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Governor Sindh assures full support to resolve industry issues

Governor of Sindh Mr. Muhammad Kamran Khan Tessori, has said that the design of bureaucracy needs to be changed and at least, two experienced persons having experience of relevant field, should be hired in every Department to give expert advice to the Minister & Secretaries concerned. It is heartening that the Prime Minister has started taking action on this suggestion.

He was addressing industrialists of SITE area on the occasion of his visit to SITE Association of Industry.

The Governor said we need to think for collective gains. Unfortunately, the issues are still the same as they were many years before. The issues will not resolve even in the next 20 years if we keep looking for their resolution in the existing system. We need out of box solution to address these issues

Responding to points raised by SVP Muhammad Hanif Tawakkal in his welcome address, the Governors assured his full support & cooperation in resolving issues of industries of SITE area pertaining to the federal government.



SVP Muhammad Hanif Tawakkal & VP Muhammad Farhan Ashrafi along with Patron-in-Chief Zubair Motiwala, is presenting Association's Shield to Governor Sindh Muhammad Kamran Khan Tessori on the occasion of his visit to SITE Association of Industry. Chief Coordinator Saleem Parekh, Tariq Yousuf, Jawed Bilwani, Majyd Aziz, Abdul Hadi and others are also present on this occasion.

The Governor further said that keeping the doors of Governor House open 24 hours sent a message to all other government departments to make themselves available to the public following in the footsteps of Governor House. Today, Governor House has become the house of facilities to public including ration distribution, Rickshaw and stitching machines distribution, arranging interest-free non-refundable loans for Rozgar schemes from 1 lac to 1 crore rupees etc. and added that not a single rupee from the Governor House fund has been spent on these activities, rather it is the money contributed by business community of Pakistan and Pakistanis living abroad.



Patron-in-Chief Zubair Motiwala, speaking on the occasion said that no doubt, Mr.Kamran Tessori is a Awam-dost and industry friendly Governor. He said that due to gas tariff issue, the industries have suffered colossal losses and approximately 20% SMEs have closed down, thereby adding to the unemployment.

He added that IMF has asked Pakistan to increase imports. This is an eye opener statement for us because if this is implemented, it will have adverse impact on industry, exports and economy as a whole. He spoke at length on electricity and gas tariff. Giving reference to a high level meeting held with the Prime Minister of Pakistan, Zubair Motiwala stated that it has been acknowledged by the Prime Minister that our energy tariff is the highest in the region but unfortunately, no further step has been taken. He recommended to enhance wages of police personal enabling them to live respectable & honest life.

Zubair Motiwala highly appreciated the initiatives of the Governor to address issues of citizens, particularly the IT Training being imparted to young generation. He expressed the confidence that the Governor Sindh will use his good offices to resolve the issues of industry to ensure their smooth functioning.

Earlier, SVP Muhammad Hanif Tawakkal welcomed the honourable Governor Sindh to the Association and thanked him for visiting SAI first. He presented brief introduction of SITE area and highlighted some key issues facing the industry which in particular included giving Karachi city its due share in resources, release of funds under PSDP projects for SITE area, water related issues, setting up of Combined Effluent Treatment Plant, gas related issues, drug addicts and law & order related matters etc. Mr.Tawakkal mentioned that cost of utilities, including gas & electricity, has increased by approx. 300pc over the past one year which is very serious matter and needs immediate attention. This has created severe liquidity crisis for industrialists.

He stressed the need to develop proper infrastructure in industrial areas and provide protection to SMEs which are the backbone of the economy for any country. Measures should be taken by the government to ensure ease of doing Business as it will be very difficult for the SMEs to survive in present conditions.

Chief Coordinator Saleem Parekh, while appreciating the performance of Governor Sindh remarked that he has proved himself worthy of this position. He requested the Governor to arrange a meeting with Prime Minister to address industry issues., particularly gas related issues and release of PSDP funds. The meeting was scheduled to be held on 1st of 2nd May 2024 with the industrialists of Karachi but unfortunately, it was postponed. He requested the Governor to use his good offices to re-schedule the meeting as early as possible. He also highlighted the issue of Rangers Operation against water theft and stressed the need to resolve the issue in such a way that affects the industrial production the least.

