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Mr Saad Rashid, Mr Syed Adil Gilani, Ms Nicole Ruder, Deputy Country Director, SDC, Mr Martin Bienz, Swiss Consul General, Ms Kaneez Fatima Kassim, & Ms Vesna Dimcovski Programme Officer SDC, at the ceremonial of the ACPD Phase II agreement

## EDITORIAL

A lot of thought has gone into corruption issues in recent years among the government sector and the public at large. Lots of policies and steps have been taken to control it but the implementation process has seen very slow. The TI-Pakistan “Anti Corruption Program of Pakistan” (ACPP) phase I with SDC support endeavored for a transparent society. All the programs and activities whether National Anti Corruption Strategy with NAB, procurement training programs, workshops, awareness campaign, complaint centers etc had a great success. In other words since inception, TI-Pakistan has been able to have its voice heard at all the national fora.

The YinG activities are progressing reasonably. In February a seminar on “Good Governance and Rule of Law” was organized for the youth. This seminar was a bold step as it pictured the grim situation of the country, which depicted the shattered condition of the rule of law and distorted governance by the proclamation of emergency. The objective of the seminar was to educate and make the youth aware of their rights and responsibilities and to promote principles of integrity. The seminar was a great success. The young boys and girls participated with the usual enthusiasm. They were vocal about the need for policy changes and desire to be recognized as a power to improve the system.

The demon of corruption has been devouring the institutions and making them unstable. The time has come to intensify our efforts. The acceptance of phase II by the donors has proven the need to implement such programs. We are already reeling from the ill effects of corruption and have no time to lose. Our programs and activities recognize the need to join together in this noble cause. With the beginning of the new phase, TI-Pakistan has started a media awareness campaign. The aim is to send the message to the new government after “the free and fair elections” to act upon the principles of our founding fathers. We believe that the future activities will have great impact.

I have been reminded of the proverb that I read in one of the essays of YinG members “If we do not care, who will care? If we do not act, then who will act? If not now, then when?” It was a great pleasure for me to learn that our YinG members are a step ahead in the efforts to fight corruption around the country.

It is time for our voices to coalesce around an issue that will undoubtedly affect us all.

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## Major Projects

### Media Campaign by TI-Pakistan for combating corruption

With the technological advances of the 20th century, media has become a most potent weapon. It plays an important role in fighting irregularities and the best tool to inform people of their rights and responsibilities. The media has a definite role to play in changing society's attitudes. The need is that the electronic and print media must eulogize honesty and integrity.

TI-Pakistan in its awareness campaign to combat corruption have taken the help of media by producing a TV play on the dangers of corruption. We took another step forward to spread the message to all the people especially the new elected government of Pakistan.

TI-Pakistan in its awareness campaign quoted the message of Quaid-e-Azam Muhammad Ali Jinnah, the founder of Pakistan, who stressed on the dangers of corruption for every society especially for the newly independent states. The major cause of Pakistan's underdevelopment and her dependence on developed world is the negligence and ignorance of the messages of her founding fathers. After the establishment of new democratic government TI-Pakistan felt the need to remind all the parliamentarians about a clear message for a transparent and accountable system of society. This public service message broadcasted on AJJ TV especially for Legislature, Executive and Judiciary.

With this effort, TI-Pakistan hopes that with the cooperation of media we encourage all members of the parliament and public to consider themselves equal participants in the war against corruption.



*Quaid-e-Azam Muhammad Ali Jinnah's advice to the constituent assembly of Pakistan on 11th, August 1947*

*"One of the biggest curses....is birbery and corruption. That really is a poison. We must put that down with an iron hand and i hope that you will take adequate measures as soon as it is possible for this assembly to do so"*

### Support Agreement b/w SDC & TI-Pakistan

Transparency International Pakistan and Swiss Agency for Development & Cooperation SDC signed an agreement at TI-Pakistan Office in Karachi. This agreement was for the support of SDC for Anti Corruption Pakistan Project Phase II for a period of three years starting March 1, 2008. Ms Nicole Ruder, Deputy Country Director, SDC and Mr Syed Adil Gilani, Chairman TI-Pakistan signed on behalf of their respective organization. Ms Kaneez Fatima Kassim, Senior Programme Officer and Ms Vesna Dimcovski Programme Officer SDC, Mr Martin Bienz, Swiss Consul General Karachi, Mr Saad Rashid, Executive Director TI-Pakistan and the staff of TI-Pakistan were present at the signing ceremony.

