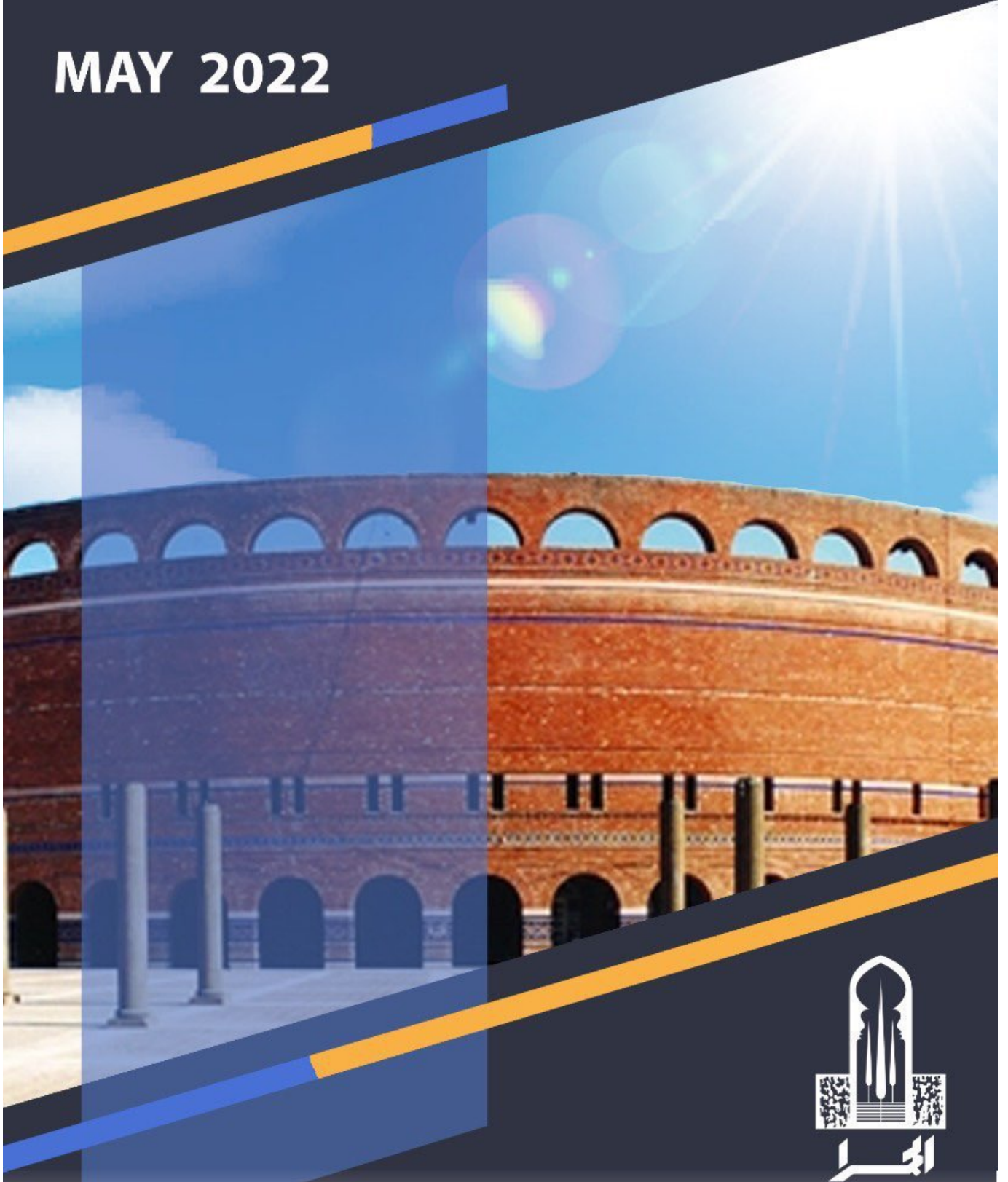


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# **Farewell** **of the Secretary Information & Culture Punjab** **Raja Jahangir Anwar**

A farewell function in honour of ex-Secretary Information and Culture, Punjab Raja Jahangir Anwar, held at Alhamra Hall, the Mall. All the departments belonging to the Department of Information and Culture participated and expressed their prayers and best wishes regarding the Ex-Secretary of Information and Culture.