Former President Jawed Bilwani suggested that strict check & balance on all Entry & Exit points of Karachi should be adopted and officers of repute should be posted at these check posts. Data of all vehicles comings to Karachi and all passengers should be recorded and the same should also be verified through online link with Excise Department and NADRA. This will greatly help in containing inflow of criminal elements in the metropolis. He expressed concerns over negative growth of the national economy and remarked that despite being an agriculture based country, we still import cotton.

Chairman of Law & order sub-committee Abdul Hadi appreciated the Governor Sindh on reviving Sindh Industrial Liaison Committee (SILC) and suggested that due to increase in mobile snatching & killing incidents, the crime should be placed under Rangers domain

Former Presidents Muhammad Tariq Yousuf, Majyd Aziz, Abdul Rasheed, members of the executive committee, general members of the Association and representatives from print & electronic media attended the meeting in large number. As a gesture of goodwill, Association's crest was presented to the Governor of Sindh. Vice President Muhammad Farhan Ashrafi proposed vote of thanks.





A view of participants of meeting with Governor Sindh Mr. Muhammad Kamran Khan Tessori

Reception in honour of Younus Dagha

SITE Association of Industry hosted a Reception in honour of former Caretaker Minister for Revenue, Industries & Commerce, Govt. of Sindh, Muhammad Younus Dagha at the Association's office. The Reception was hosted in recognition of his selfless & devoted services for promotion of industrialization in the Sindh Province.

Patron-in-Chief Zubair Motiwala, Chief Coordinator Saleem Parekh, Former President Jawed Bilwani, President Muhammad Kamran Arbi, SVP Muhammad Hanif Tawakkal, VP Muhammad Farhan Ashrafi, Abdul Rasheed, Abdul Kadir Bilwani, Hussain Moosani, Murtaza Ajaz Saya and members of the Executive Committee and general members were present on this occasion. Issues of industries briefly came under discussion on this occasion.

Chief Guest Younus Dagha while speaking on this occasion said that the caretaker government made efforts to improve performance of government departments despite limited time and set performance benchmarks. The system of e-services should continue and not be reversed. Karachi unfortunately has no say in policy making despite contributing major revenue to the national exchequer. He advised to take up issues of industries with the high government officials backed by Research & Statistics. Expressing views on freight charges, Younus Dagha stated that a comprehensive presentation will be given to the government soon as the country is paying 3-4 billion dollars per annum against freight charges. Political Uncertainty and High Energy cost are the two big challenges at this time. If we control these two issues, the country will be in a position of take off, he concluded





President Muhammad Kamran Arbi is presenting Association's crest to former Minister Industries Younus Dagha on this occasion of Reception hosted in his honour. Patron-in-Chief Zubair Motiwala, Chief Coordinator Saleem Parekh, Ex-President Jawed Bilwani, SVP Muhammad Hanif Tawakkal, VP Muhammad Farhan Ashrafi, Abdul Hadi and Abdul Rasheed are also prominent in the picture.

Earlier, SAI President Muhammad Kamran Arbi welcomed the guest and recounted his achievements during his tenure as caretaker Minister. He, in particular, appreciated efforts of Younus Dagha for resolving industry-related issues by initiating coordination meetings with all relevant stakeholders, and launching e-services and digitalization of land records of all industrial estates of the province. He has worked to and expedited in all relevant departments.

Patron-in-Chief Zubair Motiwala lauded the devoted work done by Younus Dagha as Secretary Commerce, Minister Industries and other positions. He suggested that the government should take benefit of the experience, insight and capabilities of Younus Dagha and appoint him in top government office at least in Advisory capacity. "Younus Dagha is an asset for us and he must be given a chance to serve the country", Motiwala remarked.

Chief Coordinator Saleem Parekh said that we are setting example for appreciating those who did good job while on seat. He mentioned that the work has slowed down on e-service but it will continue anyway. He requested Younus Dagha to help to portrait positive picture of Karachi industry before the government and also guide on how to improve working performance of SITE Limited.

Former President Jawed Bilwani seconded the views of the Patron-in-Chief and said that the Think Tank working at the Karachi Chamber of Commerce & Industry under his supervision will prove to be beneficial for the country, of which, the government should take advantage.



