



PAKISTAN HOTELS ASSOCIATION

(REGISTERED WITH THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE, GOVERNMENT OF PAKISTAN)

PHA Activity Report to the Executive Committee and Members on matters taken up during May, 2016 to July, 2016 and Association representation:

- 1. May 24, 2016:** A pre-budget meeting was held at FBR House Islamabad initiated and invited by Businessmen Panel's Sr. Vice Chairman Mian Zahid Hussain with Special Assistant to Prime Minister and Chairman FBR. Mr. Mohammad Amir, Deputy Executive Director, Hashwani Hotels Limited attended the meeting on behalf of Association.
- 2. June 08, 2016:** On invitation of FPCCI for the Post Budget Proposal / Anomalies, Association submitted few points / anomalies in connection with Post Budget Proposal based on feedback from members (Mr. Moaz Ahmed, Deputy Director Finance, PC Hotel Karachi) for further rationalizing / streamlining.
- 3. June 15, 2016:** A letter from Chairman PHA was sent to the Finance Minister Sindh regarding unfavourable amendments in Sindh Sales Tax Law 2016 pointed out by Director Finance, Movenpick and PC Hotel. Copy of the letter was submitted to FPCCI, Chambers of Commerce, Sindh Revenue Board and Businessmen Panel. A meeting initiated by Businessmen Panel was scheduled for June 27, 2016 at Chief Minister House on the subject, but was postponed due to Apex Committee Meeting at CM House.

On follow up with Finance Minister office, a letter dated **July 22, 2016** from Assistant Commissioner (Tax Policy), Sindh Revenue Board has been received at PHA asking statutory documents confirming our contention and a draft reply is presented before members perusal, feedback and advise.

- 4.** A Meeting was held on Thursday, **June 16, 2016** at Chairman's office Ramada Plaza Hotel attended by Mr. Mohammad Emaduddin, Director Finance, Karachi Marriott Hotel and Mr. Moaz Ahmed, Deputy Director Finance, PC Karachi to discuss and reinstate the facility of Import of Hotel Equipments earlier available vide SRO 575. In the meeting, details of duties and procedures were discussed concerned authority to submit the recommendations to FBR for restoring the said SRO facilities to Hotels. A follow up meeting was held on July 16, 2016 at Chairman's office.



ASSOCIATION REPRESENTATION ON VARIOUS FORUMS:

5. **May 20, 2016;** An invitation from Chairman, Pakistan Chapter, ECO CC&I Tourism Committee, a meeting was held at FPCCI. Invitation was duly circulated to Members and Mr. Ather Bhutto, PHA EC Member and Mr. Nadeem Jaffer, Director Sales, PC Hotel Karachi attended the meeting on behalf of Pakistan Hotels Association. During the meeting, Chairman Committee suggested Hotels to offer rooms on complimentary basis during their Annual Travel Week to be observed simultaneously in each member country. Where as PHA members expressed that they would discuss with Members for possibility of hotels offering economic rates during low season. Chairman Committee has also called PHA Secretariat for the same and he has been informed that this would be discussed in our next Executive Committee Meeting.
6. **May 24, 2016;** PITHM 4th Annual Convocation Ceremony was held at Lawyers' Club, Clifton, Karachi attended by Mr. Ather Bhutto and Secretary General of Association.
7. **May 26, 2016:** Follow up of above ECO CC&I Tourism Committee Meeting was held at FPCCI to discuss 5 year comprehensive plan for enhancing intra-regional trade and to set the targets. Agenda also included status of holding of 4th ECO-SAARC Business Forum, meeting was attended by Secretary General.
8. PITHM 48th Board of Governors Meeting was held on June 28, 2016, which is to be attended by Chairman of Association as Board Member, but due to non-availability of Chairman and Senior Vice Chairman of PHA, Secretary General attended the meeting on behalf of Association, whereby agenda items were taken up for discussions and approval. Agenda was mainly on Revised Service Rules of PITHM, establishment of Regional Centre of PITHM in Sukker, expansion of PITHM facilities, construction of Auditorium, induction of representative of Higher Education Sindh in the BOG of PITHM, PITHM Officers promotions, scholarship for position holders / discounted fees and approval of budget estimates of PITHM for the year 2016-17.

Above is being submitted for Members perusal, information and necessary follow up please.

Thanks and regards

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Secretary General

