

THE CAPITAL PETARIAN

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- *With deep grief, It is to inform that the dear mother of the current Principal / Commandant of CCP Cdre. Abid Saleem expired on 15th September 2005 at Faisalabad. May Allah grant her the choicest place in Jannatul Firdaus. And may He make it easy for those left behind and grant sabrun jameel to Cdre. Abid and his family.*
- *Send your zakat to the Petarian Foundation. This fund will be given strictly, to the Zakat recipients only.*

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1ST CCP TEACHER TRAINING AT ISLAMABAD

By the Grace of Allah, we had a very successful week of training the CCP teachers at the 1st CCP Teachers' Training Interactive Workshop held at Islamabad from 24-31 July 2005. It was truly a wonderful experience for all of us who worked with the faculty and staff members of Cadet College Petaro.

This first training was conducted to try to expose the basic skills of pedagogy, human and child psychology, values, fears and anger, and the expectations of education to all the teachers. It was done in an interactive environment so as to force them all to be involved individually. We could see the changes in attitudes and behaviour amongst these teachers during the sessions. It was remarkable. The Petarians who attended the sessions were amazed at how we were able to bring out the best amongst them.

We are confident that this first program along with ongoing training over the coming months will convert CCP into a center



Group Photo of Second Group of Teachers at NIBAF, Islamabad

of excellence Insha Allah. We hope to continue with programs over the coming months, to start focusing on specific groups of teachers with an emphasis on younger teachers.

Lastly, I want to thank the Chairman of the Board of Governors of CCP Rear Admiral Asad Qureshi, and the Princi-

pal CCP Cdre Abid Saleem for their guidance and support for this program. The Petarian Foundation is committed to continue with training programs for the future as well. We shall be announcing further programs over the coming months

Insha Allah.

SCHOLARSHIPS FOR CCP CADETS

The Petarian Foundation awarded scholarships to 5 cadets at CCP during the academic year 2004-2005 and to one ex-cadet for his higher studies at the LMCHS.

During the academic year

2005-2006, the Petarian Foundation is expected to give scholarships to 8-10 cadets.

The process of scrutiny of applications has begun, and the awards will be announced

within the next month or so.

It is the objective of the Foundation to be able to fund up to 10% of the cadets, allowing more qualified candidates from rural areas to avail education at Petaro.



Our objective eventually is that the quality of education at CCP should be of the calibre that by and large our average student should be able to compete internationally (not just nationally) for any university anywhere in the world, and should be considered amongst the best at any forum anywhere in the world.

HIGHLIGHTS OF 1ST CCP TEACHER TRAINING AT ISLAMABAD

The point man for this whole exercise was none other than **Maqbool Babri**, kit no. 971/Iqbal, who won the hearts of the participants in a manner that is uncanny. They are all looking forward to his return to Petaro to continue with this training program. Maqbool is one of the leading Clinical Psychologists in the country, and he runs training programs at LUMS in Lahore in addition to doing corporate training for multinationals and corporate entities.

The training was conducted in a very conducive atmosphere. There were no pews and no VIPs. The chairs were arranged in a semi-circle with the instructor in the middle. In the back, there were 4 tables with chairs for group work. The participants were forced to keep on changing chairs in a manner where they didn't realize that this was done on purpose so that no one can claim to be superior or holding any one position. And everyone was at the same distance from the instructor. The instructor Maqbool has a knack of keeping them awake all the time even though they were in the training room from 9am to 11pm every single day (with breaks for prayers, food and tea).

10 sessions for each of the two groups for the core training conducted by Maqbool. All of these sessions were interactive, where the participants spoke 70-80% of the time, and they were forced to make presentations under the guidance of the instructor. Every participant was given equal time to speak

on each and every issue.

3 sessions of IT training (Microsoft Office and Email/Internet) as tools for education. This was conducted by a professional from NIBAF (the training institute of State Bank of Pakistan)

Evening lectures (after dinner) by guest speakers on different aspects of education. Those who came and spoke were the following:

Lt.Gen. S.P. Shahid, kit no. 332 (presently CEO of the Citizen's Foundation) - who spoke in light of his own experiences as a cadet, as a professional and in light of his involvement with TCF that is deeply involved into education in Pakistan.

