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Chairman's Message

It gives me great pleasure and satisfaction that under the circumstances. Transparency International Pakistan has come a long way. Corruption in poor countries, corruption in developed countries and corruption in loan/ grants /aid giving agencies is rampant with difference of degrees. It is observed that 80% corruption is in contracting and procurement all over the world. Pakistan is worst afflicted with the malady of corruption in the mentioned area.

Transparency International with vision to address the problem started the movement, which is bearing fruits over the years with dedicated efforts world wide. The movement has definitely succeeded to bring the corruption issue internationally in forefront.

It is a great task and it needs gigantic efforts not only by Transparency International but with the will and cooperation of individual governments. On the guidelines by Transparency International, TI-Pakistan has made a great effort and its success story is commendable. It would not have been possible without the cooperation of Government of Pakistan and particularly National Bureau of Accountability.

With joint efforts of TI-P and NAB, the National Anti-Corruption Strategy was envisaged and a comprehensive report was issued.

This effort resulted into formulation of Pakistan Procurement Regulatory Authority and with great efforts subsequently the PPRA Ordinance and rules were promulgated. This really gave the jump start to the transparency movement in Pakistan. The same being law, many organizations adopted and signed agreements with TI-P to follow the PPRA ordinance and its rules. There is still a long way to tread but it is always the one small step for the leap forward to make the world corruption free.

I appreciate efforts of TI-P secretariat to bring out the news letter which will help creating awareness among the members of civil society in particular and people in general.

Syed Adil Gilani

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EDITORIAL

In The way of Development

With the slogans of “anti-corruption” many people joined and participated in the walk organized by National Accountability Bureau, collaborating partner of Transparency International – Pakistan. The aim and objective behind the walk was to make aware the people to root out corruption and to sort out the way of development. As time passes every person where ever he/she belongs and what ever his/her occupation desires to live in a frustration free environment. It is much easier to comment that corruption is an obstacle in the way of development but its to hard to hear that corruption leads to unemployment, increase poverty, economic disparity, social dissatisfaction and all the social evils whether murder, abduction, burglary and bribery.

We at all levels want adequate measures to counter corruption and for promoting Transparency in public Procurement, the “Integrity Pact” have been using for several years for this purpose. It’s a pleasure that this pact is a very helpful tool for the concerning Institutions and Organizations to produced sustainable savings and transparency in their organizations. Transparency International – Pakistan has recently published the “National Corruption Perception Survey 2006”. This report presents the over all statistics of perception of the people of Pakistan regarding corruption in the different sectors, regions and governments. It has been circulated to all the departments of the government.

TI-P finished the project of EU-Asia Urbs and published a hand book on Curbing Corruption in public procurement. The book emphasizes means of combating corruption in Procurement in Local Government. This Handbook is a joint effort by Pakistan, Malaysia, Indonesia and

Transparency International Secretariat

Transparency International – Pakistan observed the need and importance of students the youth and the new generation of the country who will one day lead the country and be the part of the country legislation. TI-Pakistan realizes the need to involve them in the activities to curb corruption and to make aware the dangers of corruption all over the country. The series of awareness workshops on “Youth in Governance” have been completed with the third workshop organized in the N.W.F.P region. The National Youth in Governance convention will be organized tentatively in August 2007. The awareness campaigns to produce a dynamic and energetic team of youngsters, to make Pakistan a better place to live in, are successfully working in different Institutions of Pakistan. With all our aims, objectives, goals and ambitions we hope that we will guide our youngsters in the right direction for the development of our country.

“History will have to record that the greatest tragedy of this period of social transition was not the strident clamor of the bad people, but the appalling silence of the good people”.

(Martin Luther King)

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TI-International Chapters in Focus

Berlin, Germany Corruption Perception Index Launched

The 2006 Corruption Perceptions Index (CPI), launched today by Transparency International (TI), points to a strong correlation between corruption and poverty, with a concentration of impoverished states at the bottom of the ranking.

