construction industry is the second largest job provider after the agriculture sector but

the importance of the construction industry is blatantly ignored whereas in the rest of the world this important sector had played its due role in the development of the respective countries.

Saleem Kassim Patel, Senior Vice Chairman, Hanif Gohar, Vice Chairman and Haris Ali Mithani Chairman South Region of ABAD and Project Head ABAD INTERNATIONAL EXPO 2014 were also present at the inauguration ceremony.



Talking to media, the Project Head of ABAD EXPO Mr. Haris Ali Mithani informed about the purpose of organizing the event by saying that it was our vision to bring the construction industry and all its allied industries on one platform. Added that being a member of ABAD it was our duty to aware the masses about the recent construction practices and the modern techniques related to building and construction industry.

Building and construction professionals from all over the country and abroad attended the exhibition and thousands of the people including political, social and leading business professionals visited the event on all three days.



Visit of Chief Minister Sindh, Syed Qaim Ali Shah



The Chief Minister Sindh Syed Qaim Ali Shah while inaugurating the expo and talking to the media said that conduct of International Expo by Association of Builders and Developers of Pakistan (ABAD) in Karachi reflect that confidence of national and international investors, their clients/people has been restored due to maintenance of law and order in the Karachi.

Appreciating the efforts of ABAD, he said that the event has created new avenues of opportunities not only for the income and employment of the local people but to supplement in the government efforts for providing residential facilities to the people of middle and lower middle class at affordable prices.

The Chief Minister Sindh Syed Qaim Ali Shah along with Sindh Minister for livestock Jam Khan Shoro, special Assistant to CM Waqar Mehdi and Rashid Rabani, after inaugurating the expo, took round of various expo halls, stalls where latest architectural designs and styles of construction were displayed.

The Chairman ABAD Mohsin Sheikhan, Senior Vice Chairman Saleem Kassim Patel and Head of ABAD Expo 2014 Haris Ali Mithani briefed the Chief Minister about aims and objectives of international expo-2014 in which construction companies from various other countries were participating along with Pakistani Exhibitors.

Talking on the occasion the Chief Minister Sindh stressed upon the management of participating construction companies, engineers and technocrats to bring innovative ideas of construction and provide the competitive residential facilities to the people of middle and lower middle class at affordable prices.

Seminar on Smart Cities and Urbanism

ABAD hosted remarkable seminars and interactive sessions designed to educate and to enlighten the participants and general visitors. This informative feature was aimed to educate delegates and guests by some of the industry's leaders and experts in their field. The program was developed to appeal to trade professional as well as any serious home renovator who wants to pick up the latest tips, techniques and industry trends. ABAD ambition for growth of the building, construction and allied industries were expanded by the two days Seminar. The relevant topics were proved to be stimulating and learning for the attendees.

Topics addressed at the First Day of ABAD Seminar were:

SMART CITY ADVOCACY IN SOUTH ASIA (1st Session)

URBANISM IN CONTEXT OF SMART CITIES(2nd Session)

Opening Address by Chairman – ABAD, Mr. Mohsin Sheikhani

Mr. Mohsin Sheikhani at first greeted the guests, participants and other valued audience and thanked for their presence in the event. Focusing on the importance of construction industry he said that it has been regarded as motive force for economic development in any country. There is nothing denying the fact that building and construction activities have been instrumental in overcoming the depressed conditions prevailing in any country. The construction sector has been found supportive of economic growth and social change in any country.



Senior Vice Chairman of ABAD, M. Saleem Kassim Patel suggested way to address Pakistan's urban issues and housing problems and how to turn its cities into smart cities that would be perfect for good living. Through this Seminar ABAD was able to bring key stakeholders in the construction sector together to provide attendees with best practice information, case studies and solutions. In his speech, while informing the gathering, said that multinational companies with their head offices in Europe, United Arab Emirates, Turkey, China, and Korea were participating at the exhibition.



Arch. Mumtaz Jilani, Chairperson, IAP, Karachi Chapter

In her address she defined smart city as a place where there is investment in human and social capital, traditional and modern information and a communication technology infrastructure that fuels sustainable economic development and a high quality of life, with a wise management of natural resources. Such a city has smart people, smart mobility, smart economy, smart environment and a smart government. Smart city technologies are being developed to address a range of issues, including energy management, water management, urban mobility, street lighting, and public safety.



**Mr. Aqrab Ali Rana, CEO,
Pakistan Green Building Council**

Aqrab Ali Rana talked about the reasons why Pakistan has been unable to develop smart cities. In his presentation he focused on the benefits and future prospects green buildings in Pakistan. Expressing his views regarding green city development he said the government, private sector, the academia, NGOs, and the general public have worked for years but the reason why our country has not progresses in smart building technologies because everyone is working individually.

He informed the audience about some achievements of Pakistan Green Building Council and also shared the future planning and targets of the council regarding green development in Pakistan.



**Dr. Noman, Chairman, Department of
Architecture and Planning NED University**

Dr. Noman presented some facts and figures about the planning and governance of high density zones in Karachi. He highlighted the urban planning process in Karachi. Through his presentation he also enlightened the gathering with some critical concepts like walk up buildings, multi storeyed and high rise buildings and sky scrapers.

He also came with the proposal of high rise condominium development all along beaches of Karachi. He said infrastructure rehabilitation is pre-requisite for framing the provisions of high rise development and he also explain high rise development must ensure social justice and equity in the society by carving choices / options for all strata of the society.



**Arch. Mukhtar Hussain,
Managing Director, FNMH**

Ar. Mukhtar Husain, Managing Director, FNMH said Karachi was once reputed a very clean, well lit city. Small but well-managed, it attracted waves of migrants and settlers who have caused its phenomenal growth into a still-growing metropolis 30-40 times its size within seven decades since Independence in 1947, still Karachi is considered to be 10 mega cities in the World.

Focusing on the present condition of utilities provision to the Karachiets, he said that truly overwhelmed, it is barely able to provide the basic services that can keep a city and its people functioning. And yet, it does function, although poorly, but at a faster pace and, arguably, more productively than any other city in Pakistan.