With  
**(Baela Raza Jamil)**

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**ONLINE**

Kuch Yaadain, Kuch Baatain (the online sessions) resumed after 4 weeks break during Ramazan. Baela Raza Jamil (CEO, Idara Taleem O Agahi and CLF) was the guest. She talked about the communal traditions and norms of celebrating Eid during her childhood and how it was an occasion of celebration and happiness. She also talked about the objectives behind initiating the Children Literature Festival and how it has now become one of the most sought-after events for the children of Pakistan. It was an interesting conversation which revolved around Baela Raza's journey in the field of education and policy making.





# Hajj Draw

The Lahore Arts Council organized a Hajj Draw ceremony for the employees of Alhamra to perform the upcoming Hajj under government expenses. Chairman Lahore Arts Council Moneeza Hashmi and Executive Director Alhamra Zulfiqar Ali Zulfi picked names through a lucky draw. Six employees of LAC would perform Hajj this year, in which two employees from the year 2020 and four employees from the grades 1 to 5 and two from grades 6 to 19 received the blessings of Hajj in the lucky draw. Chairman Lahore Arts Council Moneeza Hashmi congratulated the winners.





# Summer Camp for the Students of the Academy of Performing Arts

The Executive Director of Lahore Arts Council, Zulfiqar Ali Zulfi, has directed his staff to use the summer vacation for art education. In this regard, in-charge Alhamra Academy of Performing Arts and Deputy Director of Archives Muhammad Arif held a meeting about setting up a summer camp in the academy during the summer vacations at Alhamra Arts Center Mall and Alhamra Cultural Complex. Both complex's teachers and staff attended the meeting and agreed to provide opportunities for practical performance to a maximum number of students.





# Punjab University Students Visited Alhamra

The Department of Fine Arts students, Punjab University visited Alhamra Arts Council and met the Executive Director Alhamra and renowned artist Zulfiqar Ali Zulfi at Alhamra Arts Center, the Mall. During the meeting, Zulfiqar Ali Zulfi discussed his life's artistic journey in detail with the students. Students also participated in a Q&A session. The delegation thanked Zulfi and the institution and said that the knowledge we gained during this visit would be helpful for them in practical life.





With  
**(Tauseeq Haider)**

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**ONLINE**

Tauseeq Haider, host and moderator, was the guest in Roshan Sitaray. Tauseeq talked about his evolution as a host and moderator on PTV and how he learnt from the maestros of his time. He stressed upon the importance of hard work and consistency if one wants to earn name and fame in this industry. Tauseeq revived many memories of his earlier days from Radio and Television. The programme was streamed live on Alhamra's Facebook page and had an audience of around 1500 people watching from various parts of the world.





# Review Meeting of ADP

A review meeting regarding ADP schemes of The Information and Culture Dept. was held at Alhamra Arts Center, the Mall. The meeting was chaired by the Additional Secretary of Culture, Farhat Jabeen. The Executive Director of Lahore Arts Council, Zulfiqar Ali Zulfi, briefed on essential issues, including Open Air Theater Bhag-e-Jinnah. The Deputy Secretary Planning Faiza Ahsan, Director-General PILAC Sughra Sadaf, Director Majlis Tarqi Adab Mansoor Afaq, Director PUCAR Abrar Alam, and others. Officers attended the meeting and expressed their views on different projects.





With  
**(Yasmeen Hameed)**

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**ONLINE**

Yasmeen Hameed (Poet) revived the memories of the times when she started writing poetry in the weekly online session, Kuch Yaadain, Kuch Baatain. She talked about her poetic genius and also highlighted the importance of poetic craft to creat impactful poetry. She remembered the Mushairas and her meetings with all the leading poets of this era. It was an interactive session where the process of writing poetry was discussed and Yasmeen advised young poets to read more and write only when they are sure of their skills.





# AHMAD ZOAY

Ahmad Zoay (1947 – 10 July 2014) was a Pakistani painter and sculptor. He was born in Ludhiana, Punjab, in pre-partition India in 1947. His family migrated to Walton, Lahore in the newly created Pakistan after partition. Zoay took admission in the National College of Arts, Lahore in 1969 but did not complete his degree. From there began his journey into the world of art. He travelled to many countries after that and was introduced to the then prevalent 'Hippie culture' which is reflected in his works and life. Known for paintings with psychedelic intensity his canvasses are replete with primary colours, red, yellow, green and blue. Zoay's artistic rejection of man-made political boundaries showed in the symbolism in his paintings of a multi-cultural, multi-religious Indian sub-continent of past times. Known for paintings with psychedelic intensity his canvasses are replete with primary colours, red, yellow, green and blue. Zoay's artistic rejection of man-made political boundaries showed in the symbolism in his paintings of a multi-cultural, multi-religious Indian sub-continent of past times.

'Love Letter'  
Acrylic on canvas  
2 X 3

