



WORLD MEMON ORGANISATION (WMO)

Visit of WMO Delegation to Karachi, Pakistan from 7th to 10th April 2011

1. A high-level delegation of the World Memon Organisation (WMO) reached Karachi on Thursday, 7th April 11 amidst a warm welcome.



2. The Office Bearers of WMO Pakistan Chapter comprising of Haji Abdul Razzak Yaqoob ARY (Founder-President), Mr. Pir Muhammad Kaliya (Secretary General, WMO) Mr. Shoaib Ismail Mangroria (Vice President, WMO) and Mr. H. M. Shahzad (Assistant Secretary General, WMO) were present at the airport along with many other members of the Board of Management of WMO and well-wishers to receive the delegates.



3. The foreign delegation comprised of the following dignitaries :-
 1. Mr. Abdul Sattar Dada, President, WMO
 2. Sir Iqbal Sacranie, Senior Deputy President, WMO
 3. Mr. Feizul Ayob, General Secretary, WMOCF
 4. Sayed Hoosen Mia, Trustee
 5. Dr. Haroon Gutta
 6. Mr. Ghaffar Osman
 7. Mr. Shahid Sangani, COO, WMO
4. A variety of programs and functions were held in honor of the visiting delegates which included a special meeting with Mr. Asif Ali Zardari, the Honorable President of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan. The details of the various programs are given as under.

5. **Dinner at ARY Residence:-** A dinner was hosted by Haji Abdul Razzak Yaqoob (ARY), Founder President WMO, on Thursday, 7th April 2011 at 9.30 p.m. at his residence in honor of the visiting delegates.



6. Over 300 prominent members of the Memon Community including members of the Board of the Management of the WMO Pakistan Chapter attended the dinner.



7. At this occasion, Haji Abdul Razzak Yaqoob Gandhi, Founder President of WMO and host of the dinner, in his speech, warmly welcomed the honorable guests to Pakistan. Mr. Abdul Sattar Dada, President WMO and Sir Iqbal Sacranie, Senior Deputy President WMO addressed the gathering and highlighted the activities of WMO and its mission and requested the participants to become Trustees and Patrons of WMO.
8. **Visit to Patel Hospital on Friday, 8th April 2011 :-** The delegates along with members of the WMO Pakistan Chapter, paid a visit to Patel Hospital, a project of the Patel Foundation. Mr. Irfan Patel, Chairman, Patel Foundation, and Dr. Muhammad Tufail, Medical Director, Patel Hospital, welcomed the delegates and gave a brief presentation about the hospital.
9. Thereafter, the delegates went on an inspection tour of the hospital and were especially impressed with the Saira Dawood Institute of Eye Diseases, one of the best such facilities in Asia, and Patel Institute of Nursing and Allied Health Sciences.



10. The hospital is a combination of paid (70%) and free (30%) facilities with a philosophy that 'No patient is turned away due to financial constraints' and every patient is given the best treatment available regardless of caste, creed or religion. Excellent facilities at affordable cost at Patel Hospital is a gift from the Memon community to the citizens of Karachi and depicts the generosity of the Memon community.

11. **Visit to Memon Medical Institute (MMI) on Friday, 8th April 2011:-** The delegates visited Memon Medical Institute (MMI), a project initiated by the Memon Health and Education Foundation (MHEF) with support from the WMO.



12. Mr Ajaz Saya (Honorary Chief Executive) and Mr. Peer Muhammad Diwan (Founder, Honorary Chairman) welcomed the delegates and thereafter took the delegates for a visit of the hospital facilities. After Friday Prayers and lunch, a discussion between the delegates and the Board of Trustees of the MMI took place with Mr. Arif Habib, Honorary Chairman, MMI, presiding over the meeting. Mr. Arif Habib welcomed the delegates and said MMI was setup with the aim of creating one of the best in the world a Professionally Managed Medical Facilities in Pakistan with plans to setup a Nursing School and Medical University in the next two phases. He expressed his desire to work in association with WMO to achieve this aim and to be an effective arm of WMO by bringing all Jamats under one platform to support the medical needs of the community in Pakistan.



