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Country Director World Bank calls on Chairman BISP

Islamabad: (.....) The Country Director World Bank Rachid Benmessaoud called on Chairman Benazir Income Support Programme (BISP) M. Enver Baig at BISP's Secretariat today.



ISLAMABAD: Chairman Benazir Income Support Programme (BISP), Mr. Enver Baig presenting BISP's memento to Country Director World Bank, Mr. Rachid Benmessaoud. (Dated: December 13, 2013)

During the meeting, Chairman BISP ensured the World Bank's representative that all the targets would be achieved as per the project agreements. Chairman BISP explained that BISP was under the process of re-visiting and re-designing their graduation schemes. He gave a general briefing on the plans to involve local chambers of commerce for understanding the skills requirement of the markets and developing these skills through BISP's Waseela-e-Rozgar initiative. These plans will be launched in pilot phase in KP province and will be implemented in three steps.

Chairman also talked about the proposals of placement of skilled workers in international markets, as well as providing micro-finance facilities, through Waseela-e-Haq initiative, enabling to establish their own businesses. The Chairman said that it is also the desire of Prime Minister of Pakistan that the poverty from Pakistan should be eradicated and economic

empowerment at grass root levels is a vision of the Prime Minister. He added that we at BISP are committed towards achievement of that goal of the Prime Minister.

The Country Director World Bank congratulated Mr. Enver Baig on his appointment as the new Chairman of BISP and hoped that the relationship between two organizations will further strengthen under his leadership. He said that BISP is a Programme much appreciated around the world and the partner countries of World Bank have desired to imitate this design. He also underscored the importance of creating cooperation among the provinces for smooth functioning of BISP.
