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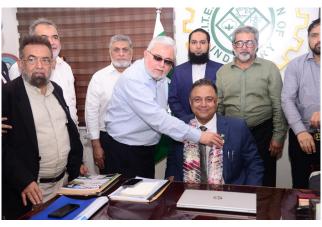














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SITE ASSOCIATION ELECTS NEW OFFICE BEARERS FOR 2024-26

The Chairman of the Election Commission of the SITE Association of Industry (SAI), Muhammad Tariq Yousuf, has announced the unopposed election of Ahmed Azeem Alvi as President, Khalid Riaz as Senior Vice President, and Muhammad Riaz Dhedhi as Vice President for the 2024-26 term. These appointments were confirmed at the 60th Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the Association, chaired by Saleem Parekh, Chief Coordinator and former President of SAI.

The newly elected office bearers, alongside members of the Executive Committee, will formally assume their roles on 1st October 2024. The AGM was held at the SAI office, with Zubair Motiwala, Chairman of the Businessmen Group (BMG) and Patron-in-Chief of SAI, also in attendance.

President-elect Ahmed Azeem Alvi expressed gratitude to the members for their trust and praised the outgoing office bearers for their efforts. He stressed the importance of addressing critical challenges such as deteriorating infrastructure and shortages of basic utilities in the SITE area. He urged members to participate actively in the association's activities and assured them of his availability to address their concerns, acknowledging the increasingly tough business conditions.

Chief Coordinator Saleem Parekh congratulated the new office bearers and appreciated the contributions of the outgoing team, namely, President Muhammad Kamran Arbi, SVP Muhammad Hanif Tawakkal and VP Farhan Ashrafi who were present on the occasion. He emphasized that while many young professionals have been elected, the outgoing Executive Committee and senior members will continue to provide their support.

Chairman BMG Zubair Motiwala welcomed the incoming leadership and commended the outgoing President, Muhammad Kamran Arbi, and his team for their dedicated service. He noted that while several issues have been resolved, the industry continues to face new challenges regularly.

Prominent veterans of the SITE Association, such as Jawed Bilwani, Younus Bashir, Tariq Yousuf, Majyd Aziz, Sikandar Imran, Zulfiqar Chaudhry, Muhammad Iqbal Arbi, Anwer Aziz, Abdul Hadi, Abdul Rasheed, Riaz Uddin and Saleem Nagaria, were also present amongst others, expressing their gratitude to the outgoing office bearers and warmly welcoming the newly elected office bearers and Executive Committee members.

The AGM was also attended by distinguished guests from the Karachi Chamber of Commerce & Industry (KCCI) and other town associations, including Iftikhar Ahmed Shaikh (President KCCI), Altaf A. Ghaffar (SVP KCCI), Tanveer Ahmed Barry (VP KCCI), A.Q.Khalil (SG,BMG) and Masroor Alvi Patron-in-Chief FBATI, and Raza Hussain (President FBATI) among others.

All those present on the occasion thanked the outgoing office bearers and welcomed the newly elected office bearers and the elected Executive Committee members which included Muhammad Kamran Lakhany, Muhammad Riaz Dhedhi, Aman Naseem, Muhammad Tahir, Abdul Rehman Fudda, Junaid Rehman, Ahmed Zulfiqar Chaudhry, Ahmed Azeem Alvi, Khalid Riaz, Touseef Ahmed, Azeem Motiwala and Ehtesham Rais. The association looks forward to addressing ongoing challenges, advocating for the industry's needs, and representing the interests of its members in the coming term.



COAS meets businessmen in Karachi



Chief of the Army Staff (COAS) General Asim Munir met renowned businessmen of Karachi during his recent to Karachi on 27th September 2024. Members from SITE Association of Industry namely Younus Bashir (Former President), Muhammad Kamran Arbi (President), Muhammad Farhan Ashrafi (Vice President) and Abdul Hadi (Former President) were also invited to attend the meeting.

The COAS has assured the business community to reduce industrial electricity tariff and repairs of roads in industrial areas of the city. He appreciated the role of business community in the economic development of the country and remarked that overall economy of the country has improved with stabilized rupee-dollar parity and reduction in inflation. General Asim Munir assured the business community that the Special Investment Facilitation Council (SIFC) has been making efforts to boost foreign investment. He expressed the hope that rupee-dollar parity would come to Rs250 and interest rate would fall to single digits in the coming months.



