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YP29-PUNJAB11 Mr. Jawdat Bilal voicing his views at a session of the Youth Parliament

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Pakistan Institute of Legislative Development and Transparency PILDAT is a non-partisan citizen's initiative dedicated to strengthening democracy and democratic institutions in Pakistan since 2001.

PILDAT remains committed to creating a culture of deliberative, sustainable democracy in the country in which all segments of the society can participate in the decision-making and development of new political leadership through a variety of ways.

PILDAT has committed itself to the political awareness and grooming of Pakistani Youth as civilized, tolerant and peaceful citizens through a range of initiatives including the innovative first-ever Youth Parliament Pakistan; series of dialogues between young politicians and journalists from the West and Pakistani Youth and intellectuals on crucial issues such as Relations between the Muslim and the Non-Muslim Worlds; study tours of young parliamentarians and parliamentary internship programmes.

Major Programmes of PILDAT include Political Research, Parliamentary Strengthening, Parliamentary Transparency, Electoral Process Review and Reforms, Strengthening of Political Parties, Improving Civil-Military Relations, Federalism, Relations between the Muslim and the Non-Muslim Worlds and People-Parliament Connect, etc. .

Since its inception, PILDAT has delivered over 60 briefing/capacity-building courses on a variety of public policy issues while it has produced over 150 research publications.

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YP58-SINDH11 Ms. Saira Soomro presenting her views at a session of the Youth Parliament



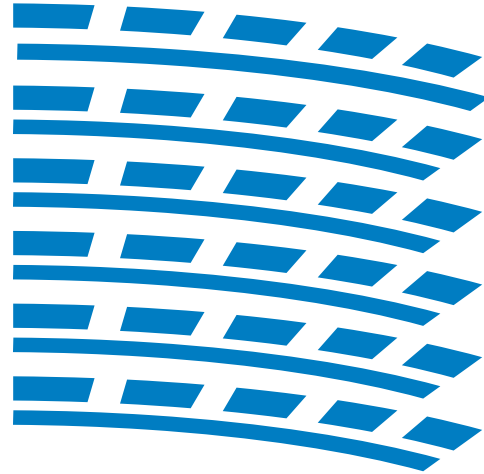
GREEN PARTY

1	MARIAM RAZA ZAIDI <i>LEADER OF OPPOSITION</i>	YP07 ICT 02
2	AJMAL SHAH DIN <i>SHADOW MINISTER: Information</i>	YP20 PUNJAB 02
3	JAWDAT BILAL <i>SHADOW MINISTER: Foreign Affairs & Defence</i>	YP29 PUNJAB 11
4	RAFI ULLAH KHAN <i>SHADOW MINISTER: Education, Health & Environment</i>	YP16 NWFP 05
5	SAIF ULLAH KHAN <i>SHADOW MINISTER: Finance, Planning & Economic Affairs</i>	YP42 PUNJAB 24
6	SAIRA SOOMRO <i>SHADOW MINISTER: Law, Parliamentary Affairs & Human Rights</i>	YP58 SINDH 11
7	SIDRA TARIQ <i>SHADOW MINISTER: Culture, Sports & Youth Affairs</i>	YP17 NWFP 06
8	ABDUL GHAFFAR	YP19 PUNJAB 01
9	AFSHAN LAEEQUE KHAN	YP48 SINDH 01
10	AKHTAR MUHAMMAD SHAH	YP49 SINDH 02
11	FAROOQ SHAH	YP52 SINDH 05
12	HAMID MUSHTAQ	YP01 AJK 01
13	HINA ANWAR ALI	YP24 PUNJAB 06
14	JAWAD ABBAS	YP28 PUNJAB 10
15	JAWAD ALI LATIF	YP 27 PUNJAB 09
16	KAMRAN KHAN KAKAR	YP02 BALOCHISTAN 01
17	MUHAMMAD IMRAN KHAN	YP37 PUNJAB 17
18	MUHAMMAD NAWAZ	YP13 NWFP 02
19	MUHAMMAD RASHID	YP37 PUNJAB 19
20	OMMAR HAYAT ABBASI	YP15 NWFP 04
21	QAISAR MAHMOOD GONDAL	YP10 PUNJAB 22
22	RABIA MUSHTAQ KIANI	YP27 PUNJAB 09
23	SAFWAN ULLAH KHAN	YP41 PUNJAB 23
24	SAIMA USMAN	YP43 PUNJAB 25
25	WAJIHA ZIA	YP47 PUNJAB 29