**Arch. Komal Parvez,
Vice Chairperson, IAP, Karachi Chapter**

In her speech she spoke about the historical development of Karachi city and informed the audience that Karachi provided shelter to over 22 million people. Karachi was built slowly in over several decades, so now they were facing the problem of infrastructure, transportation growth in the city. She said developing “Smart Cities” was not a business as usual nor was it a one fits approach. It would engage many sectors (ICT, transport, energy, building etc.). Explaining the prerequisites of smart cities she said it applies to everything from high-tech innovation such as high mobility and urban operating systems.



At the end of Seminar souvenir were presented by the Chairman to Mr. Murat M. Onart, Consul General of Turkey, Arch. Mumtaz Jilani, Chairperson, IAP, Karachi Chapter, Dr. Noman, Chairman, Department Architect and Planning NED University, Arch. Mukhtar Hussain, Managing Director, FNMH and Arch. Komal Parvez, Vice Chairperson, IAP Karachi Chapter.

Visit of Dignitaries in the Event



The Commissioner Karachi Shoaib Ahmed Siddiqui visited at the three-day ABAD International Expo 2014 at Expo Center Karachi with other high level administrative officers. During the visit he said that Abad International Expo 2014 is playing a key role for the promotion of constructive activities, development and stability of Pakistan.

Talking to media, he said that the participation of more than 24 representatives of different countries in the expo would play an important role in highlighting the image of the country. He said government was resolving the issues faced by the construction industry on priority, and in this regard, they had paid special focus on those issues.

He said along with constructive projects, ABAD should provide basic facilities for special persons and enough parking spaces. He said the exhibition would set a milestone for the country’s development; the struggle of ABAD for homeless people was admirable and it should be appreciated by the Government.



Seminar on Role of Construction Industry in National Economy

The proceedings of 2nd day of ABAD Int'l EXPO 2014 started with a Seminar, focused on the themes; Role of Construction Industry in National Economy (1st Session) and Low Cost Housing and rehabilitation of 'KATCHI ABADI' (2nd Session).



Opening Address by Vice Chairman ABAD - Mr. Muhammad Hanif Gohar

In his speech said developed economies of the World depends on the development of construction industry since the development of construction industry is the real development. He also focused on the role of youth in the development process of any country.

Seminar's Convener Speech

Highlighting the importance of the theme of the seminar, Senior Vice Chairman-ABAD, M. Saleem Kassim Patel said that through this Seminar ABAD was able to bring key stakeholders in the construction sector together to provide attendees with best practice information, case studies and solutions.



Mr. Afzul ur Rehman, Chairman CAP

He said there is a long list for the role of Construction in building the economy of Pakistan but it is required that Policy makers of the Pakistan must acknowledge the potentials which are available with the Construction and Housing Sector of Pakistan so that maximum benefits may be obtained from this sector.

He said that in Pakistan Banks & Financial Institutions are very rigid for providing financing facilities without heavy security or collateral.



Dr. Tilo Klinner

Council General of the Federal Republic of Germany

Dr. Tilo Klinner, Council General of the Federal Republic of Germany said Karachi is one of the world's most populous cities, which lacked basic infrastructure

included urban planning. He defined construction sector and construction activities to be one of the major sources of economic growth, development and economic activities. Construction and engineering services industry play an important role in the economic uplift and development of any country. He said Germany can help Pakistan to develop and manage modern infrastructure for Karachi.



Dr. Engr. Shoaib Ahmad
CEO, Zenith International

Dr. Shoaib Ahmad said that construction industry is a complex sector of the economy, involves a broad range of stakeholders and has wide ranging linkages with other areas of activity such as manufacturing and the use of materials, energy, finance, labor and equipment. It provides substantial employment opportunities as it contributes through a higher multiplier effect with a host of beneficial forward and backward linkage in the economy. He also said that construction industry in Pakistan consumes almost 80% of the National Development Budget, and pays highest tax per million turn over.



Mr. Younus Dagha
Former Federal Secretary, Housing & Works

Mr. Younus Dagha, Federal Secretary, Housing & Works said there is nothing denying the fact that Urban Pakistan needs affordable housing. He said the housing and construction sector in Pakistan plays an important role in developing aggregate economy and reducing unemployment. It provides substantial employment opportunities as it contributes through a higher multiplier effect in the economy.



Rauf Akhter Farooqui
Administrator Karachi

Administrator Karachi Rauf Akhter Farooqui also attended the event. In his speech he said in order to eliminate the land mafia in Karachi, the construction of about 1 Lac 15 thousand houses are required every

year to cater to the needs of ever increasing city population. He added that the city still needed 0.9 million houses that should contribute in its progress and development and no organization could solve the problems of Karachi without having resources for this sector.

Expressing his views Administrator Karachi said we need to think on national level for solving the problems in Karachi because Karachi was the only city of Pakistan where people from all over the country come and settle. Construction of low cost housing schemes should start immediately for solving the residential problems so that citizens could avail the houses on cheaper prices. Special schemes should also be initiated for the development of katchi abadies (slums areas), and commercial banks should offer such loan schemes so that citizens could get the loan on easy terms.





He said out of the 25 million population of the city about 65 percent was living in the slums which had been inhabited without any planning. The city needs huge resources for solving these problems along with special attention.

Tahir Naz Siddiqui, EVP, HBFCL

He highlighted the role of house finance in construction industry of Pakistan by saying that real estate, housing and construction industry plays a vital role in development of the economy and provides opportunity to millions.

Appreciating the efforts of ABAD in streamlining the construction activities, he said that its role is commandable in the field of housing and construction industry.

Syed Farhan Fasihuddin, Program Manager, International Finance Corporation

Syed Farhan gave a comprehensive presentation on the topic of Low Cost Housing with special reference to Pakistan. He informed the gathering that construction industry contributes significantly in terms of scale and share in the development process for both developed and developing countries. The construction products



provide the necessary public infrastructure and private physical structures for many productive activities such as services, commerce, utilities and other industries.

