

11 Days Executive Training Course
“Prime Minister’s Higher Education Cooperation Programme”
for Officers of Sri Lanka
Executive Development Institute of National School of Public Policy
in collaboration with the Higher Education Commission of Pakistan
March 22nd-1st April 2022
Programme

Brief Report

Executive Development Institute of the National School of Public Policy held two weeks Training Programme from March 22 to April 01, 2022 for the officers of Sri Lanka in collaboration with the Higher Education Commission of Pakistan. The Executive Development Institute organized this training under the Prime Minister Higher Education Cooperation Programme to extend Pak-Sri Lanka educational cooperation. The training was imparted to the cohort of 10 officers of Sri Lanka belonging to diverse backgrounds in Inland Revenue, Corruption, Health, and Customs. This was the second programme in a series under the Prime Minister Programme whereby the first batch received training in September 2019.

Two weeks intensive training programme was highly successful and received great acclamation from the Higher Education Commission as well as the officers of Sri Lanka. The Executive Development Institute designed tailored-made modules after consultation with HEC, the need assessment of officers, and from the feedback of previously conducted course. The training methodology was divided into in-house lectures and local visits. The topics of lectures were identified after a careful review, and the visits to public offices, educational institutions, and sightseeing were arranged to deliver a holistic approach to tools of governance, public policy formulation, and implementation.

The feedback of participants was received on the overall course as well as at the end of each lecture. The participants expressed their great happiness with the course content, selection of guest speakers, and visits to implementing organizations/Institutes such as Khidmat Centre, Punjab Information Technology Board(PITB), Punjab Mass Transit Authority. They highly appreciated the visit to Navy War College, and the Government College University, Lahore.

On the closing ceremony, Honourable Counsellor, High Commission, Sri Lanka, Mr. U.L. Niyaz gave the address to the participants in the closing ceremony. He lauded the efforts of Pakistan for

offering multiple opportunities to students of Sri Lanka through several educational exchange programmes. He said that both countries would enhance further ties for mutual benefits and prosperity.

Mr. Ahmed Nazir Warraich concluded the session and reiterated the need for international collaborations on multiple fronts of trade, culture, and education. He extended his great wishes to the officers of Sri Lanka, called them ambassadors of Pakistan, and said that EDI looks forward to these kinds of international collaborations with other institutes to strive together for a more prosperous future. The session was concluded by Award Ceremony with a Vote of Thanks by Dean EDI.

List of Lectures and Speakers

- Negotiation Skills by Mr. Amir Zahoor Khan Consultant (Exelon Company)
- Prevention of Corruption by Syed Mohsin Abbas, Senior Legal Consultant (M/o Privatization Commission)
- Gender Sensitivity in Policy Formulation by Dr. Fareeha Zafar Professor, Lahore School of Economics
- Customs Digital Transformation by Embracing a Data Culture by Mr. Usman Bajwa, Collector Customs (AIIA)
- International Regulatory Framework and Its Implications for National Policy Formulation by Ahmad Nazir Warraich, Dean, EDI
- SAARC-Its Potential for a Regional Cooperation” via Zoom by Amb. Retd. Amjad Hussain B. Sial Ex-Secretary General, SAARC
- Narcotics Control and Related Issues” via Zoom by Dr. Syed Kaleem Imam, Federal Secretary M/o Narcotics Control
- NEPRA as a Success Model of Regulatory Bodies by Mr. Tauseef Hassan Farooqi Chairman, NEPRA
- Mental Health Challenges and Impact of Covid on Mental Well-being: Challenges for Governance by Dr. Afzal Javed President, World Psychiatric Association, Birmingham
- HEC “Comparison of Education Policies in the Regional Context” via Zoom briefing by Mrs. Shaista Sohail Executive Director HEC
- Briefing by Foreign Office, Islamabad-“Pak-Sri-Lanka Friendly Relations and its Potential” via Zoom by Ms. Mumtaz Zahra Baloch Addl. Secretary Asia-Pacific
- Strategic Management in Developing Countries Challenges and Opportunities by Dr. Zahoor ul Hassan, Ex-Vice Chancellor, LUMS
- Culture as a Partner of Development” by Dr. Muhammad Jamil Afaqi, Dean, NMC
- Poverty Alleviation through Microfinance: Akhuwat- A Replicable Model” by Dr. Amjad Saqib Executive Director, Akhuwat Foundation
- Group Work _ Own Work Time: Observations on Comparative Best Practices _Presentations and Review

List of Visits

- Government College University(GCU) briefing on Aging Population and its Dynamics by Prof. Dr. Asghar Zaidi Vice-Chancellor, GCU
- Visit to Punjab Safe City Authority (PSCA) briefing on the Safe City Project by Muhammad Kamran Khan Chief Operating Officer, PSCA
- Visit to Punjab Information Technology Board (PITB) -“Digital Transformation of Punjab” by Muhammad Asif Balal Lodhi, Chairman PITB)
- Visit to Khidmat Centre-Role of IT in Public Governance briefing by Mr. Sajid Latif (DG, E-Governance)
- Visit to Punjab Mass Transit Authority (PMA) Control Room briefing by Mirza Naseer Inayat Managing Director, PMA
- Visit to Lahore Chamber of Commerce and Industry LCCI briefing on “Regional trade in South Asia and the role of SAARC” by Mian Nauman Kabir, President, LCCI
- Visit to Pakistan Navy War College (PNWC)- “Service Training Methodologies” briefing by Rear Admiral Shifaat Ali Khan SI(M)

Sightseeing Visits

- Visit to Lahore Fort Lunch at Haveli Restaurant
- Badshahi Mosque
- Visit to Taxila
- Emporium Mall
- Packages Mall
- Liberty Market
- MM Alam Road

Some Snapshots of Course