SECRETARIAT



SPEAKER



BLUE PARTY

1	HAMAD KHAN MARRI <i>LEADER OF THE HOUSE</i>	YP53 SINDH 06
2	SHAHZAD ZAHEER <i>MINISTER: Finance, Planning & Economic Affairs</i>	YP10 ICT 05
3	AFSHAN BATOOL ZAIDI <i>MINISTER: Culture, Sports & Youth Affairs</i>	YP45 PUNJAB 27
4	MADIHA TALLAT <i>MINISTER: Information</i>	YP32 PUNJAB 14
5	AATIKA NAGRAH <i>MINISTER: Education, Health & Environment</i>	YP06 ICT 01
6	SYED ALI RAZA <i>MINISTER: Law, Parliamentary Affairs & Human Rights</i>	YP44 PUNJAB 06
7	ZAKA ZAHID SHAFIQ <i>MINISTER: Foreign Affairs & Defence</i>	YP60 SINDH 13
8	AFZAL KHAN SHINWARI	YP12 NWFP 01
9	ARIF MEHMOOD CHAUDHRY	YP21 PUNJAB 03
10	ASHIR AZEEM	YP22 PUNJAB 04
11	BASIL NABI MALIK <i>FORMER YOUTH PRIME MINISTER</i>	YP 50 SINDH 03
12	FAIK ALI CHACHAR	YP51 SINDH 04
13	GHULAM MURTAZA NOORANI	YP31 SINDH 13
14	HAMMAD KABIR	YP23 PUNJAB 05
15	HUMMAYUN JAVED	YP25 PUNJAB 07
16	IFTIKHAR MUBARIK	YP26 PUNJAB 08
17	KHADJJA MALIK HASSAN	YP30 PUNJAB 12
18	KHAWAJA ZEESHAN MUJTABA	YP31 SINDH 13
19	LIAQAT ALI SHAHWANI	YP03 BALOCHISTAN 02
20	MARRIAM MEHMOOD MUGHAL	YP39 PUNJAB 21
21	MEHWISH MENEERA ISMAIL <i>DEPUTY SPEAKER</i>	YP54 SINDH 07
22	MOHIBI HUSSAIN	YP33 PUNJAB 15
23	MUHAMMAD ANWAR UL HAQ	YP34 PUNJAB 16
24	MUHAMMAD NAZEEF	YP36 PUNJAB 18
25	MUHAMMAD TAHA ANIS	YP09 ICT 04
26	MUHAMMAD ZIA KHAN	YP 38 PUNJAB 20
27	MUSTAFA HYDER SAYED	YP 08 ICT 03
28	NIDA KHAN	YP14 NWFP 03
29	OSAMA AZEEM CHAUDHARY	YP 09 ICT 04
30	QASIM KHAN BADINI	YP04 BALOCHISTAN 05
31	QURATUL AIN MARRI	YP56 SINDH 09
32	RIAZ HUSSAIN WASSAN	YP57 SINDH 10
33	SANA TOAHA FARIDI	YP59 SINDH 12
34	SYED ALI	YP11 NA 01
35	TARIQ SALAM	YP18 NWFP 07
36	UMAIR JAVED	YP46 PUNJAB 28
37	YAWAR ABBAS	YP05 FATA 01



YP06-ICT01 Ms. Aatika Nagrah casts her ballot in the election for the Leader of the House



YP37-PUNJAB19 Mr. Muhammad Rashid makes a point of order at a session of the Youth Parliament

WHY A YOUTH PARLIAMENT?

Youth Parliament is a forum at which Youth of Pakistan can engage in informed debate, express their views and in the process groom themselves as the leaders of tomorrow. At the same time, the Youth Parliament provides a platform to the Youth of Pakistan to articulate their views on the prevailing issues, policies and developments and convey these to the policy-setting bodies and decision-makers of the country at the highest level. Along with the invaluable learning experience of parliamentary

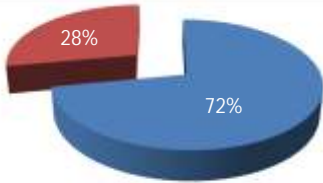
democracy, a series of grooming sessions and simulated crisis management exercises on the sidelines of the Youth Parliament enhance the leadership skills of the young members. A frequent interaction with the movers and shakers of the federal capital such as

top political leaders, public officials, intellectuals, media-persons and diplomats - provides a life-long learning and networking opportunity to the Youth. The entire experience is designed to inculcate democratic culture, spirit of tolerance and participatory decision-making amongst the Youth of Pakistan.