“Corruption traps millions in poverty,” said Transparency International Chair Huguette Labelle. “Despite a decade of progress in establishing anti-corruption laws and regulations, today’s results indicate that much remains to be done before we see meaningful improvements in the lives of the world’s poorest citizens.”

TI-SriLanka Coalition Against Corruption

The first public meeting of the coalition against corruption was held in Sri Lanka Foundation Institute on 8th of February 2007. The meeting was organized with the principal objective of forming a broad coalition against corruption in the island.

TI-Malaysia The Strategic Plan of 2006-2007

The Strategic Plan of TI Malaysia 2006 – 2010 is premised on the concept of empowering ordinary people to fight corruption. Its goal is to enable the practice of ethical conduct in daily life that would lead to a society built on integrity and accountability in all its institutions.

TI-Bangladesh

Transparency International (TI) welcomes and commends the decision by the government of Bangladesh to accede to the United Nations Convention against Corruption (UNCAC). The decision is most appropriate and prudent for Bangladesh’s national interest.

REFORMING THE SYSTEM

TI-Pakistan has involved itself with several Government and corporate sector organizations providing a procurement manual that aids in establishing transparent mechanisms.

Transparency International's national chapter Transparency International Pakistan aims at building a coherent National Integrity System, to institutionalize efforts to curb corruption. The ultimate goal of this system is to make corruption a "high risk" and "low return" undertaking. It is designed to prevent corruption from occurring in the first phase, rather than resting on punishment after the event. Because corruption tends to be the result of systematic failures, the primary emphasis of Transparency International-Pakistan is on reforming the system, rather than blaming the individuals.

The "Integrity Pact" is an Integral part of the National Accountability Bureau initiative towards Shaff Pakistan, the National Anti Corruption Strategy (NACS) approved by the cabinet on 20th September 2002 & 5TH October 2002, and its Implementation mechanism approved by the President 24th October 2002. The Integrity Pact is a tool developed by Transparency International, which ensures all activities and decisions of public officers are transparent and that the projects/works are implemented, services are provided or taken, and goods/materials are supplied without giving taking or allowing for any kind of benefit, financial or otherwise. Justification of the decisions taken is provided without discrimination to all parties concerned or to any individual, institution or organization.

Considering that all Companies and Organizations in Pakistan share a responsibility to combat bribery in all forms and manifestations. In this regard a Memorandum of understanding is

signed between Transparency International-Pakistan and the other organization for the Implementation of the "Integrity Pact" and Transparency in its Procurement Systems.

The Procurement manual has been designed carefully by Transparency International-Pakistan following public Procurement Rules 2004 and World Bank's "Guide for procurement under IBRD loans and IDA credit" and "Selection and employment of consultant by World Bank Borrowers" are applicable under "Integrity Pact" prescribed by PPRA.

That organization along with TI-Pakistan will work jointly for the implementation of the PEC & World Bank SBDs which is a recommendation of the NACS, and those recommendations in the NACS involving Transparency in procurement, and public procurement rules 2004. The organization will establish accountability in all its dealings and try to provide all the necessary checks and Balances in its effort towards a Transparent Procurement System.



MOUs till yet

TI-Pakistan has signed a "Memorandum of understanding with a number of Government Agencies to help them in formulating procurement procedures that conform to the Pakistan procurement rules 2004 of the Pakistan Regulatory Authority. As per law all procurement funded by the Government of Pakistan have to follow these rules.