13. Thereafter, Mr. Ajaz Saya gave a brief presentation about MMI project, which is a marvel of Memon generosity and entrepreneurship. The first phase of the 300-bed State of the Art Medical Facility has been started at a cost of (PKR 1300 million) US\$ 15 million, all funded by donations (non Zakat) from the Memon Community and well wishers.
14. President Mr. Abdul Sattar Dada, in his speech, congratulated the Honorary Chairman and his able team for the marvelous job in creating a World Class Medical Facility beyond expectations. He said that the Memon University is a dream of WMO, but we must work together to make this a reality. We must do what we can while living and dig into our pockets and set an example for our children to follow suit so that the philanthropic traditions of the Memons continue from generation to generation.
15. He said that the WMO Pakistan Chapter, under the leadership of Mr. Shoaib Ismail, Mr. H.M. Shahzad and Mr. Pir Muhammad Kaliya, is very active and dynamic and is something of which WMO is very proud of and is an example for other WMO Chapters to follow.
16. The WMO President made a commitment to become a Trustee of the MMI with a subscription of Pak Rupees Ten Million (US\$ 120,000) and Mr. Arif Habib reciprocated by confirming his intention of becoming a Trustee of the WMO. Special Rooms, funded by Mr. Abdul Sattar Dada and Mr. Feizul Ayob, were also ceremonially opened in the presence of all, before concluding the visit to MMI.
17. **Prize Distribution Ceremony at the Memon Industrial and Technical Institute (MITI) on Friday, 8th April 2011:-** Delegates visited the Memon Industrial and Technical Institute (MITI), a project wholly undertaken and managed by the WMO Pakistan Chapter under the Chairmanship of Mr. H.M.

Shahzad, for the Prize Distribution Ceremony and the Inauguration of the Memon Institute of Hijama Therapy.



18. Chairman Mr. H. M. Shahzad, took the visitors around for inspection of different classrooms/workshops of technical and vocational courses conducted by the Institute. Currently, 18 courses for males and 11 courses for females are conducted with a total student population of over 2,500 undergoing 4 months certificate training at the Institute.



19. All training is job-oriented and passed out students are able to find ready employment or embark on own ventures with the training given at this Institute. While it costs Rs 3,000 per month per student, the Institute charges only Rs 300 from female students and Rs. 500 from male students. Those students who are unable to pay the fees are being financed through Zakat Fund by MITI. A total of 5 batches of male students and 2 batches of female students have passed out since inception.



20. MITI is affiliated with City & Guild International, which is incorporated in London by Royal Charter in 1878 and which has affiliation of over 300 Technical and Vocational Training Institutes in over 100 countries in the world. In the near future, City and Guilds UK Certification will be offered for selected courses at MITI. With the accreditation of MITI as a City & Guilds International Centre, the credibility of the training at MITI has increased manifold.
21. The institute is presently incurring a net loss of Rs. 1 million (US \$ 12,000) per month. With increase in the number of students, the Institute hopes to breakeven within a period of two years.

22. After the inspection of MITI, the visitors participated in the Inauguration Ceremony of the Memon Institute of Hijama Therapy, formally opened by Haji Jan Muhammad Yaqoob Gandhi (ARY). The Hijama Therapy is the Islamic way of treatment which is becoming popular in various parts of the world. The students would be trained in this therapy by the qualified and experienced teachers in this field.



23. The delegates thereafter participated in the Prize Distribution Ceremony of the 3rd batch pass outs. This function was attended by more than 4000 people, which included dignitaries and the students of MITI.



24. Pir Mohamed Kaliya (Secretary General WMO), Shoaib Ismail Mangroria (VP Pakistan Chapter), Sir Iqbal Sacranie (Senior Deputy President WMO), Abdul Razzak Yaqoob Gandhi ARY (Founder President WMO), H.M. Shahzad (Chairman MITI) addressed the gathering and was followed by the address of Mr. Abdul Sattar Dada, President of WMO. The President complimented the WMO Pakistan Chapter for the wonderful job in setting up MITI and had special word of thanks for Mr. H.M. Shahzad, Chairman MITI, for his untiring hard work and commitment to make MITI a reality. MITI would never have seen the light of day or achieved the high standards without the total dedication and enthusiasm of Mr. H.M. Shahzad and all Memons should be proud of what he has done for the community.