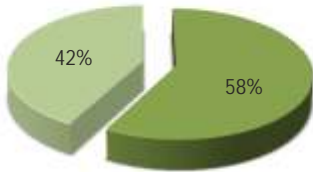
“I feel ingrained by the doctrine of democracy and shall be indebted to YPP for giving me such a holistic experience.”

*MYP Ms. Hina Anwar Ali, YPP-2007
Selected for the prestigious “UNDP 2008 South Asia Sub-Regional Leadership Course for Young Leaders in Governance”, May 2008, Bangkok, Thailand*

Profile of MYPs -YPP 2007



- Male Members
- Female Members



- Students
- Professionals

Provincial Breakdown of Seats:

Azad Jammu & Kashmir	01
Balochistan	03
Federally Administered Tribal Areas	01
Islamabad Capital Territory	05
Northern Areas	01
North West Frontier Province	07
Punjab	29
Sindh	13



WHAT IS YOUTH PARLIAMENT PAKISTAN?

Pakistan Institute of Legislative Development And Transparency PILDAT, building upon its belief that youth development is a critical part of nation-building and of fostering a more democratic and peaceful society, launched the first ever Youth

Parliament Pakistan in October 2006. Youth Parliament emerged as a way for young people to “learn by doing.” The Youth Parliament Pakistan is generally patterned after the National Assembly of Pakistan in terms of its rules and practices, The YPP-2007 had a membership of 60 Pakistani Youth from across the country aged between 18-29 years representing diverse socio-economic and

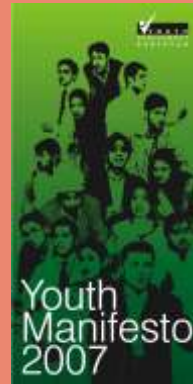
Members of Youth Parliament Pakistan 2007 have...

Developed and Forwarded Alternate Policies

- Youth Manifesto, 2007
- Youth Charter of Democracy
- Proposals on Provincial Autonomy
- Proposals for the National Finance Commission Award
- Proposals for Inclusion in the Draft Youth Policy 2006
- Proposals for Improving the State of Education in Pakistan
- A Private Member's Bill on "Aids Prevention and Control 2007"

Participated at Meetings with

- Hon. Prime Minister of Pakistan
- Hon. Chief Justice of Pakistan
- Hon. Federal Ministers of Pakistan
- Hon. David Miliband, MP & Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, UK
- Hon. Members of the National Assembly and the Senate of Pakistan



Participated in Special Events

- Visit to Parliament House and witnessed the proceedings of the National Assembly and the Senate.
- Visit to the Prime Minister House
- Visit to the Supreme Court of Pakistan
- Receptions at the British High Commission and the Senate Banquet Hall
- TV Talk Shows and Intra-Pakistan Televised Youth Dialogues
- Press Conferences with electronic and print media

Represented Pakistani Youth at National & International Youth Forums and Leadership Courses

Been awarded the Prestigious Fulbright scholarship for study in the United States



YP53-SINDH06 Mr. Hamad Khan Marri, takes oath as the Leader of the House at the last session of the Youth Parliament



“Exposure, tolerance
of others' views,
window towards real
insight into Pakistani
politics and an
experience I would
remember for rest of
my life”

MYP Mr. Akhtar Shah - YPP 2007

educational backgrounds and perspectives - ranging from madressah-educated to graduates of elite academic institutions of the country. During its first year in 2007, the YPP met for 30 days in six sessions at Islamabad deliberating upon national and international issues of concern to youth and formulated and forwarded its alternate policies and recommendations to the Government and other entities. During its first year the YPP was supported by the UK Foreign and Commonwealth Office through the British High Commission at Islamabad and Friedrich Ebert Foundation of Germany.

NON-PARTISAN NATURE

OF THE YPP

Both the Youth Parliament Pakistan and PILDAT are strictly non-partisan organisations with no affiliation with any political party of Pakistan or abroad. In order to simulate political party system in the YPP, two mock parties, Green Party and Blue Party, with their distinct manifestoes and party planks are instituted in the YPP project. The political leaders invited as guest speakers during 2007 represent a full range of Pakistani political parties.

