

**Petarian Convention 2004**  
Cadet College Petaro – 24-26 December 2004

I would like to register to participate in the Petarian Convention 2004 to be held at CCP from 24-26 December 2004, and have enclosed a check for the amount shown hereunder.

	<b>Check Amount (Pak Rs.)</b>
Registration Fee *	Rs. 1,500 .....
Late Reg. Fee (after 28 Nov 04)	Rs. 1,000 .....
Bus (Karachi-Petaro-Karachi)	Rs. 200 .....
Gift to Petaro (donation) **	Your choice .....
Petarians Directory 2004 (optional)	Rs. 400 .....
<b>TOTAL AMOUNT (check enclosed)</b>	<b>.....</b>

**Kindly write check for this amount to  
"The Petarian Foundation"**

\* Registration fees include boarding, lodging, uniform items, tips to bearers, souvenir and shield.

\*\* Please donate generously for the GIFT TO PETARO. Our target is a min. of Rs. 30 lacs

**I intend to arrive on**

Fri, 24 Dec am/pm       Sat, 25 Dec am/pm

**I intend to depart on**

Sat, 25 Dec am/pm       Sun, 26 Dec am/pm

**I would also like to request assistance for the following transport facilities:**

- From Hyderabad Qasim Chowk to Petaro and back
- From Hyderabad Railway Station to Petaro and back
- From Karachi Fleet Club to Petaro and back
- From Karachi Airport to Fleet club

Kindly mail this form along with your check and passport sized photograph to:

**Petarian Foundation, Petarian Convention HQ,  
Room No: 755 (7th Floor), Regent Plaza Hotel  
Sharea Faisal, Karachi-75530  
Pakistan**

Tel: +(92-21) 565-7031, 32, 33  
Fax: +(9221) 565-7080  
Email: petaroconvention2004@yahoo.com

www.petaro.com

**Program**

**Friday, 24th December:**

- Arrive and register at CCP latest before dinner
- Dinner followed by a Keynote addresses by a prominent Petarian
- Classical Pakistani Movie after dinner
- Night stay at Houses or stadium hall
- Practice march past for those who have forgotten how to dig their heels and keep step after midnight

**Saturday, 25th December:**

- Riding / PT / shooting
- Shower
- Breakfast
- March past & Assembly by delegates **in uniform**
- 9am to 11am - *1st session*: four presentations of 20 minutes each and 40 minutes for discussion
- 11-11:15am - Tea break
- 11:15am to 1:15pm - *2nd session*: four presentations of 20 minutes each and 40 minutes for discussion
- 1:30-2:30pm - Lunch
- 3:00-5:00pm Football, cricket, hockey, squash matches/ Extra Drill for smokers
- 6:00-8:00pm - *3rd session*: "Reminiscences of Petaro Days" - Each participant from the floor will be given 3-5 minutes to speak
- 8:30pm - Dinner followed by Keynote Speech and distribution of awards.
- Night program - an all-Petarian show - Petarian performers.

**Sunday, 26th December:**

- Riding / PT / shooting
- Shower
- Breakfast
- 9am to 11am - *4th session*: Parallel workshops on different subjects like education, healthcare, infrastructure development, etc.
- 11-11:15am - Tea break
- 11:15am to 1:15pm - *Final session*: Presentations by Workshop coordinators to finalize proposals, resolutions, action plans and the "Petaro Declaration 2004"
- 1:30-2:30pm - Lunch followed by Keynote Speech and Gift to CCP by the participants

Pack your bags and leave [only those who were awarded further Extra Drill or Caning for nefarious activities may stay back until the evening]

**Topics of Sessions and Workshops:**

- **Strategic and Global Issues, i.e.** Media, Defense vs. Peace, Corruption, Taxation, and Bureaucracy
- **Education and Health, i.e.** Mass education up to High School, Research oriented Higher Education, Vocational Training and grooming Teachers
- **Infrastructure Development, i.e.** Telecom and IT, urban development, housing, water and utilities for all, roads, airports, ports, water and power
- **Factors for Growth, i.e.** Curbing inflation and reducing poverty, how to increase industrial growth, agrarian and rural economies – Alternate energy

**Guests of Honour:**

Our teachers over the past 47 years will be our "guests of honour". In addition, senior Petarians, eminent Petarians in all fields, Ministers, Generals, Admirals, etc will be among us.

