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The Turkish delegation headed by the Consul General visited Alhamra, where the Executive Director of Alhamra, Zulfiqar Ali Zulfi, received and welcomed them. Consul General Turkey Emin Ozbey met with the Executive Director Alhamra Zulfiqar Ali Zulfi, where they discussed matters of interest; during the

meeting, it was decided that Alhamra would host a beautiful program of "Raqa-e-Darvish, in the program, artists will perform the Sufi dance in their exceptional style. Executive Director Alhamra Zulfiqar Ali Zulfi presented a souvenir to Consul General Ayman Ozbey.

TURKISH DELEGATION VISIT





69TH MEETING OF BOG LAC HELD AT ALHAMRA

The 69th meeting of the Board of Governors of Lahore Arts Council Alhamra was held at Alhamra Arts Center, the Mall. Chairman Board of Governors Lahore Arts Council Razi Ahmed presided over the meeting. While Executive Director Alhamra Zulfiqar Ali Zulfi formally opened the meeting as the Secretary of the Board of Governors. An introduction session was held where LAC Chairman Razi Ahmed welcomed all the members.

During the meeting, important decisions were taken for the wide-scale development of literature and culture, and the ongoing music competition Voice of Punjab in Alhamra was highly appreciated. Chairman Alhamra Razi Ahmed told the meeting that Lahore Literary Festival will be held from 24 to February 26 2023.

Board members including MS. Salima Hashmi, Mr Muhammad Ali Baloch, MS. Naela Amir, MS. Qudsia Raheem, Mr Imran Qureshi, MS. Nazish Attaullah, MS. Ayesha Jatoi Sehgal, Mr Mian Nauman Kabir, Mr Shahid Mahmood Nadeem, Additional Secretary Information MS. Farhat Jabeen, Principal College of Art and Design PU MS. Sumaira Jawad, General Manager PTV Mr Saifuddin, and Deputy Secretary Finance Mr Fazal Rabi Cheema participated and informed the meeting with their valuable suggestions.

It also decided that the next meeting of the Board of Governors Lahore Arts Council will be held on December 15 2022, at Alhamra Cultural Complex Gaddafi Stadium.



CHINESE DEPUTY CONSUL GENERAL VISITS ALHAMRA

The Chinese Deputy Consul General Lahore CAO KE visited Alhamra Arts Center, the Mall. Executive Director Alhamra Zulfiqar Ali Zulfi extended a warm welcome to Chinese Deputy Consul General Lahore. A meeting was held between the two high officials, and issues of mutual interest were discussed in detail. Chinese Deputy Consul General Lahore Cao Ke visited different areas of Alhamra and showed keen interest. Executive Director Alhamra Zulfiqar Ali Zulfi and Chinese Deputy Consul General CAO KE exchanged the souvenirs, and the Chinese delegation thanked Alhamra for their hospitality.

MUSIC WORKSHOP

The Lahore Arts Council, Alhamra, has organized a six-day workshop to impart singing training to young singers. Renowned singer, Sara Raza Khan, will provide training in the workshop. The workshop aims to educate young budding artists about singing skills to perform well in the future and make their name in the field of singing.



QAWALI NIGHT

An impressive Qawwali Night was held here at Alhamra Arts Center, the Mall. Chairman BOG Lahore Arts Council Razi Ahmad welcomed the audience to the Qawwali program, and the attendees were informed about the services of Saami Brothers in the cultivation of Qawwali.

The captivating performance of the famous Qawwal Saami Brothers became the viewers' attention centre. Alhamra has consistently promoted the art of Qawwali as Alhamra actively plays its role in completing a beautiful society; the programs inspire a positive attitude.



ALHAMRA LIVE

The Lahore Arts Council held a signing talent hunt called "Alhamra Live" in which students of Alhamra Academy of Performing Arts, students of different schools, colleges, and the general public took immense interest and devotedly performed at Alhamra Cultural Complex, Gaddafi Stadium Lahore.





SECRETARY INFORMATION & CULTURE ASIF BILAL LODHI VISITED ALHAMRA

Secretary Information and Culture Punjab Asif Bilal Lodhi visited Alhamra Cultural Complex Gaddafi Stadium. Executive Director Alhamra Zulfiqar Ali Zulfi welcomed the provincial Secretary and gave him a detailed briefing about the various departments of the cultural complex. During the visit, the Secretary of Information and Culture issued instructions to improve the condition of cultural halls and art galleries.