YOUTH PARLIAMENT



Members of the Blue Party cast their vote in election of a Party Leader

PAKISTAN 2008

The overwhelming success of the first one-year term of the Youth Parliament

Pakistan and the success of similar platforms in the World has established the need for the YPP as a sustainable permanent institution in Pakistan. In the coming years, the YPP is proposed to continue as a platform to engage young Pakistanis in a healthy interactive discourse to develop understanding of democratic norms, to promote active democratic citizenship, a chance to experience life in the parliamentary spotlight, and to face the pressure of adversarial politics. Youth Parliament is a powerful and engaging tool for bringing young people together and promoting mutual understanding to make a better future for all. Whereas the practical

experience of parliamentary debates and tradition is an important part of the educative experience at the YPP, the overarching aims of Youth Parliament will be to:

- Develop Strategic Communication & Leadership Skills
- Hone Personal Capabilities
- Raise Awareness on Issues of National and International Concern
- Expose Young People to the Parliamentary and Democratic Processes
- Familiarise Youth especially those residing outside Pakistan to the Heritage, History, and Culture of Pakistan.

Rewards of this experience can be immense and expected to be of life-long value.

HOW DOES YPP WORK?

At YPP sessions MYPs will...

- Become a Member of a parliamentary Party Blue or Green Party
- Engage in Party Caucusing
- Attend Party Meetings
- Elect the Leader of each Party
- Elect the Leader of the House
- Elect the Deputy Speaker
- Debate Matters of National and International Concern
- Demand Accountability from those in Government
- Discuss Legislation in Committees
- Pass Resolutions
- Present Calling Attention Notices, Adjournment Motions, Bills
- Raise Questions in Q-Hour on issues of concern
- Become a Member of a Parliamentary Committee whereas some will Chair a Committee
- Engage with Government, Political Leadership and Media to lobby for their Policies, Proposals and Youth Manifesto
- Be Groomed in Leadership and Inter-personal Skills by Prominent Leaders of today
- Meet Distinguished National and International Leaders and Personalities

Linkage with International Youth Parliaments

Youth Parliaments exist in a number of developed and developing countries such as the UK, Australia, Canada, Afghanistan and India as well as regional and global Youth Parliaments including the European and the Commonwealth Youth Parliaments. As an on-going programme, the YPP will establish and maintain linkages with such Youth Parliaments. To begin with, the YPP 2008 will link up with the UK Youth Parliament and selected members of the Youth Parliament Pakistan will be part of a study visit to the UK Youth Parliament and UK Parliament during 2008.

Each Youth Parliament is for one year duration during which it will meet for at least 30 days in five sessions at Islamabad and convene for six days at each session. YPP, with its own rules of procedure adapted from the National Assembly of Pakistan- will keep the tradition of one of the Honourable



former Speakers or Deputy Speakers of the National Assembly of Pakistan presiding over a plenary session. Structured into the programme is the election of a youth Prime Minister, a Leader of the Opposition, a Deputy Speaker, six-member cabinet, a shadow cabinet and a corresponding parliamentary committee system. The

pomp and ceremony of parliamentary tradition with a Sergeant-at Arms, designated Visitors and Media Galleries for observing and reporting on parliamentary proceedings are all part of the parliamentary experience. The Youth Parliament Pakistan meets at a local hotel in Islamabad.



Youth Prime Minister Mr. Basil Nabi Malik and Youth Leader of the Opposition Ms. Mariam Raza Zaidi present a plaque to Rt. Hon. David Miliband, MP and Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, UK.

Guest Speakers at Youth Parliament 2007

- Hon. David Miliband, MP and Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, UK
- Hon. Senator Muhammedmian Soomro, Chairman Senate of Pakistan and Patron of Youth Parliament Pakistan
- Hon. Senator Mir Jan Muhammed Jamali, Deputy Chairman, Senate of Pakistan
- Hon. Robert H. Brinkley, High Commissioner of UK to Pakistan
- Hon. Senator Mushahid Hussain Sayed, Chairman Senate Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs, Senate of Pakistan and Secretary General Pakistan Muslim League
- Hon. Mr. Nasir Khan, Federal Minister for Health, Pakistan
- Senator Mian Raza Rabbani, Leader of the Opposition in the Senate of Pakistan
- Hon. Makhdoom Khusro Bakhtiar, Minister of State for Foreign Affairs, Pakistan
- Hon. Senator S.M. Zafar, Chairman Senate Functional Committee on Human Rights, Senate of Pakistan
- Hon. Mr. Ahsan Iqbal, Former Deputy Chairman Planning Commission of Pakistan & Secretary Information PML-N
- Hon. Mr. Ishrat Hussain, Former Governor State Bank of Pakistan and Chairman National Commission on Governance Reforms
- Syed Talat Hussain, Director News and Current Affairs, AAJ TV
- Mr. Javed Hasan Aly, Team Leader, National Education Policy Review, Pakistan



YP44-PUNJAB26 Mr. Syed Ali Raza questions the Chief Justice of Pakistan, Justice Iftikhar Muhammad Chaudhary



WHAT WOULD A MEMBER OF YOUTH PARLIAMENT (MYP) DO?