Ms. Nicole Ruder appreciated the efforts of TI-Pakistan and said that Anti Corruption Program of Pakistan (ACPP) had provided strategic support for the implementation of Pakistan's National Anti Corruption Strategy and that it had contributed significantly to reform the public procurement processes by helping to build capacities within 6 public sector organizations to achieve compliance with Pakistan's public procurement rules 2004. The findings of the National Corruption Perception Survey 2006 conducted under ACPP has helped raise awareness about the prevalence of corruption and identified selected sectors perceived to be most corrupt. The findings of the survey have been widely disseminate and discussed in the print and electronic media and are often quoted by Government spokespersons in their interviews in TV channels. She also anticipated that in the next phase the Transparency International Pakistan will accelerate its efforts to curb the malaise of corruption in Pakistan.



Mr. Saad Rashid, Mr. Adil Gilani, Ms. Nicole Ruder & Mr. Martin Bienz during the exchanging of agreement

## Seminar on “Good Governance & Rule of Law”

A seminar on “Good Governance & Rule of Law” was held on 7<sup>th</sup> February, 2008. The venue was the Crown Ball Room of Hotel Regent Plaza, Karachi. The participants were the students from fifteen Institutions of Karachi. Almost 140 students from eighteen institutions registered them to attend the seminar but due to the uncertain conditions of the city only eighty students from fifteen institutions participated. The seminar was successful as the themes of the sessions were based to train the students on their rights and responsibilities and to make them aware the current situation and rule of law in Pakistan. Other guests from the SDC, Educational Institutions, media, organizations and members of TIP also attended the convention. The consul general of Switzerland, France and Japan were present at the inaugural session.

The seminar was inaugurated by the chief guest Justice (R) Dr. Ghous Muhammad, Ex Justice Sindh High Court, others who presided the session were Mr. Syed Adil Gilani, Chairman TI-Pakistan, Mr. Saad Rashid, Executive Director, TI-Pakistan, Prof. Dr. Tanveer Khalid, Professor Political Science Department University of Karachi and Mr. Martin Bienz, Counsel General Switzerland. The session started with the recitation of Quran-e-Pak. In the opening address Mr. Saad Rashid gave a brief introduction of the seminar. He said that we must demand good governance, the rule of law, accountability and a code of conduct and ethics in government, the independence of the judiciary, an end to the VIP culture and the ‘one law for you and one for me’ attitude of the government and the waste of public funds and ensure that it is spent on improving the quality of life of the ordinary citizen. In the inaugural address Justice (R) Dr. Ghous Muhammad said that the foundation of Pakistan was based on rule of law. This is embodied in the constitution though the journey of constitutional law in Pakistan has been a stormy one. Soon after the

establishment of the state of Pakistan the country was beset by one constitutional crisis after another. He clearly emphasized that one of the prerequisite of good governance is strong, effective and democratic setup supported by popular legitimacy and in his views democracy provides legitimacy to it. He concluded his address by saying that there can be no true democracy if there is no free and independent judiciary. This was followed by an inclusive address of Mr. Syed Adil Gilani on Role of TI-Pakistan. With the role of TI-Pakistan he explained that a country’s national integrity system comprises on institutions known as pillars and each pillar will act as a watchdog on at least one other and together, they maintain the integrity of the system. He further stated that Pakistan’s national integrity pillars are: legislature and political system; executive; public accountability bodies: the Auditor Generals Department, Public Accounts Committee and the Ombudsman; anti-corruption agencies; Legal system and judiciary; media and civil society’ private sector.