The industry is not only important for its finished product, but it also employs a large number of people (directly and indirectly) and therefore has an effect on the economy of a country/region during the actual construction process. Construction output can be classified as a major component of investment and part of fixed capital. Both are essential factor for continues growth in economy.



Message by Arch. Manzoor Qadir, Director General, SBCA

A message from DG SBCA was read in the seminar. In his message he conveyed that Sindh government plans to provide 100,000 affordable housing units for poor households within one to two years. Pakistan faces a chronic shortfall of houses. Official figures relating to population and housing indicate the massive housing shortages in the country.

Vote of Thanks by Chairman-ABAD

Chairman Mohsin Sheikhani thanked all the guest, other participants and people from press and media for their valued presence in the event. He called for collaboration and joint effort through public and private sectors to resolve the problems of the city.



Deputy Speaker Sindh Assembly Shehla Raza visited the exhibition on 2nd day. Talking to the media she said that the three-day international exhibition organized by Association of Builders and Developers of Pakistan (ABAD) in which more than 200 stalls were set up by real estate companies including foreign companies, during political unrest in the country was a praiseworthy move.

She said that there was a great need of housing units in the city. The suburban areas that had been encroached by different people were posing a threat to the security of the city. Therefore, action would be taken against the terrorists who were taking shelter in slum areas of Karachi and also informed that the requirement of housing units in the city has surpassed 8 million.



A number of professionals spoke at the seminar and discussed leading issues of the country's construction industry such as the dearth of big construction companies and the use of low quality steel in housing and construction.

Speaking to media, renowned architect and town planner, Arif Hasan said the role of ABAD members is very important to address the housing issues in Pakistan. He mentioned that mortgage finance is embarrassingly low in Pakistan, which is one of the major reasons why the housing industry is not picking up'. The mortgage-to-GDP ratio should have been four to five percent in Pakistan, he said, According to the State Bank of Pakistan (SBP), mortgage-to-GDP ratio is only 0.6%, while gross housing finance at the end of 2013 amounted to just Rs 52.2 billion, down 8.5% from a year ago.

"With extremely low mortgage-to-GDP ratio and shortage of land, ABAD - an association of over 700 builders and developers - cannot do much for the housing industry of the country," he stressed.



Member of National Assembly Waseem Akhtar, also visited the exhibition, said that Muttahida Qaumi Movement was performing its role to finish terrorism from not only Karachi but all over the country. He also lauded the step of organizing an international event in unstable political conditions. He further appreciated the efforts of ABAD in streamlining the construction activities in the country.

Seminar Organized by Lamudi.pk in collaboration with ABAD on

Effectiveness of Online Marketing and Social Media for the Real Estate Industry



On the 2nd Day of ABAD international EXPO, Lamudi.pk in collaboration with ABAD hosted a seminar on the topic of “Effectiveness of Online Marketing and Social Media for The Real Estate Industry”. The program started with welcome speech by Chairman of ABAD Mr. Mohsin Sheikhani. He talked about the importance of online media in today's real estate environment. He further appreciated the efforts of Lamudi.pk in gathering students from across the nation for the inter university 'Best Thesis Competition'.



Then Senior Vice Chairman M. Saleem Kassim Patel addressed the gathering. He shed some light on the online medium and on the joint efforts of ABAD and

Lamudi.pk to host such an event for the awareness of students.

Then a presentation on Effectiveness of Online Marketing and Social Media for the Real Estate Industry was also presented by Mr. Saad Arshed - Head of Marketing, Lamudi.pk. In his lecture the online marketing tactics for the real estate sector was very much focused.



At the end, Mr. Haris Ali Mithani Regional Chairman ABAD and Project Head of ABAD International Expo 2014 delivered a comprehensive speech and appreciated the efforts of students in their respective fields. Emphasizing upon the need of online portals for marketing purposes he said that without it one cannot meet the challenges faced in this mechanized world. Appreciating the services of Lamudi in this sector, he said that the efforts made by the company were remarkable as it was the need of the hour.

The program concluded with handing prizes and certificates to the winners of 'Best Thesis Competition' and the volunteer students of ABAD International Expo 2014. Lamudi.pk and ABAD collaborated for this event and successfully pulled it off by gathering a good amount of people. It was very well received by the audience and ended with hi-tea.

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INTERNATIONAL EXPO 2014

DAY-3

Third day of the event has special attractions for the general public, as it was the day of Independence of our country. Different programs for families and children were organized on that day. A cultural show was also there outside the exhibition area, in which dances and folk music were enjoyed very much by the general public.



Abdullah Zaki, President of Karachi Chambers of Commerce and Industry visited the event on its third day. Talking to the media he said that boom in the construction and allied industries was must for a sustainable growth in all sectors of the economy.

He added that the importance of the construction industry in the economy can be gauged from the fact that it supports growth and creation of employment in another 80 allied industries, including cement, steel, paint and sanitary. Highlighting the importance of low cost housing he said that the government and ABAD should join hands together for the construction of low cost housing units in the country.

Senator Saeed Ghani also visited the event and gave enough time in it. Talking to the media he first



appreciated the efforts of ABAD in organizing such an event of international repute. He added that events like that definitely play major role in the development and prosperity of the construction industry of our country.

He visited most of the halls and talked to the exhibitors', gathered information about their products and praised their due role in making the event a huge success. He also visited the Winners Arena of ABAD, participated in the process of lucky draws, presented gifts to winners and admired the hard work of the ABAD team who were operational at the expo. Among the national figures Shahid Khan Afridi also graced the event with his prence.





Media Briefing in the Closing Ceremony of ABAD International Expo 2014 by Chairman ABAD

At the closing ceremony of ABAD International Expo on 14th August, the Chairman ABAD – Mr. Mohsin Sheikhan addressed to the friends of press and media and shared his views regarding the historic mega event. Updating the media he said that a number of big property companies have planned to kick-start housing projects estimated at Rs. 600 billion in the next six months.