During the one year life of YPP members would:

- Participate in debates on crucial policy issues
- Prepare alternate proposals and policies on crucial policy issues and forwarding to related government bodies and other entities
- Engage in interactive discussions with Pakistani policy-makers including Members of Parliament

and prominent intellectuals & experts

- Take part in a simulation exercise built upon managing a crisis situation as part of the session agenda
- Review and update the Youth Manifesto-a concise collection of the positions taken by the YPP on various issues - developed by the Youth Parliament 2007
- Participate in study visits focusing on learning and exposure to Pakistan's heritage, history and culture during the summer session

WHO QUALIFIES FOR THE MEMBERSHIP?

All Pakistani nationals or holders of Pakistani Origin Card - aged between 18 and 29 years - can apply for the YPP membership

HOW MEMBERS ARE SELECTED?

Members are selected through an intensive, transparent and competitive process beginning with the submission of detailed Expression of Interest which includes writing of short essays. The candidates short-



A plenary session of Youth Parliament Pakistan

listed on the basis of the quality of Expressions of Interest are called for interview by the Steering Committee. Expressions of Interest are invited through advertisements in leading national English and Urdu dailies and on PILDAT website. Over 1000 young men and women submitted Expressions of Interest for the YPP 2007. 200 short-listed candidates were called for interview and eventually 60 persons were selected to be the MYPs.



British High Commissioner to Pakistan, Hon. Robert H. Brinkley, addresses the Youth Parliament



Prime Minister of Pakistan, Mr. Shaukat Aziz addresses the members of the Youth Parliament at Prime Minister House, Islamabad

Long Term Benefits of Youth Parliament Membership

- The Youth Parliament Members will have learnt and developed respect for democratic values, tolerance for others' views and respect for human rights thereby making them less susceptible to radicalisation and promoting a more peaceful society and a more peaceful world
- Development of Youths' strategic communication skills
- Development of leadership skills
- Personal development like public speaking, consensus building, self-confidence and team building
- Enhancement of Youths' knowledge and awareness of crucial issues that are debated in the Youth Parliament. The secretariat identifies and provides extensive reading material for MYPs.
- Development of more democratic practices in their future professional lives such as respect for a decision democratically made
- Parliamentary Skills and knowledge of Parliamentary Practices and etiquettes.



YP49-SINDH02 Mr. Akhtar Muhammad Shah speaks to the media

"The Youth Parliament was definitely a life changing and eye opening experience for me. It equipped me with the skills and knowledge required of a successful political leader. Last but not the least, I made great friends."

*MYP Mr. Jawaad Latif, YPP - 2007
Awarded the esteemed Fulbright
Scholarship for the Near East and South
Asia Undergraduate Exchange
Programme 2007 managed by the
Georgetown University,
Washington D.C., USA*

WHO MANAGES THE YPP?

PILDAT conceived the idea, facilitated the formation and now acts as the Secretariat of the Youth Parliament Pakistan and is the project implementer. A Steering Committee oversees the YPP project. 2007 Steering Committee was chaired by Senator S. M. Zafar, Former Federal Minister for Law and current Chairman of Senate Functional Committee on Human Rights; Mr. Wazir Ahmad Jogeza, Former Deputy Speaker of the National Assembly; Mr. Rai Azizullah Khan, Chairman National Assembly Standing Committee on Youth, Sports and Culture; Dr. Donya Aziz, MNA & Parliamentary Secretary for Population Welfare; a Representative of the Ministry of Youth Affairs and PILDAT.



YP17-NWFP06 Ms. Sidra Tariq addresses the Youth Parliament

Selection Criteria for the YPP Membership

- Pakistani citizen or holders of Pakistan Origin Card between 18-29 years of age
- Overseas Pakistani Youth
- Ability to read and write Urdu or English
- Proven commitment to and interest in democratic process
- Leadership potential in advancing social and political causes of the country
- Communication and analytical skills
- Team aptitude
- No criminal record in Pakistan or abroad

WHAT IS THE COST?

The total cost for each member for each 6 day Youth Parliament session is Pak Rs. 40, 000 (approx. US \$ 625). The entire cost for the full one-year term for each member would be Pak Rs. 200, 000 (approx. US \$ 3125). This cost includes travel costs to Islamabad from the members current city/town of residence, accommodation in Islamabad, programme materials and manuals, programme design and facilitation, meals, refreshments and all transport for any organised visits during parliamentary sessions.