25. The prizes were thereafter distributed among the students and appreciation awards presented to the teachers and all those who have worked tirelessly to make MITI what it is today.

26. **Meeting with Mr. Asif Ali Zardari, President, Islamic Republic of Pakistan on Saturday, 9th April 2011:-** The members of the delegation who called on the President of Islamic Republic of Pakistan were as follows:

- 1). Mr. Abdul Sattar Dada (President, WMO), Botswana, Africa
- 2). Sir Iqbal Sacranie (Senior Deputy President, WMO), United Kingdom
- 3). Mr. Pir Mohamed Kaliya (Secretary General, WMO), Pakistan
- 4). Mr. Hussain Lawai (Life Member, WMO), Pakistan
- 5). Mr. Shoaib Ismail Mangroria (Vice President, WMO), Pakistan
- 6). Mr. H.M. Shahzad (Assistant Secretary General, WMO), Pakistan
- 7). Mr. Feizul Ayob (General Secretary, WMOCF), South Africa
- 8). Sayed Hoosen Mia (Trustee, WMOCF), South Africa
- 9). Mr. Muhammad Amin Chapal (Chairman Supreme Council, All Pakistan Memon Federation)
- 10). Mr. Aqeel Karim Dhedhi (Trustee, WMOCF), Pakistan
- 11). Mr. Arif Habib (Member, WMO), Pakistan
- 12). Mr. Aamir Amin Kothawala (Member, WMO), Pakistan
- 13). Dr. Haroon Ahmed Gutta (Member, WMO), South Africa
- 14). Mr. Abdul Ghaffar Usman (Member, WMO), South Africa



27. His Excellency, President Asif Ali Zardari welcomed the delegates and was all praises for the Memon Community. He said that Almighty Allah has blessed the Memon Community with the spirit to serve others and also blessed them with adequate wealth and generous heart. While acknowledging the contribution of the Memon Community in business, trade, industry and services sector, he said the present government was prepared to offer maximum facilities to the Memon Community so that it can expand the scope of the welfare activities.
28. He said that philanthropists and Memon community-based organizations have an important role to play in national development and the government has introduced such policies which support their activities. Talking to the members of the delegation the President said that the efforts of WMO to alleviate the sufferings of the indigent and underprivileged people was most commendable. President Zardari also thanked WMO for their generous support during recent floods which caused unprecedented devastation and stressed the need for their active participation in reconstruction phase.
29. Mr. Abdul Sattar Dada, President of WMO, thanked the President of Pakistan for the meeting and briefed the President about various welfare and humanitarian activities of the organization in the spheres of Education, Health and Micro-finance and elaborated on future plans. He also thanked the President for government's support and assured that WMO would take steps in the light of advice of the President for enhancement of scope of its welfare activities.
30. President Zardari responded positively to the following requests of the delegates and instructed officials to take necessary steps in this regard. He also immediately sent a Communiqué addressed to the Principal Secretary of the Chief Minister of Sindh for immediate decisions in the following matters:
1. Allotment of land in the proposed Education City in Karachi for the proposed Memon Medical University Hospital Complex
 2. Allotment of land in Hawks Bay area for housing for the distressed and poor families.
 3. Conversion of the lease of Memon Industrial & Technical Institute from 30 years to 99 years

31. **Dinner Hosted by the All Pakistan Memon Federation at the Federation House on Saturday, 9th April 2011:-** Mr. Ahmed Chinoy, President, All Pakistan Memon Federation (APMF) together with the Office Bearers of the APMF hosted a dinner in honor of the President WMO and the visiting delegates at the Federation House, Karachi.