When asked about the investment opportunities in the construction sector, the Chairman informed that the exhibition attracted foreign firms which showed their interest to invest around one billion dollars. A few construction projects of 350 billion rupees were in the pipeline. And, a few projects of another 100 billion rupees were at the very early stages of designing,

while several developers were yet to find land for their new projects in Karachi, Lahore, Islamabad and Hyderabad.

He added that six private firms based in UAE signed memorandum of understandings (MoUs) with the ABAD for their investment of around 200 million dollars in Pakistan. These firms were Modelux Properties, High End Real Estate, Property Explorer, Iqra Real Estate, Ideal Homes, and Future Icon Real Estate. Another three real estate firms of UAE have also shown interest to make investment.

Apart from the above mentioned the association estimates another 800 million dollars from other foreign companies operating in Germany, China and Turkey and were expected to sign MoUs with

the firms operating in these countries very soon. Three Chinese firms - manufacturers of tiles, sanitary items and electricity switches are keen to set up their factories in Pakistan. Some 40 Singaporean developers are scheduled to visit Pakistan in near future.

At the end, he said that this was the most successful international exhibitions in the real estate sector. The exhibition with coincided with the Independence Day, attracted a large number of visitors. He also proposed to the federal government to expand Karachi Expo Center to 10 halls from the current 6 halls for arranging bigger exhibitions in future. He then again thanked the press and media for their kind cooperation throughout the event.

ABAD INTERNATIONAL EXPO 2014

Views of different Exhibitors

The Association of Builders and Developers of Pakistan (ABAD) - country's representative organization of over 700 builders and developers has written a new chapter in the country's history with the launch of a three-day international exhibition.

The ABAD exhibition, first of its kind, taking place at Karachi Expo Centre has brought all major allied industries under one roof. All six halls of the Expo Centre are occupied with over 200 stalls. This underlines the builders' confidence, said ABAD Senior Vice Chairman Saleem Kassim Patel, Exhibitors, associated with tiles, sanitary fittings, hardware, paints and pipe businesses are confident that they would generate business from this expo. According to them, the exhibition has attracted all the leading builders and developers who are their prospective target buyers. It is easier for them now to pitch their products.

"I have attended many such exhibitions in the past and my instincts tell me this exhibition is going to surpass all the expectations of exhibitors" Master PPRC Pipes & Fittings Zonal Manager Marketing (South Zone) Fahad Bin sabir told The Express Tribune.

Dozens of leading builders launching their projects in this exhibition have also increased the exhibitors' confidence. Tiles & Ceramics Industries



Project Manager Rafaqat Ali commented that Karachi is the hub of all big construction projects like big big buildings; we are here to pitch our products and boost our market standing in this part of the country, said Ali.

Sonex is a leading player in Punjab and enjoys a share in the sanitary and hardware industry. Now the company wants to increase its share in Karachi's ceramic and sanitary industry," he said. Jotun Commercial General Manager Syed Ather commenting on the growth of paint industry said, "Construction and paint business goes together. The current growth of paint sector is 4 to 5%, but it could increase significantly if construction industry picks up in coming years."

As we know that there is a huge potential in the paint industry in Pakistan. In developed countries, per capita paint consumption is 2 to 4 liters per person, while here it is mere 0.5 to 0.55 liter. Even if the country's consumption rises to 0.6 or 0.7 liter per person, it will bring remarkable changes in the business.



VISIT OF MD KW&SB AT ABAD

Addressing to the members of ABAD on the visit to ABAD House for a luncheon meeting, Managing Director Karachi Water & Sewerage Board Qutubuddin Shaikh emphasized on the importance of the construction industry and said it is imperative that all steps be taken to facilitate the builders and developers in their activities for providing shelter to the people of Karachi.

Senior Vice Chairman ABAD Saleem Kassim Patel welcomed Qutubuddin Shaikh to ABAD House and said that in a situation where there is a dearth of 80 lacs housing units, the initiative taken by the Federal and Provincial Governments to provide shelter is very positive. Saleem Kassim Patel added that a thriving construction sector represents the health of the economy. He highlighted the issues of excessive billing as well as bulk billing, provision of new connections to bonafide ABAD members. Senior Vice Chairman ABAD reminded MD KW&SB that inclusion of ABAD representative in Board of Directors of KW&SB was agreed but no notification was issued in this regard. He added that inclusion of ABAD representative would be helpful in addressing the issues faced by members of ABAD as well as KW&SB.

Qutubuddin Shaikh principally agreed that nomination of ABAD representatives on the Board of KW&SB is accepted but the notification will be issued by Government of Sindh and he will personally follow up this matter. He said that provision of water to the city is becoming difficult as the days passes due to several issues which include nonpayment of dues by the general public and several institutions and load shedding which



cripples the operation of water pumps. Meeting the day to day expenses to run the KW&SB has and this could be sorted out by the relevant officers of KW&SB.

Qutubuddin Shaikh informed members of ABAD about details of K-III project and said that the project was completed in 2006 and the supplies from that project were sufficient to meet the demand at that time. However with the passage of time, need for another project was felt and the project K-IV was designed. He disclosed that the project is in process and hopefully will be approved.

Speaking on the occasion, Saleem Kassim Patel said it is a social responsibility which is being performed both by ABAD and KW&SB. The noble job of providing shelter to the shelter less is very effectively being performed by members of ABAD. The water supply is a national issue and it is a basic human right to have easy access to clean" and potable water.



Press Briefing on

Budget Proposal at ABAD House

Chairman ABAD, Mohsin Sheikhani and Senior Vice Chairman ABAD Saleem Kassim Patel addressing a press conference to present the proposals from ABAD for Federal Budget 2014-15, said that if the government does not give incentives to housing and construction industry, the shortage of housing in Pakistan will shoot up to more than One Crore Twenty Five Lac Units in the next ten years, Katchi Abadees will increase in all big cities of Pakistan which will increase criminal activities manifold.