Youth Parliament Alumni Association

The YPAA with a membership of 52 former MYPs aims to serve as a mentoring and advisory body to the future members of the YPP. It also provides a networking platform to the former members of the Youth Parliament Pakistan

SUBSIDY

During 2008, Youth Parliament Secretariat will provide 50% subsidy of the cost to all the selected members of the Youth Parliament through the courtesy of the British Foreign and Commonwealth Office through the British High Commission, Islamabad. Members will be asked to pay the remaining 50% of the fee (Pak Rs. 20,000 per session). Those members who are found to be financially constrained (according to the criteria set by the YPP Steering Committee) and not able to pay even the remaining 50% of the membership fee will be given fellowship through corporate, private and public sponsorships. The principle which will be strictly followed is that no eligible candidate will be denied membership on account of financial constraint.

Overseas Pakistanis and Honorary Members will, however, pay for their entire cost i.e., Pak Rs. 40, 000 per session.

WHO ARE THE SUPPORTERS AND PARTNERS OF YPP?

The Youth Parliament Pakistan is financially supported by the British High Commission, Islamabad. It receives cooperation of the Ministry of Youth Affairs, the National Assembly and the Senate of Pakistan. Chairman, Senate of Pakistan Honourable Muhammad Mian Soomro was the Patron of Youth Parliament Pakistan 2007.

WHY BE A SPONSOR OF THE YOUTH PARLIAMENT PAKISTAN?

Youth Parliament Pakistan is looking for a diversified portfolio of partners to sponsor members' participation and to make the YPP a permanent sustainable entity. The sponsorships may come from any or all of the following potential sources:



“After meeting the bright, engaged and thoughtful members of Youth Parliament Pakistan, I am convinced that if they are the future of Pakistan, then the future of Pakistan is bright”

Hon. David Miliband, MP & Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, UK after addressing the special session of YPP in July 2007 at Islamabad.



"As a Member and Youth Law Minister in YPP I was not only able to raise my opinion and views on all major opinions facing Pakistan but was also able to forward them in the echelons of power for implementation, of course, in the most democratic of ways. In building a democratic Pakistan PILDAT has launched a mission by first making a democratic Youth. Indeed Democratic Youth makes a Democratic Pakistan. "

MYP Syed Ali Raza, Youth Minister for Law, Human Rights and Parliamentary Affairs, YPP 2007

Selected for the UNDP 2008 South Asia Sub-Regional Leadership Course for Young Leaders in Governance, May 2008, Bangkok, Thailand



Hon. Ilahi Bakhsh Soomro, Former Speaker National Assembly of Pakistan and Senator Mian Raza Rabbani, Leader of the Opposition, Senate of Pakistan with the Youth Prime Minister

- Individual philanthropists
- Corporate Sector Indigenous Companies
- Corporate Sector Multi-Nationals
- Foundations/Grant-making Trusts
- International Aid Agencies/NGOs/Foreign Missions
- Government Grants

Each sponsored Youth Parliament seat will be named after the sponsor.

A growing number of individuals, corporate, public sector organisations in Pakistan and abroad are responding

to the innovative vision of social awareness aligned with the concept of philanthropic giving. Corporate social responsibility is becoming a vital instrument of leading national and international corporations around the world. It is widely acknowledged that individuals and organisations have a responsibility to use their resources and expertise to make an impact on the communities in which they live and work.

By sponsoring members' participation at the innovative Youth Parliament, sponsors will have the advantage of