32. After an inspection tour of the superb facilities at the Federation House, the delegations participated at a felicitation ceremony organized by the APMF. Mr. Ahmed Chinoy, President, APMF, while welcoming the President of WMO and the delegates, expressed his desire that all different Memon Organizations should work together as one, to further the noble objectives of welfare and well-being of the Memon Community as a whole. He pledged his support to work in association with the World Memon Organisation (WMO) to achieve the aims and aspirations of both the organizations.
33. Mr. Muhammad Yousuf Adil, Treasurer WMO and Chairman, APMF Education Committee made a detailed presentation on the Education Program of APMF. Mr. Abdul Razzak Vayani, General Secretary, APMF, Sir Iqbal Sacranie, Senior Deputy President, WMO and Mr. Muhammad Amin Chapal, Chairman, Supreme Council, APMF, also addressed the gathering.
34. Haji Abdul Razzak Yaqoob (ARY), Founder-President of WMO, in his short speech, stressed for the unity of the Memon Community of the world under the banner of World Memon Organisation (WMO).
35. Mr. Abdul Sattar Dada, President of WMO, thanked All Pakistan Memon Federation (APMF) for hosting a dinner in honor of the visiting delegates and complemented the APMF for the commendable facilities at the Federation House. The President pointed out the need to ensure that there is no overlap in the activities carried out by different Memon organizations and the need to coordinate the efforts of all in order to achieve the maximum benefits for the betterment of the Memon Community as a whole.
36. Master Jawwad Iqbal Gaba, who became the first ever Memon to get his name entered in the "GUINNESS BOOK OF WORLD RECORDS" for his feat of spinning a Frying Pan on one finger for longest period of time, i.e. 34 minutes and 30 seconds, was facilitated with a shield by the APMF. Appreciation Shields were also presented to the President and Senior Deputy President of WMO on behalf of the APMF.
37. **Meeting with Mr. Abdul Rashid Soorty:-** In connection with Membership Drive and Fundraising, it was decided to call upon certain influential members of the Memon Community to canvass for donations and persuade them to strengthen WMO by joining as Trustees and Patrons. In this regard, a delegation consisting of Sir Iqbal Sacranie, Mr. Hussain Lawai and Mr. Muhammad Amin Chapal met with Mr. Abdul Rashid Soorty of Soorty Enterprises Limited. The delegation highlighted the activities

- of the World Memon Organisation and requested Mr. Abdul Rashid Soorty to donate generously for the welfare and uplift of the downtrodden members of the Memon Community. Mr. Soorty has promised to do his best.
38. **Lunch hosted by WMO Pakistan Chapter on Sunday, 10th April 2011:-** Mr. Shoaib Ismail Mangroria, Vice President, WMO, hosted a luncheon at Hotel Sheraton in honor of the visiting delegates. The luncheon was attended by the Members of the Board of Management.
 39. **Meeting with the Board of Management Members and Chairpersons of various Committees of the WMO Pakistan Chapter on Sunday, 10th April 2011:-** Mr. Abdul Sattar Dada, President, Sir Iqbal Sacranie, Senior Deputy President WMO, chaired the meeting which was attended by Mr. Pir Muhammad A. Kaliya, Secretary General, WMO, Mr. Shoaib Ismail Mangroria, Vice President, WMO, Members of the Board of Management (Pakistan Chapter) and the foreign delegates. The details of the meeting are as follows:
 40. Education programs at WMO Pakistan Chapter are categorized into two broad categories namely:-
 - Education for All Scheme – under this scheme, more than 6000 school going children studying in various classes from Kindergarten to Intermediate Level are provided with financial assistance. (In the absence of Chairman, Mr. Qasim Moosa Lawai, Mr. Shoaib Ghaziani is looking after the scheme)
 - Higher & Professional Education:- More than 600 students of Higher & Professional Level are provided with financial aid. Mr. Gul Muhammad Jan Muhammad is the Chairman of this Committee.
 - The annual budget of the above referred schemes is over Rs. 85 million (US \$ 1 million)
 - Besides the above, technical and vocational training to students (male and female) of Memon Community and others is provided through the **Memon Industrial & Technical Institute (MITI)**. Mr. H.M. Shahzad is the chairman of MITI. Over 7,500 students are expected to be benefited annually from this Institute.
 41. **Membership Committee (under the chairmanship of Mr. Farooq Gaziani)** – The WMO Pakistan Chapter has 697 members in all categories of membership. Out of which there are 22 Trustees, 29 Patrons, 98 Life members, 2 Apex Bodies, 12 Institution Members and rest being Annual Members. The target of the Membership Committee is to increase the total membership to 1,200 within the next 2 years.
 42. Mr. Farooq Gaziani, Chairman, Membership Committee, sought clarification from the Chair on the confusion with regard to Life Membership Fees after the reduction of the fees at the last Annual General Assembly Meeting (reduction of life membership from US\$ 2,500 to US\$ 1,000). He asked that if a life member has paid more than US\$ 1,000 as his life membership installment does he have to pay the balance up to \$2,500 or does he become a fully paid life member since he has already paid US\$ 1,000. Also in the case of ordinary members, if somebody has not paid for 3 to 4 years, does he have to pay all the arrears of membership fees or can he pay only part of the arrears of membership fee (2 years) at the current rate (\$50.00, instead of US\$ 100 as before). Mr. Pir Muhammad A. Kaliya, Secretary General, WMO, informed that the Board of Management of WMO will clarify the issues in due course of time.
 43. On being asked about subscription dues from the Trustees and Patrons of WMO Pakistan Chapter, Mr. Shoaib Ismail Mangroria, Vice President, informed that reminders had been duly sent in January 2011 to all concerned in line with the decision taken at the Colombo Meetings in December 2010. He further informed that the Office Bearers of WMO Pakistan Chapter would contact the Trustees and Patrons in person in order to persuade them to pay the outstanding subscription amount.
 44. **Census Committee** (under the chairmanship of Mr. Muhammad Younus Jiwani) – Census of over 150,000 Memons has been completed so far. Data of another 100,000 families will hopefully be collected in the current year. Population census of 80-90% of all the Memons residing in Pakistan is expected to be completed within the next 2 years.