MOUs have been signed with the following organizations

- Pakistan Telecommunications Limited (PTCL).
- Pakistan Steel Mills (PSM), Karachi.
- Gulshan town.
- City District Government, Karachi (CDGK).
- PIA
- Ministry of Irrigation & Power Govt of Sindh.
- Port Qasim Authority (PQA).
- National Bank of Pakistan (NBP)
- Central Board of Revenue (CBR)
- Trading Corporation of Pakistan.
- BASF, the Chemical Company
- North Nazimabad Town

Principles of Procurement

There are five basic concerns that govern an organization's procurement policies:

1. To ensure that the products/ goods, services, works, plants & equipment and information systems are procured with due attention to technically the best, and economical the lowest;
2. To ensure that projects are executed most efficiently and within shortest period of time.
3. To give all qualified bidders an equal opportunity to compete for the contracts;
4. To ensure that the procurement process is transparent, fair and discretion free.

The procurement manual is based on the following principles;

- Economy;
- Efficiency;
- Fairness;
- Reliability;
- Transparency;
- Accountability and
- Ethical Standards.

TI-Pakistan Projects

TI-Pakistan National Corruption Perception Survey 2006:

TI-Pakistan has conducted corruption perception surveys. The first national survey was conducted by Transparency International Pakistan in 2002 and a detailed report was prepared and sent to the concern government officials.

The overall objective of the survey was to measure the nature & extent of corruption being faced by consumers of the following Ten Public sector departments; Police, Power Judiciary, Land Administration, Taxation, Custom, Health Education, Railway, Banks. Another objective of the survey was to gather information about the particular stage where obstacles are usually being faced, locate the responsible element for creating the obstacles & the means used by them and to recommend methods for overcoming the bottle necks in the ten sectors under study.

The Transparency International expects the Country National chapters to use the findings of the survey as pressure techniques & to facilitate & motivate the sectors heads for rectification of the prevalent situation.

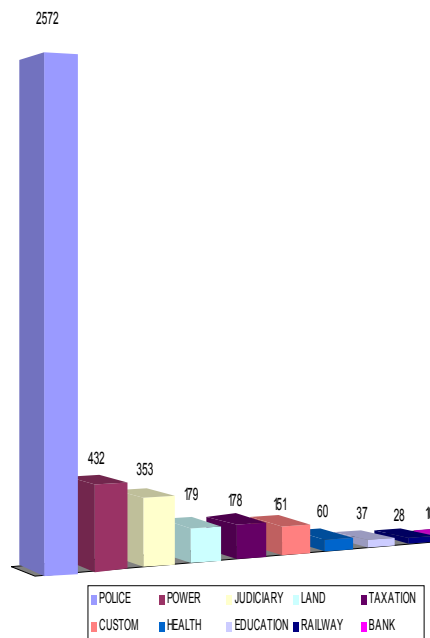
The information gathered is to be shared with the South Asian Countries, by the respective Governments, policy makers other stake holders & the media.

The objective was also to assess the ranking of the sectors under study for better or for worse, in comparison with survey conducted in the year 2002. In the survey some government departments have improved their working and have decreased corruption levels as compared to the corruption perception survey of 2002.

TI-Pakistan survey report also pointed out the reasons of corruption in the view of common people. The three main reasons of corruption in the view of respondents were, “lack of accountability,

“low salaries of the Government employees”, and “discretionary power”.

In the survey the respondents also pointed out Punjab as the most corrupt province. The aim of this survey was to compile the statistics of respondents and to make aware the government about the opinions of people of Pakistan. The study of this survey will help Government to implement appropriate reforms to reduce the rate of corruption and to save the country from the menace of corruption.



Improving Services with ICT in Local Government

Transparency International Pakistan has signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the Gulshan Town Administration and the Administration of North Nazimabad Town, to attempt to provide a clean and transparent Government. This ICT program benefits the towns in its endeavour to provide and improve the transparency, quality and effectiveness of its pro-poor delivery services.

The present project focuses largely on access to information and identification of the ways to improve the effectiveness of delivery of public services to the opportunities for ICT to strengthen those mechanisms.

It is however, important to recognize that certain applications of ICT may be relevant to particular local circumstances. This project intends to identify and use the appropriate ICT to disseminate information to service providers and users and provide an appropriate means by which the poor can submit their area problems online and provide feedback to governments on the service provided.