Mohsin Sheikhani said that shortage of houses has assumed alarming situation in Pakistan. Per room occupancy in Pakistan is 6.7 against international 3.4 which is another indication of shortage of housing. The annual demand of housing in Pakistan is 8 lac units at present and only 3 Lac units are constructed. The cost of houses is out of reach for poor and middle class due to increasing cost of construction. Due to this situation Katchi Abadies are increasing which have become breeding places for criminals. Encroachment, land grabbing and kidnapping for ransom and street crimes are included in the illegal and criminal activities of these people. In the year 2014 the accumulated shortage of houses is more than 80 Lac units which will increase to 1 crore 35 Lac units in 2025.

Senior Vice Chairman, Saleem Kassim Patel said that main reason for shortage of houses is due to shortage

of housing finance. House Building Finance Company Limited (HBFCL) has played the leading role in providing housing finance but these days due to paucity of funds, the loaning process has virtually stopped. The freezing of capital has left many housing projects in an uncertain situation which were at various stages of completion. He said ABAD has forwarded detailed recommendations for betterment of housing finance to government and State Bank.

Chairman South Region, Mr. Haris Ali Mithani said that the Government should abolish federal excise duty on cement after imposition of sales tax. The Government should maintain sales tax on steel at the same rate as this year. He said that in view of the increasing cost of construction it has become a dream for the low & middle class segment of the society to purchase a house of their own. The Government should draw a complete plan to remove all Katchi Abadies set up in all big cities of the country and should initiate steps on war footing for re-settlement and re-development of residents of Katchi Abadies. In this connection he added that



construction of 5 lac low cost and affordable houses as per vision of Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif must be ensured which would be an important step to replace the Katchi Abadies he said the Government should include budget proposals of ABAD in the next Federal Budget for revival of housing and construction industry. This would provide large amount in tax revenue and provide opportunities of employment to additional millions of people and the economy will become stronger.

ABAD DELEGATION AT CM House



A delegation from ABAD headed by Chairman Mr. Mohsin Sheikhani met with Chief Minister Sindh Syed Qaim Ali Shah at CM House. It was a very candid meeting in which a number of issues discussed.

Praising the efforts of builders and developers working in such conditions Syed Qaim Ali Shah said that promotion and progress of construction and the housing industry would create employment opportunities for millions of eligible and educated youth of the province. While discussing the issues of katchi abadies, he said that shanty settlements in Karachi must be upgraded for provision of standard residential and civic facilities to their inhabitants and also for the sake of beautification of the city.

In the meeting a video presentation was also presented by ABAD. After cautious hearing, the CM said that a board should be constituted for resolving the issues being faced by investors and businessmen associated with the housing industry.

He further said that the board should be broad-based, with representation of all the stakeholders, including the mass media. He also said the government would extend all-out support for resolving the issues being faced by the stakeholders, Expressing his view related to the shanty towns, Chairman ABAD said slums settlements used to cover between 17 to 18 percent of the city, but they have increased to 52 percent, causing severe civic and law and order issues. The authorities should forbid

construction of further shanty settlements while the infrastructure and civic facilities of the existing squatter settlements should be upgraded to regularize such localities.



He said ABAD could construct two-room houses at the cost of Rs. 600,000 on the land of the government's newly-launched Shaheed Benazir Bhutto Sasti Basti housing scheme for the poor.

The Chief Minister said he would consider Abad's proposal in the interest of the beneficiaries of the SastiBasti scheme, adding that Abad should submit a feasibility study of its housing scheme for the prospective inhabitants. He directed the authorities to develop a model squatter settlement anywhere in the province and provide quality infrastructure and civic facilities with the provision of residential flats so that other shanty settlements in Karachi could be built along similar lines.



ABAD DELEGATION AT FPCCI

The delegation of ABAD headed by Chairman ABAD Mr. Mohsin Sheikhani with Mr. Saleem Kassim Patel Senior Vice Chairman ABAD, M. Arif Siddik, Mr. Arif Jeeva, Mr. Junaid Taloo, M. Hanif Memon, Mr. Zakaria Kareem, Mr. Ibrahim S. Habib, Mr. Irfan Patel and Mr. Sohail Warind visited the Federation House and met with President FPCCI Mr. Zakaria Usman.



In the meeting, after introducing each other the Chairman ABAD emphasized upon the need to free the construction sector from extra taxes by saying that the construction industry has the potential to lift the national economy from its present standstill position towards a vibrant and forward looking outlook. He said that this industry has catalytic influence over about one hundred dependent cum allied industries including cement, steel, furniture, electrical and others and has the potential to demand generation and capital attraction in various areas.



After patience hearing of all the issues and grievances from the side of ABAD, the President FPCCI Mr. Zakaria Usman assured his cooperation with ABAD in all the possible conditions. The President also appreciated the services of the Association in providing housing facilities to all the sections of the society, in every kind of circumstances.



ELECTION OF CENTRAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AND REGIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEES OF ABAD FOR THE TERM 2014-2015 AND THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING



The Annual General Body Meeting for the year 2014-2015 was held on 27th September 2014. In the meeting, the host informed that this meeting is convened to consider various agenda items which included confirmation of the Minutes of Annual General Meeting for the year 2013, presentation and approval of Audited Accounts of ABAD for the year 2014-2015, presentation and approval of Budget of ABAD for the year 2014-2015, appointments of the auditors for the year 2014-2015, announcement of the names of newly elected Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Chairman (SR) for the term 2014-2015 and the presentation of the achievements of sub-committees performing last year.



The meeting started with the recitation from Holy Quran by Ahmed Owais Thanvi and then the names of the newly elected members of CEC, REC (SR) and REC (NR) were announced. In the Central Executive Committee those elected are, Muhammad Junaid Ashraf Taloo, Abdul



Majeed Adhia, Ahmed Owais Thanvi, Irfan Patel, Ibrahim S Habib, Faisal Yousuf, M. Anwar Dawood (OK), Shahzad Iqbal, Adnan Memon, Muhammad Ilyas Pariyani, Muhammad Altaf Sattar and Muhammad Hanif Memon.