The theme of second session was Work Ethics and Rule of Law. The speaker of the session was Prof. Dr. Moonis Ahmer, Chairman International Relations Department, University of Karachi. The session was chaired by Prof. Dr. Tanveer Khalid, Professor Political Science Department University of Karachi. Dr. Moonis presented the theme intellectually and said that “No nation can seek progress in human development without following work ethics and complying with the rule of law. He defined work ethics as a code of conduct in which basic requirements of performing duties are followed. It is not only about following the time line or professionally pursuing a certain goal or an objective in life, but work ethics also means an approach to fulfill commitment for any task in a best possible manner and the need of rule of law. He concluded his speech by saying that as a consequence to negligence





## YinG Program

and indifference to things which have caused enormous damage to the image and credibility of Pakistan in prevailing circumstances, the only way out from the existing predicament of this country is by bridging the gap as far as theory and practice of work ethics and rule of law is concerned. An interactive question & answer session was followed at the end of the speech by Dr. Moonis. The students actively participated in it for clarity of their minds. Professor Dr. Tanveer Khalid concluded the session by presenting her views. She said that The Rule of law includes a number of elements. The rules must be developed and promulgated widely. They must be applied equally, fairly and predictably to all including government. She added that good governance cannot be sustained by good intentions alone but by lasting converging incentives and strong institutions. Mr. Saad Rashid presented plaques to the speaker and the chair of the session.

The third and the last session was on “Good Governance”. The lecture was delivered by Prof. Dr. Mansoor Akbar Kundi, Dean, Political Science Department, University of Balochistan. Mr. Syed Adil Gilani was the chair of the session. Prof. Mansoor explained the elements of good governance, best examples from the world and the flaws of governance in our system. He added that good governance require an integrated long term strategy built on cooperation between government and citizens, participation of institutions, rule of law, accountability and transparency.

They are necessary to produce a government that is legitimate, effective and widely supported by citizens. The civil society should be strong, open & capable of playing a positive role in politics and government. A lively interaction of students, speaker and chair took place at the end of the session. Mr. Justice (R) Dr. Ghous Muhammad chief guest of the seminar joined the session and shared his experiences and encouraged the students to take part in activities for good governance and rule of law.

At the end of the seminar Dr. Ghous Muhammad presented plaques to the speaker of the session. Certificates were presented to the participating students. The workshop concluded with a vote of thanks by Mr. Saad Rashid, Executive Director, Transparency International – Pakistan. At the end of the seminar, calendars of the year 2008 by Transparency International Pakistan, based on the posters of the program child’s view of corruption were distributed to all the participants. The seminar was again another successful seminar to educate and trained youth about their rights and responsibilities.

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### What strategy would be effective to tackle corruption in our country?

To attempt to tackle corruption in the Pakistani society is as difficult as making a restless toddler sit at one place for two straight hours. One will run out of ideas but the child would continue finding out ways to betray him or her. Similarly, in the case of our beloved homeland, even the most genius of strategies will definitely take quite some time to result in a decrease in corruption.

Regardless of how difficult the task may prove to be, the necessity of bringing an end to all sorts of corrupt practices in Pakistan is mounting with every passing hour. From top to bottom, members of our society have no fear of the law and this is because the implementation of existing laws regarding corruption in Pakistan is in a deplorable state. To ensure that corrupt people are punished in time, training should be provided to the staff of various public and private sector organizations, along with better incentives if they actively try to refrain from corrupt activities. An excellent example in this regard is the recently appointed staff of the Islamabad Motorway Police. These policemen have been trained by foreign and local experts to interact politely with citizens. Yet, they are also very strict in dealing with those who break the law, and tend to punish them according to just what has been prescribed by the law instead of indulging in corruption.

Secondly, in order to tackle corruption, we need to educate the new generation extensively about the threats it poses. To do this, educational institutions can play a very active role. What I propose is that all schools, whether public or private, should organize sessions on daily life ethics for their secondary classes’ students. In these sessions, schools should allow students from various colleges or universities to speak in front of their students. This way, school students will be able to relate to what people close to their age talk about and from a young age, they will detest corruption. These speaking sessions would also put added pressure on young adults who conduct them, for they will then have to practice what they preach, thus increasing the number of incorrupt people in the society slowly.

Finally, mass media must play a vital role in publicizing anti-corruption messages frequently. In these messages, instead of straightaway bombarding the audiences with messages such as “say NO to corruption”, the different day-to-day events of our lives should be highlighted in which we ourselves often take part, without realizing that they are acts of corruption in reality.