The program will reduce the chaos in the towns which has increased through day to day social problems.

	PUNJAB	SINDH	BALUCHISTAN	NWFP
PUNJAB	61.90 %	20.30 %	05.10 %	12.70 %
SINDH	21.50 %	63.70 %	03.70 %	11.10 %
NWFP	55.60 %	14.90 %	01.30 %	28.10 %
BALUCHISTAN	31.80 %	15.70 %	50.50 %	02.00 %
	42.70 %	28.70 %	15.10 %	13.50

Major project

Third “Youth in Governance” Workshop, 9th & 10th January

The third Youth in Governance Workshop was held on January 9th & 10th, 2007. The venue was the Faculty of Engineering Sciences Hall of Ghulam Ishaq Khan Institute of Engineering and Technology, Topi, Swabi, N.W.F.P. The participants of the workshop were the students from N.W.F.P, Rawalpindi, Islamabad and Azad Jammu & Kashmir. The gender equality was kept in mind and eight students (4 males and 4 females) along with a coordinator from 16 Institutions attended the workshop.

The workshop was inaugurated by the Rector of GIK Institute and the chief guest Mr Mohsin Khan. DG (A&P) NAB presented the welcome address. Five sessions were held and eminent speakers, experts in their own field addressed the students on various topics viz: Forming Effective Alliances against Corruption, Building Social Capital, A paper on the Corruption Indices of TI, Forensic Accounting and Community Participation, to form effective alliances to fight corruption along with Government, Private Sector and Civil Society, the impacts and the challenges of corruption on society, the role of students to form such activities to eradicate corruption, the need of Human capital through education, Networking and living soulfully, the definitions of corruption and fraud and how to examine the cases of fraud, the participation of youth in the development process of the country, the youth group dynamics that facilitates the process of seeking synergistic solutions to the problems that community faces.

Transparency International – Pakistan gave equal opportunity to the participating students to express their views on the theme of the workshop. Air Vice Marshal Tahir Rafique Butt, DG (Frontier) National Accountability Bureau was the chief guest of concluding session of the workshop.

He encouraged students to take part in the awareness program and appreciated Transparency International – Pakistan to organize such an event to build honest, sincere and patriotic team to save Pakistan from the dangers and malaise of corruption.



Students & Coordinators at “3rd
Youth in Governance Workshop”

Awareness of Evils of Bribery & Corruption “A Child’s view of Corruption”.

TI Pakistan has been organizing the awareness program with the theme of ‘Child’s view of corruption’ from last two years. A delegation met CDGK Nazim, Syed Kamal Mustafa on 22 February 2006 and discussed commencement of the Project, ‘Working with School teachers and students’ for organizing various Competitions, such as Essay writing, Poster Painting and Skits in the City District government Karachi schools.

The Project began in August 2006, and the TI team has had various meetings with the Nazim, the EDO (Edu). Ten Schools, five boys and five girls, have been selected in each of the 18 Towns. There will be about 10,000 students participating in this Project.

YinG Clubs

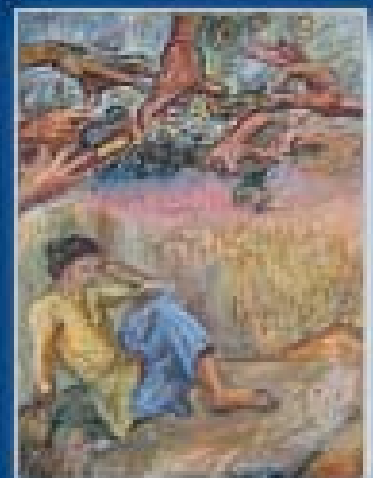
YinG program is a long term project and the objective is effective and enthusiastic participation by students in this anti-corruption awareness program. A part of this program was the establishment of YinG clubs.