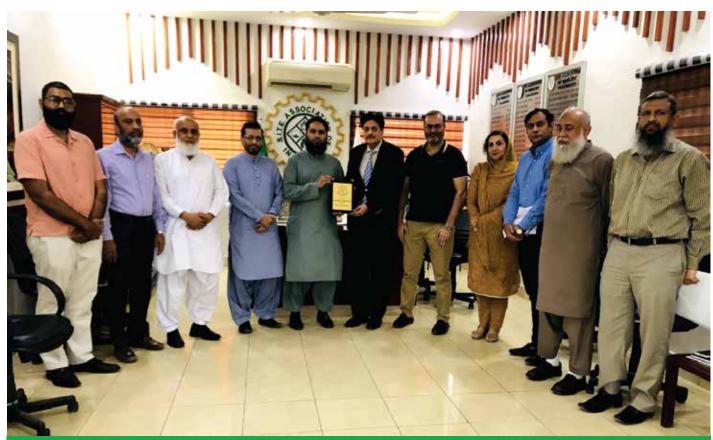
Meeting with STEVTA officials

Managing Director of Sindh Technical Education & Vocational Training Authority (STEVTA) Munawar Ali Mithani visited SAI on 13th June 2024. He was accompanied by high officials of his department.

He has announced to set up job portal at the STEVTA website. STEVTA will also publish particulars of qualified technical staff at this portal to make hiring process faster for industry representatives. He further said that a Coordination Committee is being formed having representatives of SAI and STEVTA to reduce communication gap and foster interaction & liaison between the two organizations. To move forward, the SITE Association of Industry will update STEVTA regarding trade & skills required by the industry at current times. Further decided that members of SITE Association of Industry will pay a study visit of Government College of Technology (GCT) after Eid holidays.

Matters related to Institute Management Committee (IMC) and Apprenticeship training and notices being sent to members also came under discussion. MD STEVTA said that no further notices will be issued to industries and the Association will also be taken into loop in this regard.

President Muhammad Kamran Arbi, Vice President Muhammad Farhan Ashrafi, Abdul Kadir Bilwani, Muhammad Hussain Moosani, Haris Shakoor and Khalid Riaz were also present on this occasion.



President SITE Association of Industry Muhammad Kamran Arbi is presenting Shield to Munawar Ali Mithani, Managing Director, STEVTA, on the occasion of his visit. M Yousif Balouch, Furqan and Dr Lubna Mahmood Rizvi from STEVTA, VP Muhammad Farhan Ashrafi, Abdul Kadir Bilwani, Muhammad Hussain Moosani, Haris Shakoor and Shahid Ghazanfar are also present on this occasion.



Sector Commander Rangers announces operation against drug suppliers in SITE area

Sector Commander, Pakistan Rangers Sindh, Brig Muhammad Kabir Ahmad visited SITE Association of Industry and discussed law & order related issues with the industrialists of SITE area. He was accompanied by Wing Commander (63 Wing) Lt Col Jahangir Akhtar

SITE President Muhammad Kamran Arbi welcomed the Sector Commander to the Association and appreciated holding of coordination meeting with industrialists of the area to listen to their grievances related to law & order. He updated the Sector Commander on the progress of anti-encroachment drive in SITE area made during past one month and said that there exists a strong supply chain of drugs in the area.

Addressing the Industrialists, Sector Commander said that there is need to reduce interaction gap with industrialists of the area. Rangers have been given mandate for counter terrorism, extortion, target killing and kidnapping for ransom. We are however, available to support the industry in matters upon request like removal of encroachments which is to be initiated by civil administration (the DC office) as per procedure. He said that Businessmen are easy target where huge money could involve and added that technical hiccups in tracing voice over IP calls remains challenge now-a-days.

The Sector Commander stressed on need by the industrialists to install lights & CCTV cameras outside factories boundary walls to facilitate Law Enforcement Agencies in post-incident investigation/ tracing of culprits. "Industries remain the major source of employment for population and Pakistan Rangers is always available to safeguard industries from criminal elements" Sector Commander remarked.

Patron-in-Chief Zubair Motiwala, speaking on the occasion said that due to prevailing economic conditions and increase in utilities tariffs and supply the export orders are being shifted to other neighbour countries. He requested the Sector Commander to play role in providing peaceful working atmosphere to existing industries. The Sector Commander assured that people of Karachi alongwith Pakistan Rangers (Sindh) have sacrificed to regain peace in Karachi and our efforts to ensure law & order at any cost, shall continue.