Federal Tax Ombudsman visits SAI



President SITE Association Muhammad Kamran Arbi is presenting Shield to FTO Dr. Asif Mahmood Jah (HI,SI) on the occasion of his visit. Chief Coordinator Saleem Parekh, Incharge FTO Regional Office Dr.Faiz Illahi Memon, Former Presidents Jawed Bilwani and Tariq Yousuf, SVP Muhammad Hanif Tawakkal, VP Muhammad Farhan Ashrafi, Riaz Uddin, Abdul Kadir Bilwani, Hussain Moosani, Haris Agar, and other officials of FTO office are also prominent in the picture.

On the invitation of President, Federal Tax Ombudsman (FTO) Dr.Asif Mahmood Jah (HI,SI) visited SITE Association of Industry on 8th August 2024. He was accompanied by high officials of his office. He has announced quick action on the complaints of taxpayers of the country and have assured to provide justice in 4-6 weeks. He said that the FTO office has the authority to take action against maladministration & malpractices of the FBR and we ensure that our decisions are implemented by FBR in true spirit. Large number of members attended the meeting.



Visit of Sindh Industries Minister



President Muhammad Kamran Arbi is presenting Association's Shield to Sindh Minister for Industries Jam Ikramullah Khan Dharejo on the occasion of his visit to SITE Association of Industry.
Patron-in-Chief Zubair Motiwala, Chief Coordinator Saleem Parekh, Secretary Industries Muhammad Yaseen Shar Baloch, Managing Director SITE Limited Ghazanfar Ali Qadri, SVP KCCI Abdul Ghaffar, SVP Muhammad Hanif Tawakkal, VP Muhammad Farhan Ashrafi, Former Presidents Majyd Aziz, Junaid Makda, Abdul Rasheed, Riaz Uddin and others are also seen in the picture.

Sindh Minister for Industries Jam Ikramullah Khan Dharejo, visited SAI on 29th July 2024 and had detailed meeting with Members of the Association on their issues which in particular, included;

- PSDP Scheme for the construction of Roads in SITE area
- Water Recycling Plant for SITE area at TP-1
- Law & Order Issues
- Water supply to industries
- Installation of Street Lights
- Extension in tenure of MD, SITE Limited
- Introducing management reforms in SITE Limited and formation of SITE KHI MGMT & DEV COMPANY
- Memorandum of Agreement between SITE Limited and SSWMB
- One-Window Operation for all Govt. Dept. industries deal with
- Computerization of Land Record by SITE LTD
- Road Cutting A/cs by SITE LTD
- Gated community system for SITE area
- Funds & Machinery for roads maintenance
- Removal of Encroachments





The meeting was largely attended by the members of the Association and representatives from print & electronic media.

Reception in honour of MD, SSGC



President Muhammad Kamran Arbi is presenting Association's Shield to MD SSGC Imran Maniar on the occasion of his visit. Patron-in-Chief Zubair Motiwala, Chief Coordinator Saleem Parekh, Former President Jawed Bilwani, , SVP Muhammad Hanif Tawakkal, Abdul Hadi, Abdul Rasheed, Iqbal Arbi , Sh. Zafar Ahmed and others are also present on this occasion.



SITE Association of Industry hosted a reception in honour of SSGC Managing Director Muhammad Imran Maniar on 25th July 2024 to mark the milestone achievement of SSGC i.e. laying of dedicated 24 inch dia, 31-KM long high pressure gas pipeline for industrial consumers of SITE area, Karachi. SAI members very much praised the dedicated efforts of MD SSGC made during past three years for resolving the long pending issue of low gas pressure or zero gas pressure in SITE area, which ultimately proved fruitful. On this occasion, an standing ovation was given to Muhammad Imran Maniar by the entire house. The reception was attended by large number of members of the Association.

Meeting with CEO, KWSC



Group photo taken on the occasion of visit of CEO KWSC Syed Salahuddin Ahmed to SITE Association of Industry. Chief Coordinator Saleem Parekh, President Muhammad Kamran Arbi, MD SITE LTD Ghazanfar Ali Qadri, VP Muhammad Farhan Ashrafi, Former Presidents Riaz Uddin, Abdul Hadi and Abdul Rasheed, Former SVP Saleem Nagaria and others are also prominent in the picture.