The aim of the club is to provide a platform to all the students who will lead the country one day. The club activities encourages students to express their views through essay and art competitions and become the torch bearers of TI-Pakistan to spread the light of honesty, integrity, trust, justice, moral ethics and transparency in their Institutions.

The first round of essay and Art competition has been completed and three best essays and Art work from each university have been selected. All the winners will be awarded a token gift and all participants will be issued certificates.

The best Art works and the Essays have been downloaded on the ‘Youth in Governance’ website.

(Students can visit YinG web site www.ying.edu.pk for more details of YinG Club and to take part in the competitions).





TI-P Engagements

TI-P Chairman meeting with CDGK Nazim on PPRA rules

A Meeting with CDGK Nazim and EDOs of all the departments was held on 7th January 2007. TI explained the salient features of Sindh PPRA rules that have to be implemented. Questions answered by TIP Chairman. TIP offered to assist CDGK officials in the clarification of the rules whenever required by CDGK.

TI-P proposal of Jamshoro Complaint Center

Meeting with DCO Jamshoro district along with all EDOs of the district was held on 18th January. TIP explained the website developed for two towns of CDGK and their complaint centre. TIP offered to replicate the district website and complaint centre for them. TIP also made a presentation of the Sindh PPRA rules that have to be implemented in all procurements in future. DCO Jamshoro district Dr Khawar Jameel asked TIP to send MOU to be signed by the District Nazim.

TIP offered to vet and assist in the preparation of all tenders of the district for a period of three months from the signing of the MOU.

TI-P list of checks for the inspection team of Sindh

On 22nd January a meeting was held with Mr. Saleem Tariq Lone, Chairman CM Inspection Team Sindh. He asked for assistance from TIP with regards to the inspection of projects of the Sindh Government. TIP prepared a list of checks that the inspection team could carry out on projects being carried out in the province of Sindh.

TI-P & NAB meeting for the progress in reforms

27th January, The Chairman NAB asked the Chairman TIP for a meeting in Islamabad. The progress in the reforms to be implemented as per the National Accountability Strategy was discussed. It was decided to hold a joint workshop tentatively in June 2007 of all stakeholders who had contributed in the preparation of the initial NACs report to determine what progress had been made so far and the way forward.

TI-P & NAB conference for their joint efforts on awareness and prevention program

1st February 2007, the National Accountability Bureau Director Generals Conference was held in Karachi. TIP was invited by NAB to attend. Mr Syed Adil Gilani represented TIP in this meeting. Discussions were held on coordination of TIP and NAB for their awareness and prevention program.

Meeting on amendments needed in the PPRA rules of 2004

A meeting was held at the GOS Secretariat of the Sindh Public Procurement Authority advisory committee on 12th February 2007. Mr Syed Adil Gilani represented TIP. The Committee discussed the amendments needed in the PPRA rules of 2004. At the conclusion of the meeting, recommendations were made to be sent to the GOS for approval and inclusion in the rules of procurement.

TI-P participated in Euro-money Investment & Finance Conference

Feb 21st & 22nd: TIP was invited to participate in the Euro-money Pakistan Investment & Finance Conference organized by the Board of Investment GOP in Islamabad. This conference was inaugurated by the Prime Minister of Pakistan. Mr Jeremy Brooks of Transparency International was a speaker in the Session on 'Doing Business in Pakistan'. He gave a lecture on 'Improvements & Challenges, Corruption, Intellectual Property Rights, Law & Order, and Data Privacy'.

TI-P Presented ICT Complaint Center IN MDGs Workshop

Feb 26th & 27th One World SouthAsia invited TIP to attend their 6th Regional Meeting in Dhulikhel Nepal. The workshop was on the use of ICT for attaining the Millenium Development Goals. Mr Saad Rashid attended the meeting and read a paper on ICT e complaint center in Gulshan Town Karachi.

