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**ADB President Visits Taxila Tehsil Office of BISP**

Islamabad ( ) The President of Asian Development Bank, Mr. Takehiko Nakao, visited Benazir Income Support Programme's (BISP) Tehsil Office Taxila. He was greeted by Chairman BISP Enver Baig, Secretary BISP and other senior officials.



**Islamabad. Chairman BISP Enver Baig presenting BISP memento to President ADB at Taxila Tehsil Office (Dated: 17-09-2014)**

In his opening remarks Chairman BISP Enver Baig apprised the ADB President of functions and operations of BISP. He told the ADB official about recent developments in BISP especially regarding Waseela-e-Rozgar. He said that under the new government BISP is aiming to turn Waseela-e-Rozgar into an effective graduation programme.

While sharing the details he said that BISP has already signed memorandum of understanding with KATI, Sarhad Chamber of Commerce, Pizza Hut Food Chain, Daewoo Pakistan and other associations. He informed that under these MoUs BISP will be in a better position to determine the needs of the market, to employ relevant training and to help the beneficiaries to graduate out of the Programme through generation of employment opportunities.

During the visit President ADB was given a briefing on BISP operations at tehsil level which include issuance of Benazir Debit Cards (BDCs) and complaint handling mechanisms. He also met certain beneficiaries of BISP to get some insight into BISP.

ADB has recently signed 430 million dollars program with Government of Pakistan for BISP which will be utilized in providing cash transfer, designing and implementing graduation programs and technical assistance.

While talking to the media President ADB appreciated the efforts and the vision of Chairman BISP. He said that ADB is not only looking to invest in the cash transfer program but also to support BISP in developing comprehensive graduation mechanisms.

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