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**Country Coordinator TIKA calls on Chairman BISP**

Islamabad ( ) Country Coordinator, Turkish Cooperation and Coordination Agency (TIKA), Mehmet Samil Emin, called on Chairman Benazir Income Support Programme (BISP), Mr. Enver Baig, at BISP Secretariat today.



*ISLAMABAD: Chairman Benazir Income Support Programme (BISP), Mr. Enver Baig in a meeting with Mr. Mehmet Samil EMIN, Country Coordinator, Turkish Cooperation and Coordination Agency (TIKA) at BISP Secretariat. (Dated: February 12, 2014)*

During the meeting, Chairman BISP discussed important aspects of the organization with the Country Coordinator TIKA. He said that the Prime Minister of Pakistan has envisioned

empowering the youth of Pakistan as a solution to the problems of poverty and extremism. The same vision has been adopted and being implemented by BISP as well, said Mr. Enver Baig.

Chairman BISP said that demand-driven vocational and technical training to the youth of this country will solve their problems especially by alleviating poverty, which is a major factor in rising extremism in Pakistan. He explained that to achieve this purpose it is important to ensure the placement of trained workers in the market which has recently been made an important part of the design of Waseela-e-Rozgar in BISP. In this regard, BISP has signed MoUs with Chambers of Commerce and Industry of Karachi and Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and has conducted a national consultation workshop, which invited all the stakeholders to participate in the discussions related to the redesigning of vocational training initiative of BISP.

In response to the propositions by Chairman BISP, the Country Coordinator TIKA assured that the process of cooperation with BISP will be resumed. He said that under the leadership of Turkish Prime Minister, TIKA is exploring new avenues of cooperation with Government of Pakistan and vocational training seems a great opportunity to invest in the future of Pakistan.

In the meeting, it was decided that TIKA will support BISP in the pilot project of Waseela-e-Rozgar, to be launched in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and Punjab and the cooperation will be extended further. The modalities of this cooperation will be discussed in future meetings between both organizations.

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