In Regional Executive Committee (South), those elected are Ghias-ur-Rehman, Mehmood Tabba, Zeeshan Ullah Khan, Kamran Tajani, Tariq Aziz

and Nadeem Ahmed. In the Regional Executive Committee (North), those elected are Khalid Bashir Khawaja, Asif Kamal, Dr. Sajid Saeed, Ayub Sabir Izhar, Sheraz J Monnoo and Sahir Rasheed.



After the announcement of their names the host requested the members of the newly elected CEC to sign the Oath of Office as the newly elected member of the Central Executive Committee of ABAD and elect the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of ABAD for the term 2014-2015. Mr. M. Junaid Ashraf Taloo was declared elected unopposed for the office of Chairman ABAD for the term 2014-2015 and Mr. Muhammad Hanif Memon was elected for the office of Vice-Chairman ABAD for the term 2014-2015. All the members and the participants present at the occasion congratulated the newly elected Chairman and Vice-Chairman and assured their full confidence in the leadership of newly elected office bearers.

They were then requested to take their respective chairs. Mr. Junaid Ashraf Taloo and

Mr. Hanif Memon took the chairs and thanked all the members for reposing confidence in them. All the members also presented their individual congratulations to the newly elected Chairman and Vice-Chairman of ABAD.

Then the host requested the members of the newly elected REC to sign the Oath of Office as the newly elected member of the Regional Executive Committee of ABAD. She also requested the members of the REC to elect the Chairman of the Southern Region of ABAD for the term 2014-2015.

The elected members of the REC took Oath of Office and then unanimously elected Mr. Hassan Bakshi as the Chairman Southern Region for the term 2014-2015. All the members of the Regional

Executive Committee passed on their good wishes to the newly elected Regional Chairman and assured him their full support.

In the meeting convener Finance Committee Zakaria M. Fazil presented Audited

Report of the Accounts for 2013-2014 and Budget for 2014-2015 which were approved unanimously.

In the meeting the presentation regarding the progress of sub-committees of ABAD was also presented. At the end the outgoing Chairman, Senior Vice Chairman, Vice Chairman and Regional Chairman of ABAD were also thanked the House and the members through their brief speeches.



Office Bearers for the Term 2014-2015



Mr. Junaid Ashraf Taloo
Chairman - ABAD
Taloo Builders & Developers



Mr. Muhammad Hanif Memon
Vice Chairman – ABAD
Memon Builders



Mr. Muhammad Hassan Bakshi
Regional Chairman - Southern Region
Bakshi Builders & Developers



Mr. Sahir Rasheed
Regional Chairman - Northern Region
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Mr. Ahmed Owais
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Mr. Fayyaz Ilyas
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Mr. Irfan Patel
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Mr. M. Zeeshan Siddiqui
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Mr. Nadeem Ahmed
Faheem Associates



Mr. Tariq Aziz
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Builders & Developers (Pvt.) Ltd



Mr. M. Pervaiz Chaudhry
Read (Pvt.) Ltd.



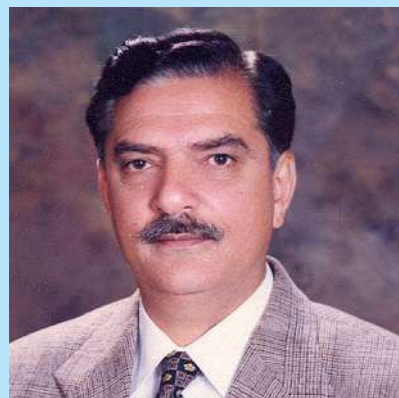
Mr. Asif Kamal
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Izhar Monnoo Developers



Mr. Khalid Bashir Khawaja
Vision Developers (Pvt.) Ltd.

LIST OF CONVENERS & CO-CONVENERS OF THE SUB-COMMITTEES OF ABAD FOR THE TERM (2014 - 2015)

S. #	SUB-COMMITTEE	CONVENER & CO-CONVENER
1	ABAD HOUSE COORDINATION & MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE	Syed Shahid Khairi Convener Mr. M. Arif Jeewa Co-Convener
2	ABANDON PROJECTS	Mr. Haris Ali Mithani Convener Mr. Farigh Nadeem Co-Convener
3	ALLIED INDUSTRIES	Mr. Abdul Majeed Adhia Convener Mr. Mustafa Shaikhani Co-Convener
4	ARBITRATION	Mr. M. Anwar Gagai Convener Mr. M. Hanif Gohar Mr. Zakaria Karim Co-Conveners
5	CANTONMENT BOARDS	Mr. M. Arif Siddik Convener Mr. Haroon Karim Syed Afzal Hameed Co-Convnrs
6	COMPLAINTS	Mr. M. Anwar Gagai Convener Mr. Muhammad Hanif Gohar Mr. Adnan Memon Mr. Rizwan Adhia Co-Conveners
7	DEFENCE HOUSING AUTHORITY Sub-Committee	Mr. M. Ilyas Pariyani Convener Mr. Sohail Naviwala Co-Conveners
8	DOWNTOWN AFFAIRS	Anwar Dawood OK Convener Mr. Haroon Karim Mr. Riaz A. Razzak Co-Conveners

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9	ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AND SAFETY MEASUREMENTS CIVIL AVIATION HERITAGE	Mr. Faisal Yousuf Convener Mr. Asif Sumsum Syed Afzal Hameed Conveners
10	FINANCE, ACCOUNTS & ABAD BUDGET	Mr. Zakaria M. Fazil Convener Syed Shahid Khairi Co-Convener
11	FEDERAL GOVT. COORDINATION	Mr. M. Arif Jeewa Convener Mr. Idrees Kodvavi Syed Afzal Hameed Co-Conveners
12	FEDERAL PROVINCIAL BUDGET FEDERAL BOARD OF REVENUE & PROVINCIAL TAXES AND SEMINAR	Mr. M. Saleem Kassim Patel Convener Mr. Noman Tabani Mr. Suffian Adhia Co-Conveners
13	GROWTH DEVELOPMENT	Mr. Muhammad Hassan Bakshi Convener Mr. Mahmood Tabba Mr. Dawood Jan Muhammad Co-Convener
14	HBFCL, HOUSING FINANCE FROM DFI'S COMMERCIAL BANKS	Mr. Fayyaz Ilyas Convener Mr. Mahmood Tabba Syed Ashraf Hameed Co-Convener
15	HYDERABAD AFFAIRS	Mr. Ghulam Hussain Memon Convener Mr. Muhammad Usman Engr. Faraz Hussain Memon Co-Convener
16	INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS	Mr. Mahmood Shaikhani Convener Mr. Abdul Kareem Adhia Mr. Shahzad Iqbal Co-Conveners
17	K-ELECTRIC & SSGC	Mr. Rizwan Adhia Convener (K.Electric & SSGC) Mr. Mustafa Shaikhani Co-Convener (K-Electric&SSGC) Mr. Fayyaz Ilyas Co-Convener (SSGC)

