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President of Pakistan Inaugurated Second South Asia Regional Public Procurement Conference

Public Procurement Regulatory Authority (PPRA) hosted the Second South Asia Regional Public Procurement Conference in Islamabad on 25-27 March, 2014. The theme of the conference was "Moving from Compliance to Performance." The Honourable President of Pakistan Mr. Mamnoon Hussain inaugurated the conference. In his inaugural address, the President emphasized the role of regional cooperation on Public Procurement. The President stated that:-

"One of the key objectives of this Conference is to explore ways and means of initiating regional cooperation on public procurement, I would suggest SAARC Secretariat to consider taking lead role in promoting mutual cooperation and opening SAARC public procurement office in Islamabad. Pakistan will warmly welcome such an initiative."



President of Islamic Republic of Pakistan Mr. Mamnoon Hussain addressing the inaugural session of Second South Asia Regional Public Procurement Conference, 25th March, 2014



Welcome address by Ms. Nazrat Bashir, MD PPRA during the inaugural session of Second South Asia Regional Public Procurement Conference, 25th March, 2014



Mr. Christopher M. Browne, Chief Procurement Officer, World Bank speaking at the inaugural session



Mr. Nianshan Zhang, Deputy Country Director, Asian Development Bank speaking at the inaugural session

The conference was an annual learning and networking event for the heads of public procurement of the eight South Asian countries and was a follow up to the one held in Kathmandu in April 2011 hosted by the government of Nepal. In her welcome address, Ms. Nazrat Bashir, MD PPRA highlighted that the presence of honorable President of Islamic Republic of Pakistan was a clear indication of the commitment that the country attaches to transparency, efficiency, integrity and value for money in public procurement. She expressed that the good practices and good

governance increases the credibility of the government and helps in improving the trust and confidence of the private sector leading to greater investments and private sector development. In their opening remarks, Mr. Christopher M. Browne, Chief Procurement Officer, World Bank and Mr. Nianshan Zhang, Deputy Country Director, Asian Development Bank, Pakistan Resident Mission highlighted importance of public procurement and cooperation of their organizations in achieving the goal of reforming Public Procurement to improve performance in public procurement.

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SOUTH ASIA REGIONAL PUBLIC PROCUREMENT CONFERENCE 2014

Moving from Compliance to Performance

25-27 March, 2014 - Islamabad



Group Photo of the participants of Second South Asia Regional Public Procurement Conference 25-27 March, 2014

Launching of Massive Open Online Course (MOOC) by the President

World Bank's South Asia Procurement Services has developed the world's first one-stop portal dedicated to training, knowledge-sharing and networking in the public procurement arena. The portal was inaugurated by the President Islamic republic of Pakistan on 25th March, 2014 at the inaugural session of the Second South Asia Regional Public Procurement Conference held in Islamabad on 25-27 March 2014.

The Certificate Program in Public Procurement (CPP) is unique in a way that it is the first ever free procurement certificate delivered as Massive Open Online Course (MOOC). The MOOC consists of 3 basic Modules and caters to procurement practitioners across the globe with its focus on procurement principles, management concepts applicable to public procurement and operations and governance in public procurement. The course provide the learners with an opportunity to gather knowledge, peer review submission and obtain a certificate after successful completion of the course, with an additional benefit of attaining credits to

Professional Diploma in Public Procurement.



President Islamic Republic of Pakistan, Mr. Mamnoon Hussain launching MOOC on Public Procurement

The Chair of Second South Asia Regional Public Procurement Conference transferred to Pakistan

The Chair of Second South Asia Regional Public Procurement Conference was transferred to Pakistan. The President of Islamic Republic of Pakistan, Mr. Mamnoon Hussain, in his speech felicitated the outgoing chair, Nepal, for their hard work of last two years, since 2011. The last conference was held in Katmandu in the year 2011 in which many decisions were taken to enhance collaboration. Since then the public procurement officials have met several times through video conferencing. Ms. Nazrat Bashir, MD PPRA, assumed the chairmanship of South Asia Regional Public Procurement Conference. She acknowledged the services rendered by the outgoing chair in implementing the decisions taken during the 2011 conference. She hoped that with the transfer of chair of the conference from Nepal to Pakistan, Pakistan will continue to build on the gains of past to strengthen and make the forum more vibrant and dynamic.



