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DAY 1 | Tuesday, September 03, 2024

PROGRAMME

REGISTRATION

0900 – 0930

INAUGURAL SESSION

0930 – 1000

- **RASTA PROGRESS REPORT**
Faheem Jehangir, Project Director RASTA
- **RASTA CHAIRMAN'S ADDRESS**
Nadeem Ul Haque, RAC Chairman/Vice-Chancellor PIDE

I. EDUCATION & HEALTHCARE

1000 – 1200

- **ACTIVE PHARMACEUTICAL INGREDIENTS (API) MANUFACTURING: CASE STUDY OF PAKISTAN**
Kazi Afaq Ahmed (Institute of Business Management, Karachi)
- **PRIORITIZING STRATEGIC RESOURCES: MENTAL HEALTH AND WELLBEING OF HEALTHCARE PROFESSIONALS**
Mir Muhammad Shah (Sukkur IBA University)
- **18TH AMENDMENT AND HIGHER EDUCATION: A CASE OF DEVOLUTION GONE AWRY**
Aamer Raza (University of Peshawar)

DISCUSSANT:

- **RAFIULLAH KAKAR**
Member, Social Sector, Ministry of Planning, Development & Special Initiatives

TEA BREAK

1200 – 1215

II. EXPORTS

1215 – 1315

- **THE ART OF EXPORTING HALAL BEEF: A CASE STUDY OF PAKISTAN**
Shahzad Kouser (COMSATS University, Islamabad)
- **UNLEASHING THE POTENTIAL OF PAKISTAN'S IT INDUSTRY: BUILDING FOR MASSIVE SOFTWARE EXPORT GROWTH**
Naveed Arshad (LUMS, Lahore)

DISCUSSANT:

- **ZAFAR UL HASAN**
Joint Chief Economist, Ministry of Planning, Development & Special Initiatives

RASTA SHOWCASE-I: ENERGY

1400 – 1430

- IMPROVING EFFICIENCY IN ELECTRICITY BILLING SYSTEM IN PAKISTAN
AFIA MALIK, Senior Research Economist, PIDE Islamabad

III. INVESTMENT

1430 – 1600

- DECODING THE EAST ASIAN SUCCESS AND UNLEASHING FDI'S POTENTIAL TO BOOST LOCAL LEARNING: DEVELOPING A POLICY ROADMAP FOR PAKISTAN
Syed Twangar Hussain Kazmi ((Torque Communities, Islamabad)

- DECAPITALIZATION IN THE PAKISTAN STOCK EXCHANGE
Abdul Wahid (NUML, Islamabad)

- AN ASSESSMENT OF PAKISTAN'S CORPORATE INVESTMENT CYCLES AND POLITICAL UNPREDICTABILITY (2000-2022)
Nabila Aftab (University of Peshawar)

DISCUSSANT:

- AHMED WAQAR QASIM
Senior Research Economist, PIDE

DAY 2 | Wednesday, September 04, 2024

PROGRAMME

IV. FOOD & AGRICULTURE

1000 – 1200

- IMPACT OF GOVERNMENT POLICIES ON PRODUCTION OF OLIVE IN PAKISTAN
Khair Muhammad Kakar (UET Khuzdar)

- THE POLITICAL ECONOMY OF WHEAT SUBSIDY AND FOOD SECURITY IN GILGIT-BALTISTAN
Saranjam Muhammad Baig (Karakoram International University, Gilgit)

- TAXING THE RENTAL INCOME IN AGRICULTURE: ANALYSIS OF ALTERNATE OPTIONS
Irfan Ahmad Baig (MNS University of Agriculture, Multan)

DISCUSSANT:

- NAEEM UZ ZAFAR
Chief Statistician, Pakistan Bureau of Statistics

TEA BREAK

1200 – 1215

RASTA SHOWCASE-II: PPHS

1215 – 1300

- **PAKISTAN PANEL HOUSEHOLD SURVEY (PPHS) 2024 ROUND**
DURRE NAYAB, Director Research, PIDE Islamabad

LUNCH BREAK

1300 – 1345

V. FISCAL MANAGEMENT

1345 – 1615

- **THE GOVERNANCE STRUCTURE AND FLAWS WITHIN; A CASE STUDY OF MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND ITS PUBLIC SECTOR ENTITIES**
Ayezza Sattar (Ministry of Science & Technology, Islamabad)

- **GOVERNING PUBLIC SECTOR PROJECTS IN GILGIT-BALTISTAN: A MULTI-STAKEHOLDER ANALYSIS**
Asadullah Khan (Karakoram International University, Gilgit)

- **DOCUMENTATION SIMPLIFICATION VIA TAX E-FILING: EXAMINING BARRIERS TO ADOPTION AND CONTINUANCE INTENTION OF USING E-FILING BY TAXPAYERS IN PAKISTAN**
Sobia Khurram (University of the Punjab, Lahore)

- **ANALYSIS OF TAX EXPENDITURES IN PAKISTAN**
Muhammad Nadeem Sarwar (FAST National University, Islamabad)

DISCUSSANT:

- **ATHER MAQSOOD AHMED**
Professor, National University of Science & Technology

CLOSING SESSION

1630

- **LESSONS, WAY FORWARD & VOTE OF THANKS**
NADEEM UL HAQUE, Chairman RAC, RASTA / Vice-Chancellor PIDE



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