On the invitation of President, the Managing Director of Karachi Water & Sewerage Corporation (KWSC) Syed Salahuddin Ahmed, visited SITE Association of Industry on 21st August 2024 and met members of the Association over luncheon meeting. Water supply and related issues were discussed during the meeting which in particular included Issuance of Licenses to Sub-Soil Operators, Supply of water through HTM and FTM lines, 24" Line from Hub Dam to SITE, Water Holidays, Handing over of two Suction & Jetting Machines to SITE Association, New connection Challan fee, TP-1 and TP-3 Recycled water projects and Billing without supply of water. Members of the Executive Committee and senior members attended the meeting.



Meeting with NEPRA officials

A delegation from NEPRA Islamabad, Led by Lashkar Khan (Director, CAD), Hafiz Irfan (Additional Director, M&E), Abdullah Malik (Assistant Director, Tariff) and Abid Sheikh (Advisor, NEPRA Karachi Office), visited SITE Association of Industry on 29th August 2024 and had detailed discussion with members of the Association on matters related to K-Electric, particularly incorrect and overbilling issue.

Apart from billing issues, other complaints such as delayed receipt of monthly bills, Industrial Loadshedding, Sub-Station related matters, Maximum Demand Indicator (MDI), Losses due to fluctuation, Repeated faults and Net Metering issues and Temporary Load Reduction also came under detailed discussion. NEPRA team requested the President SAI to send all complaints to NEPRA, for action. M/s. Jawed Bilwani, Muhammad Kamran Arbi, Abdul Rasheed, Abdul Kadir Bilwani, Murtaza Ajaz Saya, Haris Shakoor, Muhammad Riaz Dhedhi, Khalid Riaz and representatives of member industries were present in the meeting.



President Muhammad Kamran Arbi is presenting Association's crest to Lashkar Khan (Director, CAD), NEPRA, on the occasion of his visit. M/s. Jawed Bilwani, Abdul Rasheed, Khalid riaz, Muhammad Riaz Dhedhi, Haris Shakoor, Murtaza Ajaz Saya and officials from NEPRA are also prominent in the picture.

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Meeting with Yasir Khokhar, EY, CETP

Yasir Khokhar of TP-1 treatment plant called on President Muhammad Kamran Arbi on 9th July 2024 to discuss water recycling project related matters. He informed that 35 MGD Water Recycling Project at Haroonabad TP-1 location is pending KWSC approval. The project will be a game changer for SITE area industries as it will not only provide recycled water to industries but also make entire SITE area environment-compliant which is also the requirement of exporting industries.

Meeting at KCCI on Industry Issues

The KCCI arranged a consultative meeting with the Presidents of all Town Associations on 10th July 2024 to discuss important and urgent issues affecting industries, which in particular, included;

- SSGC charging an RLNG blend tariff (90:10 for industrial connections and 76:24 for captive connections).
- KWSC has implemented a sub-soil water policy and oversees the overall water supply to industries.

The consultative meeting was attended by M/s.Zubair Motiwala, Jawed Bilwani, Saleem Parekh and Muhammad Kamran Arbi from SITE Association of Industry.

Capacity building workshop on Gender Equality and Workplace Harassment by EFP

The EFP organized a capacity building workshop for employers/ professional managers on gender equality and workplace harassment on 11th July 2024 at local hotel. With the support of ILO, the EFP has developed and launched the EFP Gender Equality Policy Guidelines. From SAI, M/s. Khalid Riaz, Muhammad Riaz Dhedhi and Tahir Goreja were present in the workshop.

Meeting with DG Rangers Sindh on Water issues

A meeting was held on 15th July 2024 in the office of the Director General, Pakistan Rangers Sindh, to discuss water related issues of SITE area. Patron-in-Chief Zubair Motiwala, Chief Coordinator Saleem Parekh, Former President Jawed Bilwani and President Muhammad Kamran Arbi were present in the meeting. The DG Rangers, inter alia, asked the MD KWSC to expedite delivery of two Suction & Jetting Machines to SITE Association of Industry as per his commitment.



