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# Govt will provide complete support in solving the problems of the teachers' community: Qaim

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KARACHI: The Chief Minister Sindh Syed Qaim Ali Shah lauded the role and efforts of the Teachers' Union and termed them "the backbone of a sustainable educational revolution", while addressing the symposium arranged by National Commission for Human Development (NCHD) on the occasion of World Teachers' Day 2009.

The theme of the symposium was "Engaging Teachers' Association for Achieving Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) Universal Primary Education". The Symposium was organized by NCHD in collaboration with Department of Education, Sindh at Karachi.

He recalled that it was always Pakistan Peoples' Party (PPP) which recognized the

binary role of trade unions in national development and whenever the PPP came into power, it restored the basic constitutional rights of the people to engage in trade union activity.

He called upon the teaching community to gear up its efforts for achieving maximum literacy in the minimum possible time. This, he said, could only be possible if the teaching community reverts to the traditional missionary zeal that has always remained associated to this noble profession. He announced his governments complete support in solving the problems of the teachers' community and fully endorsed the recommendations of the Symposium.

Chairperson NCHD Ms. Nafisa Shah expressed that Pakistan must realize the cherished dream of achieving the desired liter-

acy rate in the country by the year 2015. She said that successive dismissal of democratic regimes and imposition of dictatorial order are the main reasons for not achieving education targets in the country. "In just 20 years of the democratic governments, Pakistan achieved a total of 33 percent increase in literacy, while in more than 42 years of martial law the increase was merely 23 %."

Senior Minister for Education Government of Sindh, Pir Mazhar-ul-Haq appreciated the good work of NCHD and committed to work jointly with NCHD and Teachers' Unions for the uplift of Education in Sindh.

National, Provincial and District heads of Teachers' Association along with Provincial Ministers and all Provincial Secretaries Education participated in the symposium.

## Scales of teachers will be enhanced in Sindh: Pir Mazhar

KARACHI: The scales of teachers in Sindh will be enhanced. This was announced by Sindh Education Minister, Pir Mazhar-ul-Haq. He was speaking at a seminar held at a hotel here on Monday to mark the World Teachers Day. The Minister announced that the present government is committed to restore and enhance the status of the teachers in the society.

He said that it has been recommended to the Sindh Chief Minister to enhance the scales

of the teachers so as to bring these at par with those of the other provinces in the country. "You will soon hear a good news in this very connection," he remarked. Pir Mazhar said that education would have to be fostered in order to help tackle the problems of poverty and ignorance. He also urged the teachers to impart education to the youngsters with devotion and commitment as this would also contribute towards the development process in the country.—RT



KARACHI: Senior Minister for Education Pir Mazhar-ul-Haq and Chairman NCHD Ms Nafeesa Shah are seen giving away a crest to CM Sindh Syed Qaim Ali Shah at a National Symposium to mark world teachers day—Agency