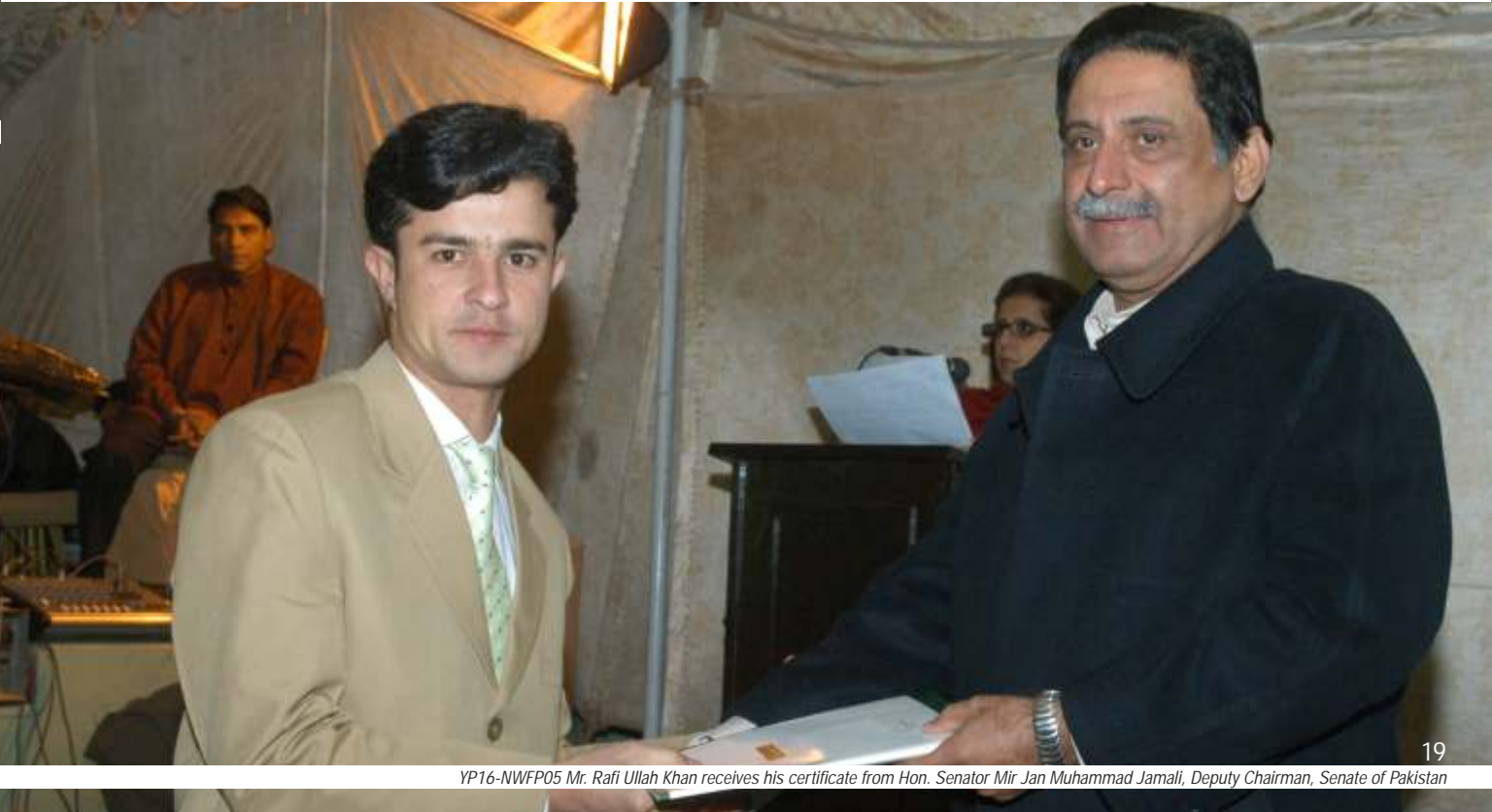
reaching out to hundreds of influential decision-makers of tomorrow and contribute to the political growth and development of sustainable democratic institutions in Pakistan. The spirit behind seeking sponsorship for the Youth Parliament Pakistan is a means of encouraging participation of corporate sector and individuals in building a more democratic Pakistan by investing in its future leaders. Some significant benefits of sponsorship would include:

The Social Impact

- The YPP will continue to generate government attention as well as media and public interest as the youth MPs discuss key social policy issues including human rights, state of democracy, parliamentary strengthening, foreign affairs, extremism, federalism and provincial autonomy, budget process, electoral issues, rule of law, poverty reduction, education and health outcomes and other issues as part of their mandate



Mr. Nasir Khan, Federal Minister for Health addressing YPP



YP16-NWFP05 Mr. Rafi Ullah Khan receives his certificate from Hon. Senator Mir Jan Muhammad Jamali, Deputy Chairman, Senate of Pakistan



M. Ahsan Iqbal, Former Deputy Chairman Planning Commission & Secretary Information PML-N and Former Deputy Chairperson, Senate of Pakistan, Dr. Noor Jehan Panezai addressing a session of the YPP

“Being the first ever Youth PM taught me a lot about politics, as well as about shouldering responsibilities constantly learning and growing on the job. I believe being in the Youth Parliament also assisted me in securing the Fulbright Scholarship, which looks at such extra-curricular activities with much interest and excitement.”