45. **Rehabilitation Committee** (under co-chairmanship of Mr. Muhammad Bashir Latiwala, since Mr. Muhammad Yousuf Adil, Chairman, was not present at the meeting) – so far 1,349 families have been provided with financial assistance for housing out of the 7225 applications received in the year 2004. In addition to the above, about 300 families have been provided finances to convert their pugree-based houses to ownership. More than 150 families are provided with monthly rent for their houses.
46. Out of the 7225 applications, 2433 have been scrutinized. Out of the balance applications of 4792, we expect that at least 2000 applications would be approved for financial assistance for which an amount of Rs.2 billion (US \$ 23 million) would be required. It may be pointed out that hardly 300 applicants are being provided financial assistance in a year. To provide houses to 500 applicants annually, we need Zakat fund of Rs. 250 million (US \$ 2.9 million) annually.
47. The Rehabilitation Committee has chalked out a detailed, comprehensive and transparent system for the scrutiny and approval of the applications. Initially, preference was given to widows and divorcees having female children. Thereafter, those applicants with large number of family members and were living on rent were given preference. At present, families having five or four members are under scrutiny for providing financial assistance. Those applicants who are having pugree based houses are provided with financial assistance of Rs. 250,000 (US \$ 3000) as by selling the pugree-based house, they receive a reasonable amount.
48. **Media Committee** (under the chairmanship of Mr. Abdul Karim Meghani) – Only event based coverage is done at this moment on both print and electronic media. Sir Iqbal Sacranie requested the committee to also do some features article in order to get more publicity to the WMO and all news to be circulated to all others Chapters and Members of the WMO family.
49. **WMO News** - an email newsletter is sent to over 6,000 email addresses and can be sent to all other chapters/members if the ASGs of all the chapters could provide the email addresses of their members for inclusion in the database.
50. **Micro Finance** (under the chairmanship of Mr. Ilyas Muhammad) – The project is still under trial basis and have distributed approximately Pak Rs 1,500,000 (US \$ 17,500) so far. Hope to launch in a big way in the near future to become a major activity of WMO Pakistan Chapter, similar to Education and Housing. The loan amount given is between Pak Rs 10,000 to 25,000 (US \$ 120 to 300) repayable in 1 year without any Interest or Administration cost. Loans are being given only to those persons who are in micro-business for last three years. This scheme is based on one very successful model namely Al-Akhuwat of Pakistan.
51. **Rozgar Finance** (under chairmanship of Mr. Yasin G.M) – The Rozgar Finance scheme is being launched in which the applicant would contribute 25% of the total amount required, WMO will contribute 25% and the balance amount of 50% would be obtained from any Shariah Compliant financial institute. This program will especially support MITI students who want to venture on their own once completion of the training at MITI. President WMO requested to consider the alternatives where somebody is unable to raise the 25% seed capital but has the capability and the project to start a business – We must support the Entrepreneurship in the Memons. The project is still in the drawing / initial stages and will be implemented soon.
52. **WMO Youth Wing** (under chairmanship of Mr. Altaf Vayani) – Committee has already organized one Personality Development Program (Think Wise) with over 200 participants and plans to have many more such programs in the future. The committee has over 1,000 Memon Youths in their database and efforts are going on to increase this further and get the maximum number of Memon youths involved in the WMO PC activities. Sports activities are planned for June/July. There is a need for an International Memon Cricket Tournament amongst the various chapters of WMO for which the Youth Wing should start planning. Mr. Vayani also proposed to use social media networks such as FACE BOOK and thus reach out to the youth of the Memon Community.