## TI-Pakistan Engagements

### January 2008

January 4, 2008. A meeting was held by the Secretary, Department of Irrigation & Power, Government of Sindh to resolve the differences between the Department and TI-Pakistan on issues relating to transparency of the tender documents. Mr Syed Adil Gilani, Saad Rashid and Mian Mahmood Yusuf represented the TI-P and the department was represented by the Additional Secretary, Project Director, Superintending Engineer and other staff. The Consultants representative was also present. All issues delaying the launching of the tenders were discussed threadbare and the reservations of TI-P regarding on certain issues.

January 22, 2008. Mr Qasim Raza, Mr Muhammad Khalid Javed and Dr Shaikh Aleem Mahmood, EX Secretary Education GoP, Consultants with Asian Development Bank Pakistan Resident Mission visited the office of Transparency International – Pakistan. They met with Mr Syed Adil Gilani and Mr Saad Rashid to discuss the activities of TI-P. They also solicited recommendations from TI-P to address the growing corruption in the country.

### February 2008

February 2, 2008 A workshop was held at the IBA auditorium Sukkur on PPRA rules 2004 for the procurement officials of the Sindh Government from the Sukkur, Larkana, Shikarpur, Dadu and adjoining areas. TI-Pakistan was requested by the Managing Director Sindh PPRA to organize the workshop for the benefit of the Sindh Government functionaries. Mr Arbab Ali Shah Secretary(R) Irrigation & Power inaugurated the workshop. Mr Syed Adil Gilani, Chairman Transparency International Pakistan and Mr Khalid Mahmood Soomro, MD Sindh PPRA explained the PPRA rules. Each presentation was followed by a question & answer Session.

February 4 2008. Mr Syed Adil Gilani was invited to a talk show on GEO TV in Islamabad. The channel had invited members of the political parties to debate on the anti corruption recommendations of TI-Pakistan adopted by the parties in their election manifestos.

February 6, 2008. An agreement was signed between Swiss Agency for Development & Cooperation SDC and Transparency International Pakistan at TI-Pakistan Office in Karachi. This agreement was for the support of SDC for Anti Corruption Pakistan Project Phase II for a period of three years starting March 1, 2008. Ms Nicole Ruder, Deputy Country Director, SDC and Mr Syed Adil Gilani, Chairman TI-Pakistan signed on behalf of their respective

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February 7, 2008. A Seminar on Good Governance & Rule of Law was organized at the Hotel Regent Plaza for the youth. Justice(R) Dr Ghous Muhammad Ex Justice Sindh High Court inaugurated the seminar. Two sessions were held after the inaugural session and presentation were made by Prof Dr Moonis Ahmer Dean of Political Science, University of Karachi and Prof Dr Mansoor Akbar Kundi, Dean of English, University of Baluchistan. The sessions were presided by Prof Dr Tanvir Khalid, Professor of Political Science, University of Karachi and Mr Syed Adil Gilani, Chairman Transparency International Pakistan. The Swiss Consul General Mr Martin Bienz and the French Consul General Mr M Jean Pierre attended the inaugural session. The seminar was well attended by youth from almost 20 institutions besides members of TI-Pakistan and the general public. Certificates were presented to the participating youth at the conclusion of the seminar.

February 13, 2008 Mr Syed Adil Gilani was invited by the DAWN News in the morning to a talk on Fair and Free Elections in Pakistan. The other participant of the show was Mr Bilal Mahmood, Chairman PILDAT.

February 13, 2008. TV 1 a news channel had invited Mr Syed Adil Gilani, Chairman TI- Pakistan and Mr Ishtiaq Baig of the Pakistan Peoples Party in the evening. The discussion of the talk show was 'Whether Fair & Free Elections were possible'.

### March 2008

March 18, 2008. The sixth steering committee meeting was held at the office of Transparency International Pakistan. Ms Nicole Ruder, Deputy Country Head and Ms Kaneez Fatima Kassim, Senior Programme Officer represented the SDC. Mr Syed Adil Gilani, Chairman and Mr Saad Rashid Executive Director were on behalf of TI-Pakistan. TI-P presented the Progress Report for the period July 2007 to February 2008 and the Yearly Plan of Operations 2008. Discussions were held on the two reports and TI-P was advised to resubmit them with certain amendments for approval.

March 28, 2008. Mr Syed Adil Gilani attended the USAID Partner's Day meeting in Islamabad. Matters of mutual interest were discussed at the meeting.