Mr. Felipe Goya, South Asia Regional Procurement Manager, World Bank giving a presentation on MOOC in public procurement at the inaugural session

PPRA hosted dinner for Participants of the Second South Asia Regional Public Procurement Conference

PPRA hosted a dinner for the participants of Second South Asia Regional Public Procurement Conference on 25th March, 2014 at Monal Restaurant in Pir Sohawa. The participants enjoyed the evening and loved the spectacular view of the city of Islamabad from the hilltop.



Various pictures of South Asia Regional Public Procurement Conference



Mr. Ahmed Merzouk, Sr. Procurement Specialist, World Bank, Washington DC, played significant role in success of the Conference



Mr. Walter Poick, Principal Procurement Specialist, ADB and Mr. John Iviil, General Manager Government Procurement, Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment, New Zealand speaking as panelists



Mr. Hans Carlson, Advisor and Head Portfolio, Results and Quality Control Unit, Asian Development Bank (ADB), sharing ADB's views and initiatives on Public Procurement in South Asia Region



Mr. Hiroyuki Maruyama, Resident Procurement Specialist, ADB delivering a presentation



Mr. David Smith, Former Commercial Director of UK Government Department of Work and Pension and CIPS Associate and Past President made a presentation on a model on measurement of procurement systems performance - Case of U.K.



Mr. Daniel Gordon, Associate Dean for Government Procurement Law Gorge Washington University, USA speaking on concept of Performance in Public Procurement



Mr. Naushad Khan, Consultant World Bank, while speaking during the Conference



PPRA Trained 36 Participants of Public Sector Procuring Agencies

During the period from January to March, 2014, PPRA trained a total of 36 participants by arranging two capacity building programmes. Participants mostly belonged to Oil and Gas Development Company Islamabad, Bahria University, Islamabad, Pakistan National Shipping Corporation (PNSC) Karachi, University of Engineering & Technology, Taxila, Zarai Taraqati Bank (ZTBL), Islamabad, and 118 Electrical and Mechanical Battalion, Mangla Cantonment.



Group Photo of the participants of the training program held on 01-02 Jan, 2014



Ms. Nazrat Bashir, MD PPRA awarding certificate to Syeda Huma Kaukab, VP, ZTBL during the training program held on 1st-2nd January, 2014.



Mr. Alam Zeb Khan, DG PPRA, awarding certificate to Ms. Faryal Khaleel, OG-II, NBP Karachi during the training program held on 12-13 February, 2014



Group Photo of the participants of the training program held on 12-13 Feb, 2014



Participants interacting with each other during the practical exercises / case study based on the legal framework of PPRA.

in the following table:-

Months	Uploaded Tenders	Violations indicated	Violations %
January-14	2689	417	15.51
February-14	2398	373	15.55
March-14	2731	423	15.49
Total	7818	1213	15.52

The violations committed by the procuring agencies mostly related to Rule 13 (Response Time), Rule-10 (Specifications) and Rule-28 (Opening of Bids).

The percentage of compliance of Public Procurement Rules, 2004, on indicated violations by PPRA, was 10.0% during the quarter.

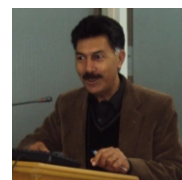
1213 Letters Indicating Violations Issued to Procuring Agencies

During the period from January to March, 2014 the Procuring Agencies uploaded 7818 tender notices on the PPRA website. On scrutiny of the tender notices, it was found that 1213 tender notices were in violations of the Public Procurement Rules, 2004. As a standard procedure, all the procuring agencies were informed about the violations and advised to remove the violations, to make the tender notices in accordance with the provisions of the Rules. Month-wise breakup of the uploaded tender notices and the violations are given

PPRA Issued 89 Advices to Procuring Agencies and Responded 56 Online Queries

PPRA is providing necessary guidance to all procuring agencies and the bidders in response to their emails, letters, online queries as mandated under PPRA Ordinance, 2002.

A total of 89 advices were issued to different procuring agencies and bidders during the period from January to March, 2014. In addition, 56 online queries relating to various steps of procurement proceedings were also responded through PPRA Online Query System.



Mr. Muhammad Sabir Khan, Manager DP, OGDCL, Islamabad

Participant's Feedback

"The participants have learnt a lot from the Resource Persons of PPRA during the two-day Capacity Building Training program on Public Procurement Rules and Procedures. The workshops designed by PPRA also helped the participants to interact and learn from each other due to their rich experience. I thank PPRA for arranging this smart course in such a short time and strongly recommend that this training programme should be continued for bringing transparency and quality in public procurement."