53. **WMO Ladies Wing** (under chairpersonship of Madam Hawa Abdullah) – Members of the WMO Ladies Wing participated and updated all present about the various activities carried out by the Ladies Wing. All activities are done with the aim of getting maximum participation from Memon Ladies in Pakistan, raise funds for Housing, Zakat, Education etc under the theme “Elite to fund the Masses” and also to increase the membership of the WMO. Four events have already been held by the Ladies Wing. Further, two more programs are planned for the near future. All programs are self funded without any burden on WMO, however a request was made for Rs 400,000 to be given to the Ladies Wing as seed capital for various projects returnable later. This was agreed and approved by Mr. Shoaib Ismail Mangroria, Vice President, WMO Pakistan Chapter.
54. A matrimonial matchmaking website was proposed by the committee. Sir Iqbal Sacranie, Senior Deputy President, informed that this was already being done very successfully by the WMO Europe Chapter and suggested that WMO PC should link up with them for this purpose.
55. Finally, Sir Iqbal Sacranie congratulated the Ladies Wing for a fantastic job being done. He mentioned a need for focus and priorities with lots of projects being done and more to be started in the future. In future, all chapters will be required to submit a Monthly Progress Report and the newly appointed COO will be responsible for coordination and follow up on the activities of the different chapters.
56. Mr. Abdul Sattar Dada, President of WMO said that housing continues to be the biggest issue for Memons in India and Pakistan. The backlog is too much to be covered only though the current housing projects and therefore proposed to launch a worldwide “WMO PRESIDENT’S APPEAL FOR HOUSING FUND” among the Memons. Affluent Memons and Corporations should come forward to donate finances for housing in India and Pakistan at approximate cost of US\$ 12,000 per house from their Zakat contributions. The proposal was received with much enthusiasm and immediate contribution was confirmed for 12 houses from different donors.
57. **Meeting with Mr. Muhammad Ali Tabba:-** A team consisting of Sir Iqbal Sacranie, Mr. Pir Muhammad A. Kaliya, Mr. Shoaib Ismail Mangroria and Mr. Hussain Lawai had a detailed meeting with Mr. Muhammad Ali Tabba. The welfare activities of WMO were elaborated and the delegation appealed to him to become Trustee of WMO. Mr. Muhammad Ali Tabba has promised to revert back on this matter after consulting his family members.
58. **Gala Dinner and Memon Get-together held on Sunday, 10th April 2011:-** The WMO Pakistan Chapter hosted a grand Memon Get-together followed by a gala dinner.



59. The gathering of about 4000 people from the Memon Community was addressed by Haji Abdul Razaq Yaqoob (Founder President, WMO), Sir Iqbal Sacranie (Senior Deputy President, WMO), Mr. Pir Muhammad A. Kaliya (Secretary General, WMO), Mr. Shoaib Ismail Mangroria (Vice President, WMO), Mr. H.M. Shahzad (Assistant Secretary General, WMO), Mr. Muhammad Amin Chapal (Chairman, Supreme Council, APMF) and Mr. Arif Habib (Honorary Chairman, MMI).