Chief Coordinator Saleem Parekh said that the industries have also suffered due to KW&SC operation against water theft & sub-soil suppliers, but nevertheless they stood with the LEAs in this operation. There is minor improvement in water supply from KW&SC but the shortage of water is still persistent. He requested the Pakistan Rangers (Sindh) to also underscore that KW&SC improves water supplies to SITE by raising the issue at appropriate forum.

Chairman of law & order sub-committee Abdul Hadi appreciated performance of the SITE Wing & its Commander and requested the Sector Commander to help Civil Administration in removal of encroachments of all sorts from SITE area. A formal request by DC Keamari has also been made to Pakistan Rangers (Sindh) to assist Police & Civil Adm for Anti-encroachment drive in SITE. He also highlighted the issues of Rangers Security Guards (RSG). Sector Commander assured amicable addressal of the same immediately.

Former President KCCI Muhammad Tariq Yousuf, SVP Muhammad Hanif Tawakkal, VP Muhammad Farhan Ashrafi, Former Presidents Abdul Rasheed & Riaz Uddin, members of the executive committee and representatives from general members attended the meeting in large number. As a gesture of goodwill, Association's crest was presented to the Sector Commander.





SITE Association President Muhammad Kamran Arbi along with Chief Coordinator Saleem Parekh is presenting Shield to Sector Commander Rangers Brig. Muhammad Kabir Ahmed on the occasion of his visit. Muhammad Tariq Yousuf, Muhammad Hanif Tawakkal, Muhammad Farhan Ashrafi, Abdul Rasheed, Abdul Hadi and others are also seen in the picture.

SITE President lauds DG Rangers efforts to curtail water theft, demands to supply water to run industries

President of SITE Association of Industry Muhammad Kamran Arbi has, in a press statement, appreciated the efforts of the Director General, Pakistan Rangers Sindh, to curtail fresh water theft in the city in collaboration with KWSC.

He said that as a result, the availability of water in the distribution network of the KWSC has increased significantly which fact, has also been admitted by the CEO of KWSC. KWSC is now in a better position to supply more quantity of water to industries of SITE area, Karachi, for their smooth functioning. He also thanked Patron-in-chief Mr Zubair Motiwala for his continuous efforts and liaison with the DG to ensure smooth supply of water to SITE Industries.

However, contrary to what the industries were expecting, there is no increase in water supply to SITE area industries which are suffering from acute water shortage since the past many days. The Industrialists are facing extreme hardship to run their industries and process export orders timely, SITE President added.

"Unfortunately no solution to overcome the water shortage problem has been worked out by the KWSC as yet despite an increase of substantial amount of water in their system. They must supply uninterrupted water 7 days a week so we can focus on fulfilling our orders on time", he remarked.

SITE President has demanded the KWSC to make urgent arrangements to provide uninterrupted water to SITE area industries 24/7 to ensure their smooth functioning and avert production losses amid current difficult economic conditions.



SAI Budget Proposals for 2024-25



SITE, Pakistan's Industrial Powerhouse and the SITE Association of Industry (SAI) is the voice of Pakistan's largest & most diverse industrial base. The Industrial Sector contributes 20–22% to the GDP and bears over 50% of the national tax burden.

In its Budget proposals to the Prime Minster, Finance Minister, Governor SBP, Chairman FBR and others, President SAI Kamran Arbi warned the Government to avoid "killing the goose that lays the golden eggs!" "For increasing the Tax-to-GDP ratio, the Govt should bring the untaxed and undertaxed sectors of the economy into the tax net". "Overburdening of the crucial Industrial sector runs counter to Pakistan's economic development goals", says the SAI proposals.

SAI's eight key recommendations to Govt encompass four areas of policy making: fiscal, monetary, trade and energy policies. SAI demands,

- 1. Substantial reduction in direct and indirect taxation measures on industries
- 2. Reduction in corporate taxation, dividends and on salaried persons
- 3. Removal of unnecessary restrictions on import of industrial inputs
- 4. Implementation of a single cascaded rate of import tariffs on industrial inputs and removal of additional and regulatory duties
- 5. Provision of a predictable forex regime with 12-months forex cover for imports and exports
- 6. Revision of energy policies to reduce electricity and gas tariffs for industries
- 7. Progressive reduction of policy rates to stimulate industrial and economic growth
- 8. Lowering of lending rates for industrial projects and exports to a single digit



SAI emphasized that the Federal Budget should take a strategic direction and go beyond a tactical number crunching exercise.