**Uniforms:**

Each delegate will be provided with epaulettes (5 stripes), arm badges, beret, CCP brass according to house colour. Please bring:

- A white shirt (or buy one at CCP)
- Trousers (any colour)
- Shoes or boots
- Any belt
- Formal dress for dinners
- Underwear, clean socks & night clothes

**Accommodation:**

You will be provided a bed in one of the dormitories with a towel. Toothpaste, soap will be available in the bathrooms. Boot polish, Brasso will be available.

**Food:**

Food will be served in the Mess. Seating will be according to your house (for all). Senior teachers will be seated at heads of each table to ensure discipline.

**Transport:**

CCP will arrange buses from Qasim Chowk, Hyderabad free of cost on Friday and Sunday. We will also arrange buses and car pools from Karachi to Petaro and back at a minimal cost of Rs. 200. Karachi Airport reception also available on request. Please check timings on all arrangements with Convention Secretariat.

**Publications:**

On this occasion, we will publish a Souvenir with details of all delegates. Please furnish your details to be published along with your photo. The Directory of Petarians 2004 will also be available for purchase. A DO/Part 1 will be published each day.

**Shields and Certificates:**

All delegates will be given shields, certificates, car stickers, coat pins, T-shirts to take back as mementos. Other Petaro souvenirs will be available for purchase.

**Sponsors:**

We welcome major and minor sponsors for this event. Sponsors will have their names on banners and in publications. They will also be allowed to set up stalls to display their products and services. Largest donor will do the tree plantation. Names of all major donors will be on permanent display in Admin Building. Please contact the Convention Secretariat for details.

**Gift to Petaro:**

An important aspect of this Convention will be the "Gift to Petaro" on behalf of all the delegates. This will be a cash gift, which will be utilized for a useful purpose by the college in consultation with the delegates and the Board of Governors.

**Photography:**

You may bring your own cameras. But we will also arrange for professional photography (still and video), and will give you a set on CDs. So don't waste your time shooting photos during sessions if you can avoid it.



**Petarians for Pakistan**

**Petarian  
Convention 2004**

**The First Convention of  
Petarians  
at Cadet College Petaro  
24-26 December 2004**

*"Future of Pakistan and  
the Role of Petarians"*

**Don't Miss this  
Mega Event**

*Register today*

**Last Date for Registration  
28 November 2004**

*Petarian Convention Secretariat*

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**Raison d'etre**

A country with all the virtues of egalitarianism, brotherhood, welfare and well-being of all, intermingled with faith, honesty and sincerity of purpose. A country called Pakistan, the 'Land of the Pure'.

It was with this vision that our Founding Fathers fought hard to create this country. Fifty-seven years later, we still profess to have a vision that remains to be realized. Looking back, we become disillusioned at times. The past few years have been particularly difficult in the history of Pakistan. The fiftieth anniversary celebrations in 1997 should in reality have been a time for introspection on the part of us Pakistanis – particularly those who have been endowed with education and with the good things of life. After all, there was little left to celebrate.

In fifty years, the literacy in this country has stagnated and probably degraded in real terms. The vast majority of our population does not get clean water to drink. Our health conditions are deplorable, and life expectancy is very low as compared to international standards. Our per capita income still hovers around \$400 per year. Our cities, rivers, lakes, and countryside are polluted. Our living conditions – at least for most of us – are miserable.