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18	KARACHI METROPOLITAN CORPORATION (KMC) CDGK & DEFUNCT KDA	Mr. Ahmed Owais Thanvi Convener Mr. M. Ali Taufiq Mr. M. Zeeshan Siddiqui Co-Conveners
19	KW&SB	Mr. Rais Ahmed Convener Mr. Arif Siddik Mr. Farigh Nadeem Co-Conveners
20	LAW AND ORDER AND ANTI ENCROACHMENT SUB-COMMITTEE	Mr. Asif Sumsum Mr. Muhammad Sohail Warind Convener
21	LAYARI DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (LDA)	Mr. Sadiq Baloch Convener
22	LEGAL AFFIARS	Mr. Ibrahim S. Habib Convener Mr. M. Ilyas Pariyani Mr. Rameez Qasim Gaziani Co-Conveners
23	MALIR DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (MDA)	Mr. Zeeshanullah Khan Convener Mr. Fayyaz Ilyas Mr. Sadiq Baluch Co-Conveners
24	NEW MEMBERSHIP & RENEWAL	Mr. Muhammad Ayub Convener Mr. Khurram Munir Mr. M. Zeeshan Siddiqui Co-Conveners
25	PANEL OF SIGNATORIES	Office Bearers
26	RESEARCH AND ANALYSIS	Mr. Abdul Kareem Adhia Convener Mr. Ahmed Owais Thanvi Mr. Shahzad Iqbal Co-Conveners

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27	REVENUE LAND MATTERS & DE-FREEZING OF LAND BY B.O.R. VALUATION TABLE REGISTRATION & TAXATION	Mr. Muhammad Hanif Gohar Convener Mr. Farigh Nadeem Mr. Khurram Munir Co-Conveners
28	SBCA Sindh Building Control Authority	Mr. Mohsin Sheikhani Ex-Chairman - ABAD
29	SHELTER & PUBLICATION	Engr. Zaheer Qadri Convener Mr. Mustafa Shaikhani Mr. Zeeshan Siddiqui Co-Conveners
30	SPECIAL LAISON COMMITTEE	Mr. Suffian Adhia Convener Mr. Mustafa Shaikhani Co-Convener
31	SPORTS, CULTURE & ENTERTAINMENT	Mr. Rameez Qasim Gaziani Convener Mr. Saleem Karim Mr. Kamran Tajani Co-Conveners
32	STAFF APPOINTMENT & ADMIN. AND SELECTION OF BEST PERFORMING SUB-COMMITTEE	Mr. M. Junaid Ashraf Taloo Chairman Mr. Muhammad Hanif Memon Vice Chairman Mr. Mohammed Hassan Bakshi Chairman - Southern Region Syed Shahid Khairi Convener - ABAD House
33	TRADE BODIES, FPCCI & KCCI	Mr. Irfan Patel Convener Mr. M. Saleem Hanif Mr. Zakaria M. Fazil Co-Conveners
34	UPDATING BUILDING BYE-LAWS	Mr. Sohail Naviwala Convener Mr. Ibrahib S. Habib Mr. Noman Tabani Co-Conveners

PROGRESS REPORT OF SUB-COMMITTEES

ALLIED INDUSTRIES Sub-Committee

Terms of Reference of this Sub-Committee is to identify the role of industries allied to construction and to liaise with vendors to obtain maximum benefits and support of builders. As per the terms of reference, the Committee started working on developing close relations with allied industries and in this context planned to establish contact with manufacturers of cement and steel.

The cement industry was decided to be the first priority for Allied Industries Sub-Committee. The Committee therefore planned to start meetings with manufacturers and dealers of cement to understand the reasons behind unprecedented increase in price. Meetings were held with manufacturers, dealers, importers and suppliers of cement. At the same time, some basic research was conducted to understand the statistical calculation of the cement issue.

Representations were submitted to Federal and provincial Governments in this connection. Simultaneously, the Sub-Committee arranged a meeting with Pakistan Steel Re-Rolling Mills Association to discuss the issue of price of steel bars. The delegation of Pakistan Steel Re-Rolling Mills Association explained their pricing policy and said that their price of steel bars depends on the cost of raw material being imported from different sources. The local taxes, rate of exchange and the price of metal in the international market are some factors on which the price of steel products would depend. The meeting did not bring any relief to builders in this respect.

Members of Allied Industries Sub-Committee were very actively involved in organizing the ABAD International EXPO 2014 which was held in Karachi EXPO Centre from 12 to 14 August 2014. This was an international exhibition which was participated by almost 100 companies from overseas and Pakistan as well. The event was declared a great success. It attracted a number of visitors from within and outside Pakistan. It provided a unique opportunity to builders and manufacturers of products in allied industries to display their products to end uses and the construction industry and thus get full advantage of the opportunity. It is estimated that the exhibition will attract investment from overseas in excess of \$ 500 Million and also help in transfer of technology to Pakistan. Organising an event like the ABAD International EXPO 2014 will be remembered by members of ABAD for long times to come.