The federal budget should:

- Exercise prudent debt management strictly under The Fiscal Responsibility and Debt Limitation Act, 2005
- · Prioritize allocations for national exigencies, particularly for reindustrialization
- Enable prudent economic, social, and regulatory policymaking
- Ensure transparency, accountability, and responsible public spending
- Drive economic growth by stimulating investment and creation of jobs

"Proposed budgetary measures if introduced will foster industry-driven economic growth in Pakistan, IN-SHA-ALLAH" said the SAI Budget document.

Cut in POL prices welcomed

President of SITE Association of Industry Muhammad Kamran Arbi has welcomed the markable reduction in petrol & diesel prices by up to Rs.15/- per litre by the government. He has requested the government to reduce electricity and gas tariff as well so as to take the industries & economy out of prevailing crisis and added that this will definitely have positive impact on the national economy.

In his statement, Kamran Arbi stated that it is laudable move of the government to reduce POL prices in the wake of reduction in international oil prices. It will help in lowering increasing inflation and the common masses will get relief to some extent. However, in order to provide relief to lower class, an effective price control mechanism is required ensuring provision of goods of necessities in government-fixed prices.

He added that production cost of industries is increasing day by day due to increase in power & gas tariff which has made it very difficult to run the industries. The government can provide industry-friendly atmosphere by giving relief to industries and play its role in promoting economic activities in the country. The economic progress is directly linked with industrial progress. As such, running the wheels of industry will only bring prosperity in the country, together with jobs creation and exports promotion.

Kamran Arbi requested the government to also reduce power & gas tariff to bring down cost of production of industries and to make local exporters competitive in the international markets.



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Meeting of Sindh Industrial Liaison Committee

A meeting of Sindh Industrial Liaison Committee (SILC) was held on 17th April 2024 at Governor House, chaired by Governor Sindh Mr.Muhammad Kamran Khan Tessori. Various matters related to industrial promotion / revival of industries of Karachi were discussed in the meeting. From SAI, Saleem Parekh (Chief Coordinator), Muhammad Kamran Arbi (President) and Muhammad Farhan Ashrafi (VP) attended the meeting.

Introductory Meeting with AC SITE

An introductory / coordination meeting with new AC Ms.Nida Saman, was held on 18th April 2024 in the office of DC Keamari, Karachi, attended by President Muhammad Kamran Arbi.

Meeting with Federal Minister for Maritime Affairs

The KCCI invited Federal Minister for Maritime Affairs Mr. Qaiser Ahmed Shaikh for meeting with business community of Karachi at local hotel on 22nd April 2024. From SAI, M/s. Saleem Parekh, Muhammad Kamran Arbi, Riaz Uddin, Abdul Rasheed and Abdul Kadir Bilwani attended the meeting.

Meeting with Iranian President

On the occasion of gracious visit of honourable Iranian President to Pakistan, businessmen were invited for an exclusive meeting with him at the Chief Minister House on 23rd April 2024. M/s. Saleem Parekh, Muhammad Kamran Arbi and Riaz Uddin represented SAI in this meeting.

Meeting with NUST team from Islamabad

Guests from NUST Islamabad visited SAI on 24th April 2024 and had meeting with office bearers & Executive Committee on the matters related to NUST Icon Centre, set up in the premises of the Association. M/s.Muhammad Kamran Arbi,

Muhammad Hanif Tawakkal, Muhammad Farhan Ashrafi, Abdul Rasheed, Saleem Nagaria, Rizwan Lakhany, Murtaza Ajaz

Saya, Anis Younus, Khalid Riaz, and others were present in the meeting.



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Meeting of Works Committee of SITE Limited

A meeting of Works Committee of SITE Limited was held on 27th April 2024 in the office of Chairman Works Committee Saleem Parekh. Members from SAI namely Abdul Hadi and Saleem Nagaria and representatives of SITE Limited were present. The meeting reviewed progress, status and other related issues of ongoing Development Works at SITE area. President Muhammad Kamran Arbi was also attended as special invitee.