Vice Admiral Farooq Rashid, kit no. 236 (ex-Chief of Staff of the Navy until last month) - who spoke in light of his vast experience with the Navy, and giving particular emphasis to the concepts of counseling both for teachers and the cadets.

Professor Inayat Ali Khan, Urdu teacher at Petaro from 1965-1969, and who is a celebrity Urdu poet of Pakistan today. He is considered to be the best poet in Pakistan for satire and humour related to politics, social issues, religion, and attitudes. He spoke on the meaning of being a teacher from his own experiences at Petaro and afterwards in light of our *deen*.

Mr. Abdul Wahid Khan - an octogenarian - who retired a couple of decades back as the Human Resources chief of PTC. - one of the most sought after speakers in this part when it comes to training. He spoke on how to

bring about love into one's life and profession, and to truly understand the needs and psyche of the cadets. He was one great advocate of doing away with the concept of penalty.

Mr. Jalaluddin Sohail, kit no. 114, who is Federal Joint Secretary - presently assigned to the Ministry of Youth and Culture, who spoke based on his own experiences at Petaro and in light of the recent National Youth Convention.

Mr. Kazi Abdul Muktadir - the Managing Director of NIBAF (National Institute of Banking and Finance) which is a subsidiary of the State Bank of Pakistan. Mr. Muktadir spoke on various aspects of training and education at different occasions throughout the training period.

Cdre. M. Abid Saleem, kit no. 589 and the current Commandant/Principal of CCP. Cdre. Abid spoke beautifully with so much love and compassion. He gave his own autobiography (upon demand) on how he came from a humble background and what Petaro did for him. He then talked on various issues of the college, the teachers and the cadets. It led to a very good heart to heart discussion with the teachers where they were allowed to question him on anything. In a way it broke the barriers between them, when all were considered to be equals. This was part of the learning exercise for all of them. The junior-most of teachers were also keen to question their boss when they were given the fully liberty.

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Kazi Zulkader Siddiqui, kit no. 671 who delivered two lectures on "Professional Ethics" (with the prime example of our Noble Prophet *sallAllahu alayhi wa sallam*)

Each participant was forced to come out of his shell, driving out his fears and trying to curb his anger. The whole thrust was on bringing out the best in them through love and mercy. How could they - the teachers - become the role models for their cadets. As Prof. Inayat Ali Khan pointed out, even the Prophet (*sallAllahu alayhi wa sallam*) declared himself to be a teacher - and he was the best of the role models. Thus each teacher must emulate his example and also aim to be the role model for his own students. He can do this through understanding his own self, and understanding the psyche and needs of his students. Maqbool did a tremendous job in making them understand through extremely innovative techniques and methods on how to approach the matter. Although each of the teachers had his own experiences, but this training gave a totally new dimension to their own thought process and approach to teaching.

The teachers were also given an exposure to the modern audio-visual and other training aids. The college is not equipped with such aids at present. The main tool used in the classroom currently is the blackboard and chalk. Hopefully the college will be able to invest in these tools for the future, or the Petarian Foundation may assist the college for this as well. Tools that can be very useful are

whiteboards with markers, flipcharts, multimedia projectors with computers in each classroom, overhead projectors, etc.

The participants were also given a tour of Islamabad city including a visit to the National Assembly from inside, the Supreme Court, CBR, Presidency, Prime Ministers Secretariat, Convention Centre, Pakistan Secretariat, Shakarparian (where the foundation stone of Islamabad was placed by Ayub Khan), Daman-e-Koh, & Faisal Mosque. In addition, the participants were taken to Murree and Nathiagali for a day.

They were given time off after the sessions (night time) to meet relatives or friends here.

The graduation ceremony for the first batch of 25 teachers took place on the 26th July. **Rear Admiral Shahid Farooq**, kit no. 578, who is also Chairman of NTC was the host and the Chief Guest for the occasion. Several Petarians also came to honour these teachers. The proceedings went on until past 11pm.