*MYP Basil Nabi Malik, Youth Prime Minister, YPP 2007.
Awarded Fulbright Scholarship for Masters in Law at Columbia
University Law School, New York, USA*

- The YPP will provide a gender balance with minimum 33% female membership and will sensitise the Youth of Pakistan to gender issues
- The YPP aims to bring youth representatives from different social classes of the Pakistani society thereby building bridges between an increasingly polarized society



Mr. Talat Hussain receiving a copy of the Youth Manifesto 2007 from the Youth Prime Minister and Youth Leader of the Opposition while Deputy Speaker, Ms. Mehvish Muneera Ismail looks on

The Philanthropy Aspect

- The YPP provides an avenue for the concerned philanthropists and businesses to invest in building a democratic future of Pakistan by engaging the Youth of the country in a democratic discourse
- By financially supporting travel, accommodation and related costs of the economically disadvantaged selected MYPs, the YPP will increase cohesion between different segments of the society
- Through corporate support, young adults learn the value of giving back to their community thereby inculcating philanthropic habits

"The Youth Parliament aimed to facilitate the youth of Pakistan in understanding the norms of politics and democracy, it endeavored to encourage an informed discourse, it aimed to ignite in the youth of Pakistan not only political awareness, but a long dormant hope that we can make a difference and get our voices heard-it has certainly achieved all that it had aimed for and more!"

*MYP Mehvish Muneera Ismail, Deputy Speaker, YPP 2007
Candidate for LLM Programme at Cambridge University, UK*

"The lively and interactive debates at the Youth Parliament forced us to reconsider our existing perceptions and stereotypes, to question established national leaders on issues of public concern and most importantly, the YP enabled me to interact with young Pakistani leaders from diverse backgrounds, and provided an ideal platform for us to share experiences and ideas in our common quest for a democratic Pakistan."

*MYP Aatika Nagrah, Youth Minister for Education, Health and Environment, YPP 2007
Awarded Fulbright Scholarship for Masters in Economics at New York University, New York, USA*





MYPs meet with the Hon. Senator Muhammedmian Soomro, Chairman Senate of Pakistan while Mr. Ahmed Bilal Mehboob, Executive Director PILDAT looks on

The Publicity Benefits

- Of the 60 member seats at the YPP, any number of sponsored seats to be named after the sponsoring agency/institution according to the category of sponsorship selected. This sponsorship will be highlighted and acknowledged in

all Youth Parliament publications, hoardings, advertisements, backdrops, media briefings, etc.

- The logo and name of the sponsors will be featured in all YPP publications and publicity material
- International and nationwide

outreach and corporate image promotion with future leaders and decision-makers

TYPES OF SPONSORSHIPS?

Based on a Sponsorship of Pak Rs. 200, 000 per year per seat of the Youth Parliament Pakistan, the sponsors can choose from the following categories and between the periods of a single year or multiple years:

Platinum Sponsor: Support to 20 MYPs

Platinum Sponsors will be entitled to the following benefits:

- Most prominent mention with logo on all YPP publications, advertisements and promotional material
- Opportunity to address YPP members at the Opening Plenary Session
- Sharing the stage with a celebrated keynote speaker and national or international leaders.
- Acknowledgment as the Platinum Sponsor by the YPP Secretariat in the inaugural ceremony speech

Silver Sponsor: Support to 10 to 14 MYPs

Silver Sponsors will be entitled to the following benefits:

- The third most prominent mention with logo on all YPP publications, advertisements and promotional material
- Acknowledgment as the Silver Sponsor by the YPP Secretariat in the inaugural ceremony speech
- Opportunity to address YPP members at the Orientation Session

Gold Sponsor: Support to 15 to 19 MYPs

Gold Sponsors will be entitled to the following benefits:

- Second most prominent mention with logo on all the YPP publications, advertisements and promotional material
- Opportunity to address the YPP members at the Opening Night Reception
- Acknowledgment as the Gold Sponsor by the YPP Secretariat in the inaugural ceremony speech

Pearl Sponsor: Support to 05 to 09 MYPs

Pearl Sponsors will be entitled to the following benefits:

- A suitable mention with logo on all YPP publications, advertisements and promotional material
- Acknowledgment as the Pearl Sponsor by the YPP Secretariat in the inaugural ceremony speech

Friend: Support to 01 to 04 MYPs

Friends will be entitled to the following benefits:

- Mention of the name with logo on all YPP publications, advertisements and promotional material
- Acknowledgment as a Friend by the YPP Secretariat in the inaugural ceremony speech

The next few years are expected to see the Youth Parliament getting woven into the fabric of Pakistan's social and political life and established as a permanent Model Parliament for tomorrow's decision-makers.



MYPs at a Meeting of the Youth Parliament Standing Committee

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