

1st International Housing & Property Expo-2022



Islamabad Chamber of Commerce & Industry-ICCI in collaboration with Ministry of Housing and Works had successfully organized 1st International Housing & Property Expo-2022 from December 8-11, 2022 at Jinnah Convention Centre, Islamabad. Ms. Sherry Rehman, Federal Minister for Climate Change as a Chief Guest at the Opening Ceremony said that government should focus on making new policies to promote environmental friendly and green houses in the country that should reduce floods and climate induced risks. She said that Pakistan was witnessing growing urbanization as in the future 60 percent of the population will be living in urban areas and it is very important that sustainable urbanization with better municipal services in cities should be promoted to reduce pressure on urban communities. Mirza Muhammad Afridi, Deputy Chairman Senate as Guest of Honor said that construction industry stimulates the economy and emphasized that the State Bank of Pakistan and the government should make policies in consultation with the private sector to facilitate the better growth of this important industry. Iftikhar Ali Shallwani, Federal Secretary, Ministry of Housing and Works said that

government intends to promote planned cities with focus on vertical housing and hoped that the various sessions being organized on the sidelines of the EXPO would come up with good proposals to help the government in materializing its plans of green and resilient housing.

Speaking at the occasion, Ahsan Zafar Bakhtawari, President, Islamabad Chamber of Commerce & Industry said that CDA should allocate land to ICCI to build housing units, university and hospital for traders. He said that ICCI should be given permanent representation in the CDA Board to resolve the issues of the business community more effectively. He stressed that the government should fully cooperate with ICCI in establishing a new industrial zone in the region. He said that the EXPO has provided a good platform to the local and international investors to display their housing products/projects and provide options of their choice to the visitors.

Khalid Iqbal Malik Group Leader ICCI, Shahzad Nawaz Cheema Joint Secretary and Team Leader Ministry of Housing & Works, Faad Waheed Senior Vice President and Engr. Muhammad Azhar ul Islam Zafar Vice President ICCI also spoke at the occasion and highlighted the importance of promoting housing sector to revitalize the economy.

Panel discussions on Climate Resilient Housing, Gentrification and Rehabilitation of Kacchi Abadis, Low-cost Housing, Urban Governance, Development and Hydrology, Regulation of Housing Sector, Affordable Housing, Sustainable Post Disaster Rehabilitation, Smart Growth and Vertical Development, were also held on the sidelines of the EXPO. The panelists gave useful proposals to promote low cost housing in Pakistan.

Many diplomats and dignitaries, H.E. Khazar Farhadov Ambassador of Azerbaijan, H.E. Jemal Beker Abdula, Ambassador of Ethiopia, representative of Spain Embassy, H.E. Chakkrid Kraichaiwong Ambassador of Thailand, H.E. Nguyen Tien Phong, Ambassador of Vietnam, H.E. Khazar Farhadov Ambassador of Azerbaijan, H.E. Ms. Dilshad Senor, Ambassador of Northern Cyprus, H.E. M. Madikiza, High Commissioner of South Africa, Federal Minister for Law and Justice Senator Azam Nazeer Tarar, Capt. (Retd) Muhammad Safdar PNL-N leader and former MNA, Senator Seeme Ezdi, Ms. Nilofar Bakhtiar Chairperson National Commission on the Status of Women, Dr. Akbar Nasir Khan Inspector General Police Islamabad, Hanif Abbasi former SAPM and Sardar Yasir Ilyas Khan CEO Centaurus Mall also visited the EXPO and lauded the efforts of Exhibitors for putting up high quality products and high-profile projects and highly appreciated ICCI and the Ministry of Housing & Works for organizing such a wonderful Expo.

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