The graduation ceremony for the second batch of 25 teachers took place at Daman-e-Koh. The chief guests for this occasion were **Mr. Zafar Khan** (kit no. 280), Dy. Secretary in Ministry of Industries, **Mr. Mohammed Ali Khan Durrani** (kit no. 482) Chief Engineer SNGPL, and **Rear Admiral Saeed Sargana**, kit no. 263.

The participants were housed at the NIBAF Hostel and the training was conducted in the training rooms of NIBAF. This is a state of the art training facility and one

of the best in Pakistan. We are indeed thankful to NIBAF and the State Bank of Pakistan for subsidizing the cost of using the facility. The rooms given the participants were virtually 4-star, fully air-conditioned with attached bath, net cafe for 24 hours, indoor gym, common room for relaxation, billiards/pool and table tennis, badminton, open areas for walks, IT labs, and a very well equipped library, excellent meals from Usmania Restaurant, tea during the tea breaks, transportation to and from the airport, plus transportation for a tour of Islamabad and Murree/Nathiagali. Had we done it elsewhere, it would have cost us at least 2-3 times this amount, and we would not have had a facility anywhere near what we got.

I was told that a vast majority of the teachers who came have never really traveled much - not even within Pakistan, and this was their first ever travel by air. Thus the travel was also part of their education and opening up of their horizons.

We also made sure to give utmost respect and love to our teachers. We wanted to show them that they have the noblest of professions, and that it is our duty to raise them to the highest pedestal. We wanted them to realize that the teaching profession is not a menial type of a job, not should it be looked down upon as many people in our society today. We wanted them to understand that we Petarians and the Petarian Foundation will always honour them and will work for their betterment too *insha Allah*.



Today, CCP has an excellent result within the Hyderabad Board as demonstrated by the recent Board results. But their skill set and knowledge base, their vision and understanding of the worldview has a lot to be desired. Better trained teachers at Petaro will make that difference and produce the desired results.

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Current Membership:

Fellows—7
Members—33



The Petarian Foundation—Basic Facts

The Petarian Foundation was registered on the 15th of December 2003 under the Societies Act of 1860. While the general aims and objectives of the Foundation are broad, the main focus of the Foundation is to serve Pakistan through service to Petaro and Petarians.

All Petarians are eligible to become members of the Foundation. At present, there are over 40 members. Following are the categories of members:

Members – (required to pay annual fees of Rs. 1,000 or one-time payment of Rs. 15,000)

Fellows – A member who pays a minimum of Rs. 250,000 in addition to membership fees.

The Registered Office of the foundation is located at Islamabad, while the operating Secretariat is located at the Regent Plaza Hotel, Karachi.

The activities of the Foundation are currently limited to developing projects at Cadet College Petaro in order to assist in building CCP into a world class institution. Our goal is to work towards giving back to our beloved country for what we have gained personally.

We are Petarians for Pakistan

PRIMARY SCHOOL FOR LOW INCOME FAMILIES AT PETARO

The Citizens' Foundation (TCF) which has more than 200 schools to its credit all over Pakistan has signed a contract with Cadet College Petaro to build a Primary School within the CCP premises. The school will provide primary education to 120 students free of cost. It will be aimed at the children of the low income employees of Cadet College Petaro as well as the children living at Petaro Goth.

The ground breaking ceremony of this school took place on September 6, 2005. The foundation stone of this school was laid by Lt. Gen. S.P. Shahid, the CEO of the



Foundation stone laid by Lt. Gen. S.P. Shahid

Citizens' Foundation, who has been instrumental in committing to construct this school.

It may be mentioned here that Lt.Gen. S.P. Shahid is also a Petarian. He studied at the college from 1962 to 1967, and was the Senior Under Officer (SUO) of the college

during his last year of studies. He has always been a pride for the college.

The Petarian Foundation has now joined hands with the Citizens' Foundation to raise funds to construct this school.

It is expected that the total cost of construction will be around Rs. 49 lacs. The

Petarian Foundation already has pledges of around Rs. 10 lacs, and expects to raise the balance funds as well.

We call upon all our donors to join hands with us to make this a reality.