Meeting on Environmental Issus

Environmental Protection Agency, Sindh (SEPA) convened an important meeting on 30th April 2024 at KATI office wherein Presidents of all town associations were invited. The agenda of the meeting was to deliberate on effective implementation of environmental laws and work out a way forward for addressing environmental issues related to industrial units of Karachi.

M/s.Saleem Nagaria and Muhammad Riaz Dhedhi represented SAI in this meeting.

Meeting of Reconciliation Committee of SITE LTD

The 4th meeting of the Reconciliation Committee of SITE Limited was held on 3rd May 2024 in the office of the Association to follow up the matters discussed in the earlier meetings of the Committee. From SAI, Saleem Nagaria, Abdul Kadir Biliwani and Muhammad Hussain Moosani attended the meeting.

Meeting with officials from K-Electric

Officials from K-Electric visited SAI on 7th May 2024 for discussion on long pending cases of new connection / load enhancement as well as to give demo of new connection online portal. Pending cases of Industries were discussed at length. KE officials stated that total 51 cases are pending out of which, 36 are pending at customer-end. It was decided that KE will share list of 51 cases to be pursued by SAI to expedite them.

Meeting of HR Committee of SITE Limited

A meeting of HR Committee of SITE Limited was held on 15th May 2024 at SITE Limited, attended by Members of the HR Committee namely Jawed Bilwani and Muhammad Kamran Arbi.



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EOBI Helpdesk

EOBI Helpdesk was organized on 16th May 2024 at SITE Association of Industry which was attended by high official from EOBI. The Helpdesk proved very beneficial as many member industries visited for the resolution of their issues. Khalid Riaz Chairman of Labour sub-committee attended the Helpdesk to coordinate.

LONGI Renewable Energy Forum

President Muhammad Kamran Arbi & SVP Muhammad Hanif Tawakkal attended LONGI Renewable Energy Forum as Guest of Honour on 20th May 2024 at local hotel. The theme of the form was 'Empowering Pakistan's energy future with solar and hydrogen.

Reception by Bangladesh Deputy High Commission

To celebrate the 53rd independence and national day of the People's Republic of Bangladesh, a Reception was hosted on 21st May 2024 at local Hotel. From SAI, Muhammad Farhan Ashrafi, Abdul Rasheed and Khalid Riaz attended the reception.

Meeting of the Advisory Committee (South) of the FTO

A meeting of the Advisory Committee (South) of the Federal Tax Ombudsman (FTO) was held on 24th May 2024 at FTO Regional office, Karachi. The Agenda of the meeting was to discuss budget proposals for 2024-25. From SAI, VP Muhammad Farhan Ashrafi, Riaz Uddin and Anwer Aziz attended the meeting online and briefed the Committee on the SAI Budget Proposals 2024-25 already sent to the federal government high officials.

Meeting of Works Committee of SITE Limited

Another Meeting of Works Committee of SITE Limited was held on 25th May 2024 in the office of Chairman Works Committee Saleem Parekh. Members from SAI namely Abdul Hadi and Saleem Nagaria and representatives of SITE Limited were present. The meeting reviewed progress, status and other related issues of ongoing Development Works at SITE area. President Muhammad Kamran Arbi was also attended as special invitee.



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Meeting with Mayor Karachi

SAI members namely Zubair Motiwala, Saleem Parekh, Jawed Bilwani and Muhammad Kamran Arbi had a meeting with Mayor Karachi Barrister Murtaza Wahab on 29th May 2024 in his office.

The matter of Trade License was discussed with the Mayor Karachi who has assured to resolve this issue. He has also committed to visit SAI sometime in the next week. TP-1 recycled water project of 35 MGD is in tendering process. SAI will get this recycled water for industry use. Additionally, stay on collection of KMC charges through KE bills has been vacated.

Consultation workshop with the Tripartite Labour Standing Committee (TLSC)

Government of Sindh, Labour & HR Department, arranged a consultation workshop with the Tripartite Labour Standing Committee (TLSC) on draft Sindh Labour Code, on 29th May 2024 at local hotel. The proposed Labour Code has been prepared consolidating about 22 labour laws with the support of ILO. It was two day event but concluded on the day-1. From SAI,

Mr.Khalid Riaz along with Mr.Tahir Goreja attended this meeting.