*ye daag daag ujaalaa, ye shab gaziidaa sahar  
wo intzaar thaa jis kaa, ye wo sahar to nahii.n*

Probably the greatest achievement for a common Pakistani is to get a job abroad, or to obtain immigration to a North American or European country. Our country, our soil, our waters are unable to hold us. Bahadur Shah Zafar's lament rings loud in our ears in which he yearns for the 2 square yards of land in his own homeland. He was forced out by invaders from England and died in prison in Burma, while we happily give up our own lands for the sake of voluntary servility of other nations.

We dream of escaping from the miseries here and deserting our own people to seek livable conditions on this Earth for ourselves. In this process, we end up serving other nations and peoples. Our skills, our labour and our intellect are for the sake of others. As a result, we stagnate in our own land.

This state of affairs is a result of insincerity on our part and on the part of our leadership. After 57 years, we have degraded ourselves from being an unburdened nation to one of the most impoverished and indebted nations on the face of the Earth. In return for the loans, all we have left are ghost schools, bankrupt industries and a torn infrastructure. Our agricultural produce cannot even sustain our own population. This land of the five rivers now no longer produces enough food to sustain its own inhabitants. Economically we are a disaster.

Our main problem seems to be a lack of honesty and sincerity on the part of the power brokers in the country – the political leadership, the bureaucracy, the armed forces and the feudal landed aristocracy. Over the years, this insincerity has filtered down to the masses in the form of rampant corruption. This corruption is not merely financial, but intellectual one as well, which is the anti-thesis of the much-needed sincerity and honesty.

While the nation suffers, the leadership deludes us by portraying their 'achievements'. They try to hide their corrupt practices through comparatively meager achievements like the nuclear explosion. A much larger explosion awaits us, if we are not able to set ourselves right. We need to steer away from our suicidal path.

The nation's wealth has been siphoned off in a most organized manner. While the VIPs enjoy royal lifestyles, the nation is further burdened with even greater loans. More than half of the annual spending now goes towards servicing debt. Truly, 'interest' on loan is a curse. It is the power of these loans and interest that forces our government to follow the dictates of the international financing agencies even in developing normal policies and structures.

Let's turn back to our duty as Petarians towards this nation. In general, God has blessed us as a community. Most of us have been fortunate in having acquired the best possible education that is available anywhere. We have risen to the heights in most of the professions in Pakistan and abroad. We are leaders in government, the armed forces, the police, the bureaucracy, business, industry, agriculture, media, sports and many other fields.

With this endowment, can we Petarians not join hands in rebuilding the nation? We need to create institutions. We need to contribute our time, our efforts, our intellect and wealth for this noble cause. We need to build the future for our children. It is like the plantation of a date palm, which bears fruit only for the next generation. We need to work today so that future generations may benefit from our efforts. Today we are reaping the fruits of our insincerity, dishonesty and deeds of the past. Let us turn the tide so that our coming generations will recognize our efforts and are able to lead their lives with honour and prosperity. Let us come forward with concrete ideas and work to make this into a reality.

This then is the theme of The Petarian Convention 2004 – to be held from 24<sup>th</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup> Dec 2004. We hope to address these very issues and give an opportunity to the Petarians to examine how they can rise to the occasion to contribute towards the future of Pakistan, and Petaro as well.

Come one, come all! Let us be there in force to ensure that we truly move forward in a positive direction.



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**Please attach your recent passport-size photograph**  
(We intend to publish the profile of every Convention Delegate)

**Pre-Registration Form**

Name.....  
Kit No./House.....  
Years at Petaro: From ..... to .....  
Home Address.....  
.....  
Tel. (Home).....(Office).....  
Mobile .....(Fax).....  
Email address.....  
Birth Date.....Marriage Date.....  
Wife's Name.....  
Achievements at CCP: (academics, sports, clubs, positions held)  
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Education after Petaro (Year / University / Qualifications)  
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Achievements, Awards and Honors  
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Present Assignment (Provide full details)  
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Affiliation with professional institutions  
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Other information of interest  
.....  
[Please use more lines if required for any of above information.]