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Tariq Sayeed as new President of Saarc

The Executive Committee of Saarc Chamber of Commerce and Industry (SCCI) elected Pakistani veteran trade leader Tariq Sayeed as its President for the next two-year term.

Iftikhar Ali Malik was elected as Vice President SCCI, Pakistan Chapter, in the 41st executive committee meeting held in New Delhi. The meeting was chaired by outgoing President Dasho Ugen Tschup Dorgi.

Both business leaders soon after assumed charge of their new offices and responsibilities.

According to a release, Zubair Ahamd, Faiz Rassol, Muhammad Ali Jogezi, Shakil Ahmed Dhingra and Iftikhar Malik were elected as new members of the executive committee, while Faiz Eahi, Muhammad Aslam, Muhammad Saeed, Zaharia Usman and Muhammad Naseem Davi were voted as members of the SCCI General Assembly.

Seven new Vice Presidents of SCCI from India, Maldives, Nepal, Bhutan, Bangladesh and Sri Lanka, along with the executive committee and general assembly were also elected.

Shahzad Arshad elected as the Chairman of PCFAMEA

Dr. Shahzad Arshad has been elected as the chairman of Pakistan Cotton Fashion Apparel Manufacturers and exporters Association for the year 2007 –



2008. According to a press release from Dr. Arshad, The export based apparel industry, is at the moment going through tough and critical situation and the main reason behind this crisis is the fact that we the Pakistani manufacturers and exporters are not getting a level playing field as compared to our regional competitors and

the cost of doing business is going high in our country.”

He is also the director of Rauf Textile and Printing Mills (Pvt) Limited and also serving as Honorary Consul of the Kingdom of Lesotho in Pakistan. He also holds several important portfolios such as the Chairman of Federation of Pakistan Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Standing Committee on Textile and Ancillary and holds of life memberships of the following: SAARC Chambers of Commerce and Industry, Karachi Council of Foreign Relations, Economic Affairs and Law and also a member of State Bank of Pakistan, Standing Committee On Credit Advisory.

Unopposed elections in KCCI reflects last year's performance

Majyd Aziz, ex-President, Aamir Abdullah Zaki, ex-Senior Vice President, and Saqib Naseem, ex-Vice President, Karachi Chamber of Commerce and Industry, have congratulated the unopposed elections of the President and Managing Committee of KCCI. In a press statement, the three office-bearers stated that this is a manifestation of the acceptance by general members that the performance of KCCI during their term as office-bearers was exceptional, productive, and in the larger interest of the membership.

The three ex-office-bearers further added that during their term they, along with the members of the Managing Committee and the Chamber staff, worked diligently and sincerely for the cause of the Karachi Chamber members. KCCI became a powerful trade body and highly acclaimed by international organizations and individuals, including the US Congress, the diplomatic community, and foreign media. They added that KCCI undertook the cause of the small traders and lobbied effectively to resolve their major issues.

They moreover added that KCCI took the lead in women empowerment programs and ensured that the rights of women entrepreneurs were protected and promoted. The Chamber organized a record number of local and international projects for women. KCCI also was able to get its Police-Chamber Liaison Committee notified with representation from all law-enforcing agencies. They said that the highly successful trip of the KCCI delegation to USA further added to the stature of the Chamber. ♦



Abdul Aziz Khatri (1964-2007)

Young industrialist Abdul Aziz Khatri was brutally killed while returning from his office on 4th September 2007. Born on 29th February, 1964 in Karachi, Aziz Khatri was the young scion of the leading manufacturing and trading Chemi Group of Companies.

He was the Managing Director of Chemi Dyestuffs Industries and looked after production, planning, procurement and marketing of the products since July 1990. He started his career as a shift chemist at Mehran Gums (Pvt) Limited in the year 1987 and worked there till 1988. From

1989, he worked as Technical Director and looked after production and procurement of raw materials at Mehran Gums in Pakistan.

With a Master of Science (M.Sc) qualification in Polymer and Textile Technology from University of Karachi and coupled with years of experience in Textile wet processing technology, he was the asset to the textile dyeing and chemical industry of Pakistan. He was also the member of the Society of Dyers and Colourists (SDC) in United Kingdom since 1987 and has contributed in its endeavors to promote color science and technology in Pakistan.

He was a highly accomplished and distinguished individual, who gave his time, energy and heart to the running of his family business and was loved deeply by his colleagues, friends and staff.

Professor Dr. Ishrat, Applied Chemistry Department, University of Karachi while talking about Aziz Khatri mentioned that Aziz Khatri was one of his students who made him proud.

Abul Rahim Khatri, Director Marketing Chemicolor and first cousin of Aziz, mentioned that Aziz Khatri was one of the most kind hearted and soft spoken person he had known. He was an active member of SDC, was also a member of the Managing Committee of S.I.T.E. Association. He was most sincere in his work and gave quality time to his family despite his very busy professional life. It is indeed a great loss not only for our family. but for the country to lose such a wonderful and accomplished young man who had already contributed so much towards the society through his good deeds and professional excellence.