Meeting of Oversee Committee of SITE Limited

A meeting of Oversee Committee for PSDP Schemes in SITE area was held on 5th June 2024 in the office of the Association which was attended by SAI representatives namely Mr.Saleem Parekh, Mr.Muhammad Kamran Arbi and Mr.Muhammad Hanif Tawakkal along with Managing Director SITE Limited Mr.Ghazanfar Ali Qadri.

World Environment Day program by IEP

The Institution of Engineers Pakistan organized panel discussion on the occasion of World Environment Day on 5th June 2024 in their office. This year the UN-World Environment Day theme was 'Land Restoration, Desertification and Drought Resilience'.

Mr.Muhammad Kamran Arbi along with Mr.Muhammad Riaz Dhedhi attended this program on behalf of the Association.

Press Conference at FBAATI

On 5th June 2024, Federal B Area Association of Trade & Industry (FBAATI) arranged a Press Conference in their office, for condemnation on brutal murder of industrialists, students and residents of Karachi city due to prevailing lawlessness condition.

Muhammad Kamran Arbi attended this important Press Conference.



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Meeting with DG Rangers Sindh

On 6th June 2024, DG Rangers Sindh Major General Azhar Waqas invited Presidents of all town associations of Karachi for discussion on prevailing law & order situation of the city. From SAI, President Muhammad Kamran Arbi attended the meeting.

Consultation by EFP on proposed draft Sindh Labour Code

Following consultation session organized by the Government of Sindh, the Employers Federation of Pakistan also organized a consultation session on proposed draft Sindh Labour Code on 8th June 2024 at local hotel. The purpose of the meeting was to review the draft Labour Code, identify areas of concerns and form consensus recommendations for submission to labour department for incorporation the same into the draft code. From SAI, Muhammad Kamran Arbi, Abdul Kadir Bilwani and Tahir Goreja attended the session.

Meeting with MD, SSGC

A meeting was held with the MD SSGC on 11-06-2024 at SSGC Head Office, Karachi, with regard to Security Deposit, extension of date for bills payment and inclusion of Blend in current gas bills. The meeting was attended by Mr.Zubair Motiwala and Mr.Saleem Parekh from SITE Association of Industry.

It has been decided that Requirement of Security Deposit (Bank Guarantee) would be now required for 45 days for those who agree to pay gas bill on fortnightly basis. This will make a requirement of 50%. They will go and get their bills corrected from the SSGC office and file an affidavit (Declarations) of agreeing on 15 days payment.

Also, the Last date for payment of gas bills was extended till 24th June 2024. Moreover, RLNG induction charges at the ratio of 30:70 and 10:90 were discussed at length and it was decided to go further into calculations as to what quantum was added to supplies. We demanded full withdrawal of the same.

Budget Speech Listening Program at KCCI

KCCI made arrangements to listen to the Budget Speech of Federal Finance Minister Mr.Muhammad Aurangzeb, on 12th June 2024. From SAI, Muhammad Hanif Tawakkal and Riaz Uddin attended the meeting.



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Meeting with officials from NED

Officials from NED University namely Dr. Atif Mustafa (Professor & Chairman) and Dr. Mubashir Saleem (Researcher) visit SAI on 25th June 2024 to discuss wastewater treatment related matters and the possibility of indigenous waste treatment technology. Muhammad Kamran Arbi (President), Muhammad Hanif Tawakkal (SVP) and Muhammad Altaf Sheikhani (former EC Member) were present in the meeting.

Coordination Meeting on nullah cleaning

On the initiation of President SITE Association, a Coordination Meeting for nullah cleaning was held on 28th June 2024 at SAI office. The meeting was attended by representatives from DC Keamari office, SITE Limited and Sindh Solid Waste Management Board. From SAI, President Muhammad Kamran Arbi and Former SVP Saleem Nagaria were present.

The matter of nullah cleaning and choked culverts came under detailed discussion in the meeting and finally, it was decided to start nullah cleaning immediately from the next day (29/6) for which, SSWMB representative confirmed provision of 2 excavators and 4 dumpers for the next 3-4 days. The representatives of SITE Limited will supervise and guide the working team. Mr.Saleem Nagaria mentioned that some 16-17 mainstream nullah of SITE area needs to be cleaned which may take more than a week time.