## TI-Pakistan in Media Focus

**TI Pakistan reminds PPP to act on pledge to nation***(The News, February 21, 2008)*

In my opinion, these three steps can slowly, but surely, help Pakistan tackle with corruption. If change is meant to be positive, it may well be slow in pace!

In a letter issued Wednesday to the Pakistan People's Party (PPP) co-chairman, Asif Zardari, Transparency International Pakistan (TIP) expressed hope that the PPP would usher in good governance and the rule of law in Pakistan. Zardari was also urged to remain faithful to the commitment given to the nation in the party's manifesto. TIP congratulated the PPP for its success in the 2008 general elections, where the party came in with a lead in the National Assembly, a majority in the Sindh Assembly and second in the Punjab, NWFP and Balochistan assemblies. "The nation has reposed its confidence in the PP and expects the party not to betray their (the nation's) confidence," TIP said. TIP chairman, Syed Adil Gilani, said that corruption was the biggest challenge to this nation, its politicians and public servants, as well as the business community. Corruption has undermined and destabilized democracy in Pakistan and it is now in the hands of the PPP to salvage the country Gilani said. "It has harmed the public and private sector developments and has given reason for dissolving the previous four democratically-elected governments," the TIP chairman said, adding that the nation has rejected the parties that coalesced to form the government from 2002-2007.

**Corruption termed challenge to good governance***(Dawn February 08, 2008)*

KARACHI, Feb 7: Good governance and the rule of law are of fundamental importance for Pakistan to develop as a nation and become part of the developed world. It is not the job of a government alone to bring about good governance, but every individual has to strive for this by playing his active role in rooting out corruption from society. These views were expressed by scholars and intellectuals from a cross section of society at a seminar on "Good governance and Rule of Law" organised by the Transparency International Pakistan here on Thursday. Former judge of the Sindh High Court Justice Dr Ghous Muhammad was the chief guest.

**Swiss grant to help anti corruption efforts: TIP***(Business Recorder February 07, 2008)*

KARACHI: Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation Deputy Country Director Ms Nicole Ruder and Transparency International-Pakistan (TI-P) Chairman Syed Adil Gilani on Thursday signed a bilateral agreement to support Phase-II of TI-P's Anti-Corruption Programme Pakistan, says a press release. The TI-P is the Pakistan Chapter of Transparency International and the only NGO in Pakistan directly implementing an anti-corruption programme in Pakistan. Under this agreement, the

Government of Switzerland will provide approximately Rs 43 million to continue its anti-corruption programme in Pakistan over the next three years.

**TI-Pak nominated Sindh PPRA board member***(The News, January 24, 2008)*

According to a notification, the Government of Sindh has nominated representative of the Transparency International (TI) Pakistan as member of the Board of the Sindh Public Procurement Regulatory Authority (PPRA). "The Sindh PPRA is to take such measures and exercise such powers as may be necessary for improving governance, management, transparency, accountability and quality of public procurement of goods, services and works in the public sector, monitor the implementation of and evaluate laws, rules, regulations, policies and procedures in respect of, or relating to, inspection or quality of goods, services and works and recommend reformulation thereof or revisions therein as it deems necessary," said a press release issued on Wednesday.

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**TI-P Forthcoming Events****Child's View of Corruption Prize distribution ceremony**

The ceremony for the Prize distribution of Child's View of Corruption for the town & city winner that has been postponed due to the uncertain condition of the country and the elections shall now be organized by June 2008.

**YinG Club Debate Competition**

A debate Competition "Is corruption justified in case of need" amongst the higher learning institutes of Karachi will be held by YinG Club on 19<sup>th</sup> April 2008 at Arts Auditorium University of Karachi.

**YinG Club Essay and Poster Painting Competitions**

The activity of Poster painting and essay competitions of YinG Club will be started in May 2008.

**Lecture series on community development**

A lecture series on the community development themes has been conceptualized for the youngsters of educational institutes under the YinG Club activities. The first lecture of this series will be held at Indus Institute of Higher Education in May 2008.

**Fourth YinG Workshop**

The fourth YinG workshop shall be organized in Hyderabad for the students of all the educational institutes of Sindh province. The tentative dates have been set as 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> of June 2008.