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Visit of Stamp Duty Officer

On the invitation of President, Deputy Chief Inspector of Stamps, Board of Revenue, Aijaz Ahmed Qureshi, visited SAI on 23rd July 2024 to discuss matters related to payment of stamp duty by industries of SITE area. He gave detailed briefing on documents and instruments on which stamp duty is payable. He said that at first, industry is sent a letter to visit Stamp Duty office with record. In case of no response on sending letter & reminder, Inspection Notice is issued for which, the two officers have been authorized for SITE industries.

From SAI, M/s.Muhammad Kamran Arbi, Muhammad Hanif Tawakkal, Abdul Kadir Bilwani and Khalid Riaz were present in the meeting. There seems to be no basis on which they are charging and the meeting concluded on the note that this issue is further deliberated upon with the relevant Minister and decision be taken thereafter. In the interim, the department should desist from taking any coercive action against the industries.

Meeting of Works Committee of SITE Limited

A meeting of Works Committee of SITE Limited was held on 26th July 2024 in the office of SITE Association of Industry.

Members from SAI namely Saleem Parekh, Muhammad Kamran Arbi, Abdul Hadi and Saleem Nagaria and representatives of SITE Limited were present in the meeting.

Meeting with Federal Finance Minister at KCCI

Senator Muhammad Aurangzeb, Federal Minister For Finance & Revenue, Qaiser Ahmed Sheikh, Federal Minister For Maritime Affairs, Ali Pervaiz, Minister of State For Finance & Revenue And. Power and Malik Amjed Zubair Tiwana, Chairman FBR, visited KCCI on 30-July-2024 and had detailed meeting with representatives of business community on their issues related to federal government. From SITE Association Abdul Rasheed and Riaz Uddin were present in the meeting.

Meeting of Coordination Committee (Stamp Duty)

A meeting of Coordination Committee was held on 31st July 2024 in the office of Board of Revenue, Sindh. The agenda of the meeting was to discuss the matter of collection of Stamp Duty from Industries. Representatives from all town associations were invited. SVP KATI and SITE Association's Chief Security Officer Tahseen Ahmed attended the meeting.

Luncheon Reception at BQATI

Bin Qasim Association of Trade & Industry invited Patron-in-Chiefs and Office Bearers of all town associations to a Luncheon Reception on 1st August 2024 at BQATI Secretariat. Chief Coordinator Saleem Parekh, President Muhammad Kamran Arbi, SVP Muhammad Hanif Tawakkal and VP Muhammad Farhan Ashrafi attended the reception.



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Inauguration Ceremony of "My Karachi" exhibition by KCCI

The KCCI organized MY Karachi – Oasis of Harmony, exhibition from 2nd to 4th August 2024 at the Expo Centre, Karachi. The inauguration ceremony was attended by M/s. Muhammad Kamran Arbi, Muhammad Hanif Tawakkal, Abdul Rasheed and Riaz Uddin.

Conference on Fostering Sustainable Partnerships by NED University

The NED University of Engineering & Technology (Directorate of Industrial Liaison) organized a Conference on Fostering Sustainable Partnerships on 3rd August 2024 at local hotel. They invited President of the Association as Guest of Honour, and Guest Speaker which, Muhammad Kamran Arbi attended.

Training on Canva & Digital Marketing

KCCI in collaboration with ITC, organized 3-day Training for Trainers on Canva & Digital Marketing from 5th to 7th August 2024. In view of its importance, IT Manager SAI Jahanzaib Ali was nominated to attend the training who attended the same and has submitted a report as well.

Inauguration of FoodAg Pakistan 2024 exhibition

TDAP organized 2nd International Food and Agriculture Exhibition at the Expo Center from 9th to 11th August 2024. The inauguration ceremony was held on 9th August 2024 at which, Prime Minister of Pakistan Mian Muhammad Shahbaz Sharif was the Chief Guest. From SITE Association of Industry, VP Muhammad Farhan Ashrafi and Former President Riaz Uddin attended the ceremony.

Meeting of Works Committee of SITE Limited

Another meeting of Works Committee of SITE Limited was held on 12th August 2024 in the office of SITE LIMITED. Members from SAI namely Saleem Parekh, Muhammad Kamran Arbi, Abdul Hadi and Saleem Nagaria and representatives of SITE Limited were present in the meeting.