TI-P Monitoring of SIDA

6TH March 2007 Mr Syed Adil Gilani and Mr Saad Rashid met the Minister Irrigation & Power GOS to discuss the

role of TIP in monitoring the World Bank funded project of SIDA.

ADB Proposal for TI-P monitoring

14th March, 2007 Mr Nadir Ehsan, Public & Private Sector Management Specialist of Asian Development Bank visited TIP office and had discussions with Mr Saad Rashid on their various activities. He informed TIP that ADB was in the process of finalizing a loan of \$ 800 million and discussed possibilities of involving TIP in its monitoring.

Anti-Corruption Workshop

14th to 16th March, 2007 U4, the Anti Corruption Resource Centre conducted a three day workshop an Anti Corruption workshop in Islamabad. They invited TIP to present a paper at the workshop. Mr Syed Adil Gilani read a paper on Corruption in Pakistan: Patterns, causes and consequences.

Meeting with Chairman of NAB

15th March, 2007 Mr Syed Adil Gilani met Chairman NAB at NAB's headquarters. They discussed cooperation between the two organizations in the implementation of the National Anti Corruption Strategy.

Meeting on "Progress of Child View of Corruption" project

16th March, 2007 TIP had a meeting with Ms Fakhar Siddiqui, EDO Education CDGK. TIP was represented by Ms Naheed Fatima, Saad Rashid & Syed Adil Gilani. They discussed the progress of the Childs View of Corruption program and finalized dates for the exhibition of the Poster Paintings at the Arts Council and distribution of prizes in schools for the winners.

Meeting with the Minister of Irrigation and Power

21st March 2007 The Minister of Irrigation and Power convened a meeting to finalize the construction schedule of the project, "Lining of distributaries and Minor Projects" in Sindh Province. Mr Syed Adil Gilani and Mr Saad Rashid attended on behalf of TIP as observers on the project. The Consultant Nespak and senior members of GOS Irrigation & Power department were present.



TI-Pakistan Past Programs

EU-Asia Urbs Project, Handbook Launched on Curbing Corruption In Public Procurement

National Chapter of Pakistan, Malaysia & Indonesia together with Transparency International Secretariat have been working on a project "Preventing Corruption in public contracting: Capacity Building and Networking for Civil Society and local Governments. Workshops were held in Karachi, Kuala Lumpur and Bali which were addressed by experts in the procurement field.

Transparency International – Pakistan launched EU Asia Urbs Handbook on Curbing Corruption in Public Procurement in a ceremony held on 18 December, 2006.

The Handbook for Curbing Corruption in Public Procurement is meant to be a basic introduction for all stakeholders to the challenge of overcoming corruption in the field of public procurement. The intention is to provide the readers with real world examples of successful actions that have been taken against corruption in a variety of Asian countries. The hope is that these experiences can be "translated" and "exported" to other situations and countries with similar success. This Handbook is the report resulting from the European Union – Asia Urbs Programme, which provided funds for cross-sectoral workshops on improving public procurement in the three Asian countries Pakistan, Indonesia and Malaysia as described in the Handbook.

The handbook sort out the challenges of corruption faced almost equally in all the developing countries and to chalk out the measures to curb and eliminate corruption in public procurement.

"Youth in Governance" Workshops"

YinG program was initiated by Transparency International Pakistan to equip youth with tools and skills to realize their rights and responsibilities, practice good governance and become active members of society.

First "Youth in Governance" Workshop, 19th & 20th July 2005

The first Youth in Governance Workshop was held on July 19th and 20th, 2005. The venue was the Arts Auditorium, University of Karachi.

This was the first Capacity Building Workshop (CBW) of this program. It was attended by the Universities of Sindh and Baluchistan. A total 200 YinGsters were participants of the program.

Second "Youth in Governance" Workshop, March 1st & 2nd 2006

The Second Youth in Governance Workshop was held on March 1st and 2nd, 2006. The venue was the Sayeed Saigol Hall of LUMS, Lahore University of Management Sciences.

