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ERADICATION OF HARASSMENT & GENDER VIOLENCE

The seminar titled "Eradication of Harassment & Gender Violence" was held on Friday, April 26, 2024, at Karachi Gymkhana. The event aimed to raise awareness, educate, and develop strategies to combat these pervasive issues. The seminar gathered experts, activists, students, and community members to discuss and address the multifaceted nature of harassment and gender violence. Justice (Retd) Shahnawaz Tariq, Provincial of Ombudsman of Sindh for Harassment, graced the occasion as the Chief Guest.

During the seminar, Barrister Shahida Jamil, Former Federal Minister for Law & Justice of Pakistan, Ms. Nausheen Ahmedjee, Head of Peoples and Organization, Siemens Pakistan, delivered comprehensive presentations on the subject and Mr. Zia Ahmed Awan, Advocate Supreme Court and Founder, Madadgar Helpline delivered a detailed speech on the subject. The seminar was followed by a very informative Q & A session.

Mr. Irfan Amanullah, President of MPF, extended a warm welcome to the attendees in his address. The event concluded successfully, with vote of thanks by Mr. Mustafa Farooq, Hon. Secretary General of MPF. Ms. Abida Memon was Master of Ceremony for the seminar.







Eid Milan & Networking Dinner

The Eid Milan & Networking Dinner was held on Saturday, May 18, 2024 at MPF Office to celebrate Eid and provided a platform for networking among professionals and community members. The event began with a welcome address by Mr. Irfan Amanullah, President MPF, followed by an inspiring speech from Chief Guest Justice Muhammad Junaid Ghaffar, who emphasized the values of unity and mutual respect. The networking session allowed attendees to connect and explore collaborations. The evening also featured a cultural program and a delicious dinner with traditional Eid delicacies.

The event concluded successfully, with vote of thanks by Mr. Mustafa Farooq, Hon. Secretary General of MPF.







The MPF Tech-Preneurship Conference 2024 was organized by MPF Conference Committee held on June 08 ,2024 at Marriott Hotel Karachi and it was featured to an impressive lineup of speakers and panelists who shared their expertise on topics ranging from AI and blockchain to startup growth strategies and digital transformation. Attendees gained valuable insights into the future of technology and business, discovering new opportunities and forging meaningful connections.

Networking sessions facilitated valuable interactions among participants, enabling them to exchange ideas, explore potential collaborations, and expand their professional networks. The atmosphere was vibrant with enthusiasm and a shared passion for innovation

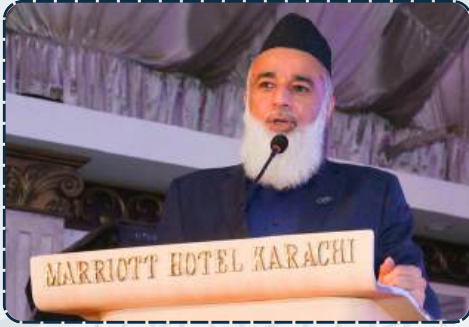
We extend our sincere gratitude to all sponsors and partners whose generous support made this event possible. Your contributions played a crucial role in creating a successful and impactful conference.

As we reflect on the success of MPF Tech-Preneurship Conference 2024, we are energized to continue fostering innovation and entrepreneurship in our community. Stay tuned for upcoming events and initiatives aimed at furthering our mission to drive technological advancement and economic growth.

Thank you to everyone who participated and supported the MPF Tech-Preneurship Conference 2024. Together, we are shaping the future of technology and entrepreneurship in Karachi and beyond.











Unlocking growth through great tax saving for technology companies in Pakistan under the umbrella of Special Technology Authority (STZA)

Benefits

Levy	Nature of exemption /tax concession	Period of Exemption
Income Tax	Profit and Gains	10 Year from the date of issuance of license by the STZA
	Minimum Tax on turnover @ 1.25%	
	Alternative Corporate Tax	
	Advance collection of tax on Import of capital equipment	
	Dividend income and long-term capital gains of any venture capital fund from investments in ZEs	
	Customs Duties on import of capital goods including plant, machinery, hardware, equipment, and software	
Sales Tax	Sales Tax on import of plant, machinery, equipment, and raw material for consumption of these items within STZs	
Foreign Exchange	Special Foreign Exchange Account where the company can retain all its foreign currency & can use it for payments abroad	
Full Repatriable Investment, Profits and Dividends		
Overseas payments permitted without any constraints		
Ease of Opening and Maintaining Forex Accounts		

How the benefits can be availed

All innovative & technology Companies whether startups, R&D facilities, tech companies, Tech SMEs & venture capital firms investing in STZA companies are eligible for availing the above benefits ones registered with the STZA as Zone enterprise or Zone developer.