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Sir Iqbal Sacranie
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Mr. Shoaib Ismail Mangroria
Vice President, WMO



Mr. H.M. Shahzad
Chairman, MITI
Asst Secretary General, WMO



Mr. Arif Habib
Honorary Chairman,
Memon Medical Institute



Mr. Muhammad Amin Chapal
Chairman, Supreme Council,
All Pakistan Memon Federation

60. Mr. Pir Muhammad A. Kaliya, Secretary General, WMO, while highlighting the achievement of the Memon Industrial & Technical Institute (MITI), a mega project of the World Memon Organisation (WMO), said that it was a dream and vision of Haji Abdul Razzak Yaqoob (ARY) to establish a technical and vocational institute of international standard to impart technical training to the less fortunate and poorly educated youth of the society so that they can earn a decent livelihood. Syed Mustafa Kamal, who was the then City Nazim of Karachi, had been very kind enough to offer a prized plot of land admeasuring 7 acres along with unfinished building consisting of 134,000 square feet of covered area, on 30 years lease for the establishment of the said technical institute.
61. Mr. H.M. Shahzad, Assistant Secretary General, WMO, took upon himself to complete the unfinished building and established this mega project within a short span of 18 months. Mr. H.M. Shahzad has dedicated his life by making many sacrifices including his business for this project.
62. The WMO Pakistan Chapter, therefore, awarded Gold Medals to Haji Abdul Razzak Yaqoob Gandhi ARY (Founder President WMO), Mr. Syed Mustafa Kamal (Ex-City Nazim of Karachi) and Mr. H.M Shahzad (Chairman, MITI) in recognition of their exemplary services in the establishment and the successful operation of the Memon Industrial & Technical Institute (MITI).



63. Mr. Shoaib Ismail Mangroria, Vice President, welcomed the foreign delegates, local delegates, representatives of the APMF and other Memon Jamats. He elaborated the importance of education and said that WMO was providing financial assistance to more than 6000 school going children and 600 students for higher and professional education. He said that over Rs. 120 million (US \$ 1.4 million) were required for Education Scheme for this year and Rs. 250 million (US \$ 2.9 million) were required

for Rehabilitation Scheme this year. He said that more than 1200 houses have already been given out of the 7225 applications received in 2004.

64. Mr. Abdul Sattar Dada, President of WMO announced the “**President’s Housing Scheme**” and requested all to contribute towards making provision of decent housing for all Memons a reality. The President informed the gathering that he had already got commitment for a total 30 houses during the meeting.

1. Mr. Abdul Sattar Dada	5
2. Sir Iqbal Sacranie	1
3. Mr. Pir Muhammad A. Kaliya	1
4. Mr. Feizul Ayob	1
5. Sayed Hoosen Mia	1
6. Mr. Shoaib Ismail Mangroria	1
7. Mr. Mahmood Shaikhani	6
8. Mr. Arif Habib	1
9. Mr. Aqeel Karim Dhedhi	1
10. Mr. Hussain Lawai	1
11. Mr. Muhammad Amin Chapal	5
12. Mr. Muhammad Hussain Mahenti	1
13. Mr. Abdul Qadir Usman	1
14. Mr. Sharjil Goplani/ Zahid Piprani	1
15. Mr. Abdul Rauf (Dany)	1
16. Others	2

Total Houses Committed	30
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Under this scheme, the beneficiaries would be the distressed and shelter-less Memon families of India and Pakistan. The donors are requested to remit the amount as soon as possible but not later than one year from the date of announcement.

65. The President also informed that Mr. Arif Habib and Mr. Muhammad Rafiq Jafrani consented to become a Trustee of the WMO. Mr. Hussain Lawai and Mr. Abdul Razzak Lakhani consented to become Patrons of WMO. Mr. Abdul Sattar Dada, President, welcomed the new Trustees and Patrons and hoped that the WMO will be strengthened with the inclusion of these gentlemen in its fold.
66. In the end, Mr. Abdul Sattar Dada, President of WMO, expressed his appreciation to the WMO Pakistan Chapter for the wonderful work being done to further the cause of WMO and also thanked WMO Pakistan Chapter for the warm hospitality extended to the visiting delegates.

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