The participants for the Workshop were the students from Southern Punjab, Lahore and the Faisalabad region. Eight students (4 males and 4 females) attended the sessions along with a coordinator. Students from 23 Institutions registered to participate. Other guests from the general public, Educational institutions and the media were also present. Transparency International-Pakistan eyes at harnessing an empowered youth fully aware of their rights and responsibilities. We like a youth that play a role to curb corruption.

International Workshop on Transparent Utilization of Earthquake Reconstruction Funds

Transparency International (TI) and Transparency International-Pakistan (TI-P) convened a workshop in Islamabad on 7-8 February 2006 to support transparency measures and curb the risk of corruption, mismanagement and waste in the country's reconstruction efforts.

It included participants from key government agencies, donors, civil society representatives as well as international experts. The workshop built on lessons learned from previous natural disasters – including the Indian Ocean tsunami and Gujarat earthquake – and followed a regional meeting on corruption prevention in tsunami relief organised by TI with the ADB-OECD Anti-Corruption Initiative for Asia-Pacific, held in Jakarta in April 2005.

TI-P DRAMA SERIAL

TI-Pakistan takes the aid of electronic media to address wide audience, Fatima Surriya Bajja pen down the Evils of Corruption.

Electronic media is the best source to inform public about the corruption and its effects in our daily life. Transparency International-Pakistan has produced a drama serial to address a wide range audience. The title of the drama was "Ye to hona hi tha". TI-Pakistan is planning to produce more dramas to make aware the society of the dangers of corruption.

This TV play is the first play on the subject of "Evil of corruption in society" by renowned writer Fatima Surriya Bujia.

**BUSINESS
RECORDER****Violation of Public Procurement
Rules, 2004 (March 13, 2007)**

The selection method for appointment of consultants as advertised on the website of ECP in the Request for Proposals RFP# ECP/CERS/2006 Computerized Electoral Rolls System (CERS) is in violation of the Public Procurement Rules 2004, issued by PPRA. On page 26 of the RFP ECP has declared to bidders that, ECP does not bind itself in any way to select the firm only on the basis of the lowest price. Transparency International, is the only international non-governmental organisation devoted to combating corruption, brings civil society, business, and governments together in a powerful global coalition. At the national level, TI Pakistan work to increase levels of accountability and transparency, monitoring the performance of key institutions and pressing for necessary reforms in a non-party political manner. TI- Pakistan focuses on prevention and reforming systems. The National Anti- Corruption Strategy, an initiative of the National Accountability Bureau, was prepared in September 2002. One of the reforms under NACS is on Procurement. The NACS has assigned TI Pakistan as one of the organizations responsible to monitor that all companies operating in Pakistan to have Code of Conduct, Good Governance Corporate policies, including no bribery provisions in conformity with US Foreign Corrupt Practices Act, OECD Convention etc. The above information is forwarded for the purpose of avoiding the mis-procurement charge under Rule No 50, and to reissue the RFP for Corrigulants under the prescribed procedures as described in the Public Procurement Rules 2004.

**PS saved over Rs 1.5bn with
'Transparency International'
help. (Business Recorder
February 7, 2007)**

SLAMABAD: Improved procurement system with Transparency International- Pakistan's (TIP) assistance saved Pakistan Steel (PS) over Rs. 1.5 billion on procurement of 0.1 million tons metallurgical coke in 2005, according to Managing Director, Public Procurement Regulatory Authority (PPRA), Muhammad Khalid Javed. He quoted a case study of TIP during an interview with Business Recorder, emphasizing the need of setting up a regulatory authority. The steel mill was prepared to purchase the material, but the case was then referred to TIP for handling it, in accordance with Pakistan Procurement Rules (PPR) 2004. TIP in 2004, had signed an MoU with Pakistan Steel for application of Integrity Pact (IP) and compliance of Pakistan Procurement Rules (PPR) 2004, and prepared a 'Procurement Manual' for Pakistan Steel, comprising bidding processes, and other formalities, i.e.,

Services, Works, Goods, Equipment and IT. Under the MoU, Transparency International Pakistan also provided the services of procurement experts, who prepared the Procurement Manual for Pakistan Steel free of cost.....

