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From CEO's Desk

Welcome to the NCEC Newsletter! We are proud to share our successful endeavors and express gratitude to the dedicated staff at our educational institutions. Their unwavering commitment has contributed to the growth and advancement of Catholic Education Institutions in Pakistan. We continuously strive to exceed expectations, innovate, and deliver excellence in teaching methodologies to uphold the reputation of our Catholic academic institutions.

We are pleased to note the increased recognition and visibility of our institutions at national and international levels, leading to valuable partnerships that benefit our students and staff. Sustainable growth remains a priority, and we commend the ongoing dedication of all involved.

We extend our gratitude to His Grace Archbishop Sebastian Francis Shaw OFM, our Chairman, for his vital contributions in ensuring our institutions reach their full potential. Additionally, we appreciate the support and cooperation of the Pakistan Catholic Bishops' Conference (PCBC) in fostering effective collaboration between NCEC and all CBEs/DBE.

Finally, we send our best wishes to you and your families. Together, let us make positive contributions to our beloved motherland through our collective efforts.

Asher Javaid.

YOUR WAY TO SUCCESS

Finding the path to success is a deeply personal and transformative journey. It begins with defining your vision and setting clear goals that align with your aspirations.

Take the time to develop a well-thought-out plan, breaking it down into actionable steps that you can consistently work towards.

Embrace learning, stay resilient in the face of challenges, and seek guidance from mentors or supportive individuals who can provide valuable insights.

Stay focused, stay determined, and believe in your ability to achieve your goals.



NCEC's Birthday Celebrations



Under the leadership of His Grace Archbishop Sebastian Francis Shaw OFM, NCEC has successfully completed seven years. Despite facing turbulent times and numerous obstacles, the unwavering cooperation of all NCEC collaborators and the blessings of the Almighty have enabled NCEC to emerge resilient and steadfast.



Asian National Education offices Meeting



An online meeting of the National Offices of Asia region took place on 8th June 2023, with the participation of Mr. Herve Lecomte, Secretary General of the Internal Office of Catholic Education. During the meeting, Mr. Asher Javaid provided an introduction to Catholic Education in Pakistan and addressed questions from participants representing various Asian countries. The education offices present expressed their appreciation for these collaborative meetings and resolved to work together for the advancement of Catholic academic institutions.



Visit of Team of British Council to NCEC Office

On 15th June 2023, the British Council team visited the NCEC office to provide feedback and evaluate the Scottish Scholarships. They had the opportunity to meet with scholarship recipients and gather their valuable feedback on the effectiveness of the scholarships. The British Council team expressed their appreciation for the efforts of NCEC in documenting and transparently distributing the scholarships.



Sessions of His Grace Archbishop Sebastian Francis Shaw OFM for NDIE Staff

On 22nd June 2023, His Grace Archbishop Sebastian Francis Shaw OFM conducted sessions for the faculty and support staff of NDIE. His Grace expressed appreciation for their dedicated work under the leadership of Dr. Sherwin Rodrigues, Director of NDIE. He provided motivation and guidance on overcoming challenges faced at NDIE and in daily life. The staff at NDIE expressed gratitude to His Grace for his valuable time and attentive listening.



Visits of Schools by the Academic Team

Mr. Saimon Robin, Education Officer of NCEC, conducted visits to five schools of the Catholic Board of Education in Lahore. Accompanied by Teacher Educators Ms. Shahida Iqbal and Ms. Ashi Karel, they assessed the academic facilitation provided by each school and provided recommendations for further enhancement. The schools visited were:

1. St. Mary's High School, Lidhar
2. St. Mary's Girls High School, Mariam Nashat Colony, Lahore
3. St. Paul's Parish High School Shad Bagh, Lahore
4. Sacred Heart Girls High School, Lawrence Road Lahore
5. St. Anthony's High School, Cantt. Lahore



At the Helm” A Talk on Professional Development

On 3rd June, Mr. Asher Javaid, CEO-NCEC, along with Mr. Saimon Robin, Education Officer – NCEC and Master Trainers from Lahore, attended a professional development talk organized by Teachers Learning Alliance (TLA). The event, facilitated by Portal Consultants, aimed to enhance the professional growth and learning of educators.



British Council Reflection Session

On 9th June 2023, Ms. Sara Faizaan Malik led a reflection session on the Leadership workshop conducted on 23rd and 24th February 2023. During the session, participants had the opportunity to present their plans that were developed in the previous workshop. This session provided a platform for sharing and evaluating the progress made by the participants in implementing their plans.



A Talk on “The Value of One Minute in Classroom”

NCEC and Portal consultants held a talk on June 12th titled "The Value of one Minute in Classroom" at St. Anthony's High School, Faisal Town, Lahore. Attendees included master trainers, advanced leaders, teacher educators, principals, and teachers. Ms. Tina Hamid, Director of Portal Consultant, facilitated the talk. The event was made available online for educators via the Catholic TV Facebook page.



4-Day workshop on English Reading and Writing Skills



Professional development is crucial for building a stronger team. The National Catholic Education Commission organized a 4-day workshop from June 19th to 22nd, 2023, facilitated by Ms. Tina Hamid, Director of Portal Consultants. The workshop focused on two themes: Teacher Reading: Skills & Strategies and Writing Frames. Attending the workshop were master trainers, teacher educators, principals, and coordinators. All the participants will cascade these workshops in different schools to improve the communication skills of teachers and students.



Policy Dialogues on RE- Christianity

The Ministry of Federal Education and Professional Training developed a curriculum for Religious Education, including minority faiths such as Christianity, Hinduism, Baha'i, Zoroastrianism, Sikhism, and Kalasha. In continuation of this development, the National Curriculum Council (NCC) initiated a policy dialogue series with representatives from these religious minorities. The dialogue aimed to gather feedback, plan the completion of RE-Christianity Standard and Textbooks, and focus on teaching and assessment.

The dialogues took place on June 23rd at Bishop House, hosted by Archbishop Francis Sabastian Shaw. Dr. Mariam Chughtai, Director of the National Curriculum Council Secretariat, led the dialogues, addressing queries, assessing progress, and providing recommendations with deadlines.



NCEC's Finance Team Visits

Mr. Hammad Masood, Finance Officer – NCEC and Mr. Ivan Issacs, Accountant – CBE Lahore visited the following schools in the month of May 2023 in order to assess the financial practices at these schools and to guide the school accountants on proper finance and accounting procedures.

1. St. Anthony's High School, Lawrance road, Lahore
2. St. Mary's High School, Lidher, Lahore
3. St. Mary's High School, Nishat Colony, Lahore
4. St. Mary's High School, Chan Da Qilla, Gujranwala
5. St. Francis High School, Francisabad, Gujranwala





My Journey of Teaching by Sr. Gloria Manzoor FMCK From CBE Hyderabad

A teacher is the one who makes or breaks students. The teachers teach and train the students the whole year. They need to be trained themselves with modern educational strategies, skills, approaches, methods, and experts in different ICT tools to meet the expectations of the digital literacy world. The teachers have to be competitive enough to keep up with 21st century skills. They need to master the international language.

Therefore, the standards of professional knowledge, skills, and dispositions are designed to define competencies, skills, and attributes deemed essential for teachers. They are very helpful and beneficial to teacher training and professional development.



Journeys through teaching