Zone Enterprise

For qualifying as Zone Enterprise, Applicant Zone Enterprise will be evaluated for registration as zone enterprise based on their contributions (existing or proposed) to Pakistan's technology sector, such as R&D, local job creation, technology transfer, human capital development, exports growth, import substitutions, technology development, and other relevant areas. For a more detailed framework. Please refer to **STZA (Qualifications and Approval) Rules, 2021 ANNEXURE IV** and **Guidelines** for Zone Enterprises.

Following are the Technologies for zone enterprises

<p>Artificial Intelligence</p> <p>Machin Learning</p> <p>Big data analytics</p> <p>Quantum Computing</p> <p>Cloud computing</p> <p>Internet of things (IoT)</p> <p>Robo advisory</p> <p>Distributed ledger technologies</p> <p>Natural Language Processing (NLP)</p> <p>Augmented Reality (AR)</p> <p>Virtual Reality (VR)</p> <p>Robotics</p> <p>Wearables</p> <p>Mobile Payment</p> <p>Fintech</p> <p>Block Chain</p> <p>Biotech</p> <p>Genomics</p> <p>Science and Technology Institution</p> <p>Technology Skill Development Centers</p> <p>Telemedicine</p> <p>Biomedical Technology</p> <p>3D-Printing</p>	<p>Electric Vehicles</p> <p>Automobiles</p> <p>Sustainable and Renewable Energy</p> <p>Green Energy</p> <p>Agri-Tech</p> <p>Converging Technologies</p> <p>ICTS</p> <p>IT and ITes</p> <p>Nanotech</p> <p>Medical Devices</p> <p>Pharmaceutical</p> <p>Creative Industries</p> <p>ED-Tech</p> <p>Semiconductors</p> <p>E-commerce</p> <p>Satellites</p> <p>Electronics</p> <p>Smart Phones</p> <p>Laptops</p> <p>Fine Chemicals</p> <p>New Materials</p> <p>Precise Instruments</p> <p>Environmental Technologies</p> <p>Tertiary Industries</p>
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WHO CAN APPLY

Startup	SMEs	Large Enterprise	Anchor Enterprise
Employees 1-20	Employees 21-250	Employees 251-1000	Employees 1000+
Revenue PKR 500 Mn	Revenue PKR 500-1000 Mn	Revenue PKR 1-16 Bn	Revenue: PKR 16 Bn

Zone developers

Zone developer are licensed companies responsible for developing, operating, and managing infrastructure inside a STZ who will lease or rent out its facility to licensed Zone Enterprises. For example, Science & Technology Parks, Software Technology Parks, Co- working spaces, etc.

STZA welcome all innovative & technology developers in the field of:

- New and emerging technologies
- Science and/or Technology Institutions
- Science Cities and Technopolis
- Technology Startups, SMEs, Incubators and Accelerators
- High-Tech Electric and Electronics Production Industry
- Research and Development Centers and / or Clusters
- Technology related Business Process Outsourcing Centers and Global Service Centers
- Technology investments related to venture capital, private equity, hedge funds, and financial institution
- Information Technology and Communication Technology Industry

Zone Developers will be evaluated based on their technical and financial proposals. The interested applicants please refer Annexure I, II, **III, and V of the Special Technology Zones Authority (Qualification and Approval) Rules, 2021** for a detailed overview of the selection criteria and **Guidelines** for Zone Developers.

For further details Please refer <https://www.stza.gov.pk>.

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New Members Induction

Membership No.	NAME
M-1537	Sabiha Shah
M-1538	Nirma Adeel
M-1539	Hafiz Muhammad Noushad
M-1540	Muhammad Imran Memon
M-1541	Muhammad Riaz Moosani
M-1542	Anosha Abdul Wahab Galaria
M-1543	Samar Godil
M-1544	Aisha Aamer Godhari
M-1545	Anum Faisal Bumbia
M-1546	Aamer Abdul Razzak Godhrai
M-1547	Abdul Latif
M-1548	Muhammad Shahzad Salat
M-1549	Muhammad Ashraf Ahmed Pistawala
M-1550	Zaid Abid Essani
M-1551	Muhammad Asim Rangparia
M-1552	Muhammad Danish
M-1553	Muhammad Owais Sorathia
M-1554	Muhammad Shoaib Abubaker
M-1555	Sanober Godil
M-1556	Syeda Khadija Fawad
M-1557	Naureen Ashraf
M-1558	Muhammad Rizwan Jangda
M-1559	Abdul Hadi Siraj Panwala
M-1560	Khurram Amanullah Ozri
M-1561	Muhammad Salman Popatiya



Membership No.	NAME
M-1562	Ali Farooq Makda
M-1563	Muhammad Amin Bhura
M-1564	Shazaib Muhammad Paracha
M-1565	Saqib Ghaffar
M-1566	Muhammad Iqbal Siddiqui Makrani