

The Patriot

Chief Editor: Sardar Khan Niazi

Tuesday

AUGUST 11, 2015

Shawwal 25 1436 A.H.

Price: Rs. 10

www.dailythepatriot.com

SAARC countries show interest to import bio-remediation technology

ISLAMABAD (PR): 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 cite in the center, where Director Bio-Remediation Institute, Dr. Yousuf Riaz gave them detailed presentation on this technology.