**Pakistan going down the
corruption ladder (Business
Recorder January 19, 2007).**

ISLAMABAD: The Transparency International (TI) has ranked Pakistan 142nd among 163 nations of the world on the basis of Corruption Perception Index (CPI) updated on January 9, 2007. Pakistan, which stood at 144 positions in 2005 among the 159 nations regarding corruption, seems to have improved its position in a year with a CPI score of 2.2. This score was 2.1 in 2005. The CPI range was from 1 to 10. The country scoring the highest point was considered the least corrupt.

However, the element of corruption can not be eliminated as seen from the report that none of the nation scored 10 points. The ranking of Pakistan since 2000 seems to be improving slowly and steadily with score of 2.3 its position was (79/91) in 2000-01, 2.6 and (77/102) in 2001-02, 2.5 and (92/133) 2002-03, 2.5 and (92/133) 2003-04.....

DAWN**Joint efforts for good governance
sought (January 8, 2007).**

SWABI, Jan 9: All sections of society need to pull together to ensure good governance in the country for the benefit of all. This was stated by Mohsin Khan, director-general of the National Accountability Bureau while addressing the inaugural session of the Transparency International – Pakistan workshop on "Youth in Governance". Students from Islamabad, the NWFP and Azad Kashmir universities participated in the workshop. He said that accountability, political stability and strong government were the pillars of good governance. "Effective governance requires vision, leadership and institutional mechanism....

**Corruption most common in
public (Business Recorder
December 21, 2006).**

KARACHI: Public procurement is one of the main arenas where corruption stakes are very high, and if we can curb corruption here, then we have won half the battle. This was said by Major-General Mukhtar Ahmed, Director-General, NAB, Sindh, during a launching ceremony of a handbook on curbing corruption in public procurement at a local hotel on Monday. TI-Pakistan in collaboration with Indonesia and Malaysia, has prepared this handbook, which shows how much importance is being given at the international level to fighting corruption.

TI-P Forthcoming Events**MoU with Jamshoro Town**

Transparency International – Pakistan after signing MoUs with two towns of CDGK and their complaint centers now on the way to develop third complaint center for Jamshoro district. Meetings for this purpose have been held and TI-P offered to replicate town website and complaint center. The MoU will be signed soon.

ALAC to be Launched soon

TI-Pakistan is in the process to open 'Advocacy and Legal Aid Centers' which have already been established by some TI National Chapters. They shared their experiences in the formation and running of these centers. The main goals of ALAC are empowering citizens vis-a-vis corruption by providing them with legal aid, and helping improve the functioning of anticorruption institutions by providing the state authorities with feedback on how they can handle the citizens' complaints. The project of ALAC will be launched soon.

**Poster Painting Competition
Exhibition of "Child View of
Corruption" 10 April, 2007**

The Exhibition of Poster Painting Competition of "Child View of Corruption" will be held on 10 April, 2007 at the Arts Council Hall Karachi. The Naib Nazim of CDGK Ms. Nasreen Jalil will inaugurate the Exhibition. The best posters from each of the 180 schools will be displayed at the exhibition.

**Third National Anti-Corruption
Convention in August, 2007**

The National Anti-Corruption Convention will be held in the August of 2007. 250 Youngsters from colleges and universities across Pakistan will pledge to join forces against corruption. This will be the third in the series of Anti-Corruption Conventions organized by Transparency International – Pakistan. Major political parties and public and private sector organizations participated in 2002 and 2003 respectively.