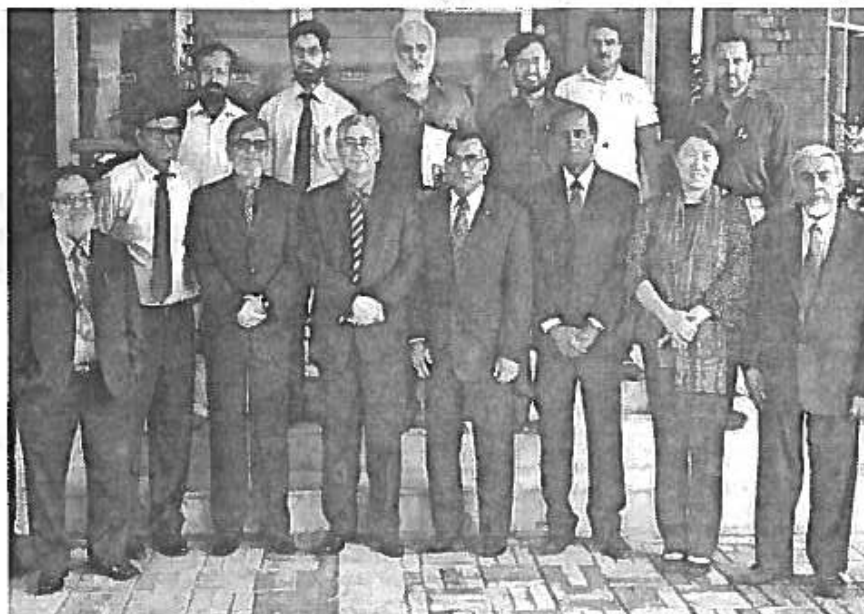


SAARC countries keen to import bio-remediation technology

ISLAMABAD—The SAARC member countries have shown interest to import bio-remediation technology from Pakistan to utilize the sewerage water of their respective countries for irrigation purposes and cope with the future water scarcity challenges. Delegates from SAARC member countries including Afghanistan, Maldives, Nepal, Sri Lanka, Bhutan and Bangladesh attended a detailed briefing at the National Agriculture Research Center (NARC) on "Pakistan Bio-remediation Model, Prospects and Replication in SAARC Countries."

Pakistan has already developed bio-remediation model for wastewater treatment for irrigation at NARC, the agricultural research center which is now being targeted to establish housing society at its place as proposed by the Capital Development Authority (CDA). The delegates included Director Information, MoIAF, Afghanistan, Gh. Rabbani Haqiqatpal, Member Director, Fisheries, BARC, Bangladesh, Dr. Md Kabir Ikramul Haque, Program Director, ICS, Ministry of Agriculture Bhutan, Deputy Minister Fisheries and Agriculture, Maldives, Mohamed Shareef, Chief Communication, Ministry of Agriculture Nepal, IP Rijal, Director, HORDI, Sri Lanka, Dr. Memal Fonseka, Director SAC, Dhaka, SM Bokthiar and Senior Program Specialist (NRM), SAC Dhaka, Dr. Tayan Raj Gurung.

Prior to the briefing, the delegates visited the bio-remediation site in the center, where Director Bio-Remediation Institute, Dr. Yousuf Riaz gave them detailed presentation on this technology. The NARC scientists have replicated the bio-remediation technology in other parts of the country including the Capital, Islamabad, where a project has been set up at Rose and Jasmine Garden to purify the water sewerage water.—INP



ISLAMABAD: Chairman PARC, Dr. Iftikhar Ahmad with representatives of SAARC member countries at the end of conference on 'Pakistan Bio-remediation Model, Prospects and Replication in SAARC Countries'.



KARACHI: Former Speaker of Sindh Provincial Assembly, Nisar Khuhro and Sales Manager South for Etihad Airways, Naveed Kashmirwalla presenting a guest ticket on Moroccan National Day event at a local hotel.



HYDERABAD: Indonesian Consul General Hadi Sanotos addressing to business community at Hyderabad Chamber of Commerce and Industry.

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