CANTONMENT BOARDS Sub-Committee

The Cantonment Boards Sub-Committee has been assigned the task of maintaining close liaison with the Cantonment Boards and the Directorate of Military Lands & Cantonments (The Head-quarters in Rawalpindi and the Regional office in Karachi). Members of ABAD refer their issues with Cantonment Boards to this Sub-Committee for taking up with relevant authorities for their resolution,

The Sub-Committee held some indoor meetings to discuss issues referred to it by members of ABAD: Additionally, ABAD delegation had a meeting with the Cantonment Executive Officer of Malir Cantonment Board Mr. Muhammad Farooq on 31st December 2013.

ABAD invited the Cantonment Executive Officers of

- Faisal Cantonment Board, Mr. Waseem Shahid
- Karachi Cantonment Board, Mr Muhammad Hayat Meher
- Clifton Cantonment Board, Mr. Adil Rafi Siddiqui
- Faisal Cantonment Board, Mr. Amir Asif

These meetings were used to discuss the issues of members of ABAD with relevant authorities in a calm and quite atmosphere across the table. These meetings proved useful in the resolution of a number of difficulties faced by members of ABAD.

ABAD/DMLC Joint Committee

Monthly meetings of joint Committee of ABAD & DMLC were held on 29th October 2013 and 2nd December 2013 to discuss Building Bye Laws of Cantonment Boards. Final round of discussion on the Cantonment Board Building Bye-Laws is to be held soon.

DEFUNCT KDA Sub-Committee

This Sub-Committee held meetings with Deputy Commissioner, East and Municipal Commissioner, Karachi Metropolitan Corporation to discuss different issues. Meetings were also held with the Administrator, Karachi to discuss issues faced by members of ABAD. These issues pertained to sale of plots by now defunct KDA through public auction or allotment. These plots were purchased by members of ABAD who had paid full price of these plots but possession of the same had not been given. At the same time, charging ground rent on these plots had also been started. It was pointed out in these meetings that ground rent should not be charged on these plots as their physical possession had not been given. Also, the NUF should not be charged till such time that water is made available in the area. This Committee also took up the issue of possession of plots purchased by members of ABAD in auction, possession of which had not been given and these had been encroached. As the title of these lands is not clear, possession of these cannot be given till such time that the ownership of land is verified.

HOUSE BUILDING FINANCE COMPANY LTD. Sub-Committee

This Sub-Committee has been assigned the task of dealing with the resolution of issues concerning housing finance from House Building Finance Co. Ltd.(HBFCL), This Sub-Committee keeps in regular contact with the Senior Executives of HBFCL to thrash out any issues that may come up in the processing of housing finance of any member. In this context, the Sub-Committee had a number of meetings with Senior Executives of HBFCL to discuss the specific issues.

The Sub-Committee and the HBFCL had meetings on the following dates to resolve issues of members of ABAD. The main tasks in front of this Sub-Committee were:

Rate of Construction

The current rate of construction in use in HBFC at present is Rs. 1200 per sq.ft. Since the cost of construction has increased due to high price of building materials, ABAD suggests that the construction rate be enhanced to Rs. 2000 per sq. ft.

In the meetings of HBFCL Sub-Committee following issues were focussed; Overseas Employees, Project Completion, Project Processing Fee, Block wise financing, Moratorium period and Bulk Loaning

To discuss these and other allied matters, a Standing Committee with members from ABAD and HBFCL was formed which held regular meetings. The HBFC Sub-Committee of ABAD had been successful in getting the application and approval process simplified for House building loans from HBFCL. This success has been achieved through regular contact at senior level. Fair understanding at senior level in HBFCL has been developed which has proved helpful in the resolution of issues of members of ABAD.

KARACHI WATER & SEWERAGE BOARD Sub-Committee

Karachi Water & Sewerage Board Sub-Committee was assigned the task of developing close relations with those at the helm of affairs in KW&SB who matter and who could be helpful in expediting the resolution of issues of members of ABAD. The Sub-Committee held meetings as per the following schedule. Additionally, a delegation of ABAD held a meeting with the Karachi Water & Sewerage Board in their office on 9th December 2013 to discuss complaints of members of ABAD most of which were related to excess billing and bulk billing charges. These issues were also followed up through correspondence.

The Managing Director of Karachi Water & Sewerage Board Mr. Qutubuddin Shaikh was invited to ABAD House on 2nd April 2014 for a luncheon meeting with members of ABAD. The MD Of KW&SB was welcomed to ABAD House by the Senior Vice Chairman ABAD, Mr. Saleem Kassim Patel who placed grievances of members of ABAD before the MD in his address. The MD gave patient hearing to the address and responded favourably to the demands of members who sought relief from him.

The Senior Vice Chairman also requested the MD to give representation to ABAD on the Board of KW&SB which he accepted in principle but said that this will need approval by the Government of Sindh for which he promised to take up the matter. This matter is being pursued with the KW&SB and we are hopeful of a positive response. The Senior Vice Chairman ABAD also referred to delays in getting new connections and also pointed out that the old system of NOC from ABAD for new connections which was being followed as per the requirement of MOU signed in 2005 between ABAD, KW&SB with the efforts of NAZIM of Karachi that all applications for new water connections were to be forwarded through ABAD, was no longer being followed. He said that this is no longer being followed which has resulted in uncontrolled new connections resulting in water shortage in Karachi.

Another meeting was held on 21st August 2014 in ABAD House to discuss implementation of decisions of last meeting. This meeting was attended by the Convener of KW&SB Sub-Committee of ABAD MR. Rais Ahmed, Mr. Muhammad Hassan Bakshi- the Co-Convener of KW&SB Sub-Committee of ABAD and members of the Sub-Committee from ABAD side and Mr. M Aslam Khan, Deputy Managing Director (RRG), Mr. Raza H Naqvi Director-Bulk and Mr. Fahim A Sddiqui, Deputy Director Bulk from KW&SB. The meeting was held in a cordial atmosphere and all concerned issues were discussed. A copy of the minutes of this meeting is attached with this report for information of members of ABAD.

ABAD has also received a list of high rise projects in Karachi with details of arrears due from them. This list is available in ABAD Secretariat and may be consulted by members.