

Photo exhibition to mark Pak-Italy 100 years of friendship inaugurated



ISLAMABAD, Dec 14 (APP): To commemorate hundred years of friendship and collaboration between Pakistan and Italy a photo exhibition "100 years after: on the route of Duke of Abruzzi expedition to Karakorum" was inaugurated here on Monday. The exhibition, "Italy and Pakistan: a century-long friendship in the shadow of K2" is organized in collaboration with Ev-K2-CNR Committee and Italian Embassy at National Arts Gallery.

Senator Nayyar Hussain Bukhari addressing the inaugural ceremony of the exhibition as chief guest said that Italy and Pakistan have a special relationship, one extending beyond continents and identified by a symbol K2.

Director General Pakistan National Council of the Arts Tauqeer Nasir presenting welcome address lauded the Italian activities in the field of culture, scientific research and sustainable development. He also appreciated the efforts of Ev-K2-CNR Committee and Italian embassy for organizing the exhibition and other events in connection with Pak-Italy hundred years of friendship.

At the ceremony official opening of 'First Pakistan Mountain Film Festival' was also announced.

A five-year project, Social Economic and Environment Development of the Central Karakorum Nation Part (SEED) project was also presented in the ceremony. The project was prepared with the mutual cooperation of Ev-K2-CNR Committee and Karakoram National University, Italian Cooperation and local partners.

The project aims at an integrative development of CKNP region through supporting the implementation and management of CKNP improving local well being and livelihood options.

The project represents concrete example of the collaboration between Italy and Pakistan realizing the close interrelation between poverty alleviation, social and economic development for local people, environmental research and conservation of unique natural beauty of the area.

The project is focused on catalyzed and integrated social, economic and environmental development including the realization of Central Karakorum National Park.

A documentary film "Challenge to K2-The Italian Mountains" produced by Italian National Television was also screened in the ceremony.

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