NADRA e-Sahulat Re-Verification Helpdesk

APTPMA & SITE Association jointly arranged the Facilitation Desk of NADRA at SITE Association's office on 12th & 13th August 2024. Two Officers of NADRA along with their e-system attended the Helpdesk from 11:30 am to 05:00 pm. on both days. More than 60 members of the Association visited the helpdesk for e-verification..



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Meeting with EOBI Regional Director

EOBI Regional Director Kanwal Wali, along with officer Muzammil, visited SITE Association of Industry on 22nd August 2024 to discuss issues of members related to EOBI. Muhammad Kamran Arbi (President), Khalid Riaz (Chairman, Labour Committee) and Abdul Kadir Bilwani (former SVP) were present on this occasion..

SESSI Helpdesk

The same day (22nd August), SESSI Helpdesk was also organized which was attended by officials from SESSI East and SESSI West Directorates.

Meeting on CETP

A meeting was held in the office of SITE Limited on 27th August 2024 to discuss matters of CETP at Haroonabad, SITE, Karachi.

This meeting was attended by President Muhammad Kamran Arbi at which, officials from KWSC, PPP-Unit and ADB were also invited

431ST Meeting of Board of Directors of SITE Limited

The 431st meeting of Board of Directors of SITE Limited was held on 28th August 2024 at SITE Limited, Head office, Karachi, attended by President Muhammad Kamran Arbi.

PAK-INDUSTRIA Emerging Technologies Expo

President Muhammad Kamran Arbi along with Sindh Minister for Industries Jam Ikramullah Khan Dharejo and Managing Director, SITE Limited, Ghazanfar Ali Qadri, inaugurated the Pak-Industria Emerging Technologies Expo, at the Karachi Expo Centre on 2nd September 2024.

Meeting with Meezan Bank Officials

Officials from Meezan Bank namely Muhammad Asif (Branch Manager, SITE Branch) and Muhammad Kamran Abbas (Branch Manager, Textile Avenue Branch) visited SITE Association of Industry on 13th September 2024 and had meeting with President Muhammad Kamran Arbi on change of SAI investment from MDIP-I (existing) to Meezan Sovereign Fund (proposed). The matter of opening a saving account of the Association in any of the two branches also came under discussion. President requested the two Branch Managers to share a comparison of tax & profit of the two funds, enabling the Association to decide the matter.



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4th meeting of Oversee Committee for PSDP Projects of SITE area

The 4th meeting of the Oversee Committee to discuss PSDP Projects of SITE area was held on 18th September 2024 in the office of SITE Limited. Members from SITE Association namely Saleem Parekh, Muhammad Kamran Arbi and Saleem Nagaria attended the meeting. The Oversee Committee unanimously decided to prepare the revised/modified PC-I of the project "Rehabilitation / construction of Roads in SITE Industrial Estate, Karachi" (PSDP No.236 of 2023-24) with rationalize scope within the cost limit of Rs.5.015 billion and divided in form of packages before submitted to relevant forum.

Meeting on water supply from KWSC

An important meeting on water supply from KWSC was held on 24th September 2024 in the office of SITE Limited. The meeting was convened by MD, SITE Limited. From SAI, Chief Coordinator Saleem Parekh and President Muhammad Kamran Arbi were present in the meeting. After detailed discussion, it was decided that KWSC will increase water supply to SITE industries for at least 2.0 MGD. Moreover, it will provide water for 6 hours on daily basis besides addressing pressure issue.

Meeting to discuss provision of recycled water to industries

Another meeting was held in the office of SITE Limited on 24th September 2024 to discuss 38-MGD desalination water project on PPP-mode. From SAI, Chief Coordinator Saleem Parekh and President Muhammad Kamran Arbi were present in the meeting. Representative of Asian Development Bank Salman also attended the meeting. It has been decided that SITE LTD will conduct a comprehensive survey keeping the Association in loop, report of which, shall be presented to SITE Board.

60th Annual General Meeting of SITE Association of Industry

The 60th Annual General Meeting of SITE Association of Industry was held on 25th September 2024 in the Conference Hall of the Association which was largely attended by the Members of the Association. Guests from the KCCI were specially invited in the meeting (pictorial view included in this issue).