YOUM-E-KHUDI CELEBRATIONS

A grand celebration of "Youm-e-Khudi" on Iqbal Day was held at Alhamra Arts Center, the Mall. Under the umbrellas of the Department of Information and Culture, Punjab. Youm-e-Khudi was a joint presentation of the Lahore Arts Council, the City of Literature, and the Metropolitan Corporation of Lahore.

On the arrival of Commissioner Lahore Amir Jan and Secretary Information and Culture Asif Bilal Lodhi to Al Hamra, Executive Director Lahore Arts Council Alhamra Zulfiqar Ali Zulfi welcomed the guests. The program formally started with the recitation of the Holy Quran and the presentation of the National Anthem.

The day includes Kalam-e-Iqbal by renowned singers Taraum Naz and Sara Raza Khan, Qawwali by famous Qawwal Nadeem Jameel Khan and group, the actor and writer Adeel Hashmi who present "Shikwa, Jawab-e-Shikwa. "Raqs-e-Khudhi" and a live painting competition were presented at Youm-e-Khudi celebrations.

In the painting contest, the winners got the cash prizes of 30 thousand, 25 thousand, and 15 thousand, respectively, for the 1st, second and 3rd positions; the Alhamra Academy of Performing Arts students also fully participated in the celebrations.



INTERNATIONAL ISLAMIC ART FESTIVAL

The four-day International Islamic Art Festival started at Alhamra Arts Council in collaboration with Pakistan Arts Council Karachi. The Adviser, Interior and Information Omar Sarfraz Cheema, was the chief guest of the opening ceremony. Cheema congratulated Alhamra, Karachi Arts Council and other participating departments for organizing such a beautiful festival.

OPENING SPEECH BY CHAIRMAN ALHAMRA RAZI AHMED

Alhamra Chairman Razi Ahmed delivered the opening remarks and welcomed the delegates from all over the world. On this occasion, he said that the purpose of the Islamic Festival is to create awareness for the coming generations to keep the Islamic arts alive. He added that the Festival would lead to the revival of traditional Islamic arts.



AHMED SHAH, PRESIDENT OF PAKISTAN ARTS COUNCIL KARACHI

President of Pakistan Arts Council Karachi Ahmed Shah was the guest of honour. He expressed his views and said that Pakistan Arts Council Karachi will continue actively promoting and developing Islamic art.



THE ADDRESS OF THE GUEST OF HONOURS

The address of the guest of honours, including Mr Eren Miyasoglu, the Director Yunus Emery Turkish Cultural Center, Mr Jafar Ronas, Cultural Attaché & Director General Khana-e-Farhang Iran and President Bank of Punjab Nadeem was also part of the opening session.



PRESIDENT PUNJAB BANK NADEEM AAMIR

President Punjab Bank Nadeem Aamir also expressed his happiness for his full support for the promotion of Islamic art at the event.



EXHIBITION

An exhibition was also opened on the Festival's first day, where the works of artists from Pakistan, Turkey, Iran, Egypt, Algeria, Yemen, Saudi Arabia, Malaysia and other countries were displayed. The exhibition includes works of calligraphy, crafts, a copy of the Qur'an of the 10th century AD Abbasid period and other rare items. Rare samples of ceramics, rustic, and pottery are also part of the exhibition, which was greatly appreciated by the public and foreign delegates.



WORKSHOP

A large audience of all ages was present in the workshop on calligraphy manuscripts; Yemeni research scholar and master calligrapher Dr Zaki Ali Al Hashmi provided the training.



INTERNATIONAL ISLAMIC ART FESTIVAL CONCLUDED WITH THE MESSAGE OF PEACE & LOVE

The four-day International Islamic Art Festival organized by Lahore Arts Council Alhamra and Pakistan Arts Council Karachi ended with all the blessings and auspiciousness at Alhamra Arts Center, the Mall. Delegates and intellectuals, scholars, and artists from Pakistan and other Muslim countries, including Turkey, Iran, Yemen and Saudi Arabia, participated in the Festival in the four-day International Islamic Art Festival. During the four days of the fest, seminars, exhibitions, calligraphy competitions, and other activities participation of people in large numbers sealed the success of the Festival.

PROVINCIAL FINANCE MINISTER PUNJAB, SARDAR MOHSIN LAGHARI

Provincial Finance Minister Punjab Sardar Mohsin Laghari was the chief guest of the closing ceremony. Laghari congratulated the organizers for the successful organization of the International Islamic Art Festival. Speaking at the event, Sardar Mohsin Laghari said that the peace, development and prosperity of the world are due to the principles given by Islam. Islamic values guarantee the greatness and perfection of the individual and society.



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