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Federal Minister Sikandar Hayat Khan Bosan, Secretary Seerat Asghar, Chairman PARC, Dr. Iftikhar Ahmad, PARC Member, Dr. Shahid Masood, Director HarvestPlus Dr. Howart Bouis and Country Manager HarvestPlus, Qadir Bux Baloch in a group photo after Bio-fortification Roundtable Conference.

Govt committed to food and nutrition secured Pakistan: Bosan

ISLAMABAD, August 17: Highlighting the importance of bio-fortification of staple crops, Federal Minister for National Food Security and Research (NFS&R), Sardar Sikandar Hayat Khan Bosan said that the government was committed to ensure food and nutrition-secure Pakistan.

Speaking at the roundtable meeting on "HarvestPlus Bio-fortification Programme in Pakistan," the federal minister said that the government has already taken many initiatives

to ensure nutritious food for all. He said that with the efforts of HarvestPlus and Pakistan Agricultural Research Council, a bio-fortified wheat variety has been developed, which would ensure nutritious food for all, particularly for nutritious-deficient rural population to help them overcome health deficiencies. Speaking on the occasion, Federal Secretary for NFS&R, Seerat Asghar enumerated three dimensions of food security including, international, national and individual. He said that food security means when people have access to healthy and nutritious food.

Earlier, Secretary Ministry of Planning, Development and Reforms, Hassan Nawaz Tarar

said that his ministry was supporting and would support all the nutrition programmes to help food and nutritious secure Pakistan. In his welcome address, Chairman Pakistan Agricultural Research Council (PARC), Dr. Iftikhar Ahmad stressed the need for using diversified nutrients to ensure healthy society. He said that Pakistan was the first country that has introduced Zinc efficient wheat variety, which is going to be provided to farmers soon. Director HarvestPlus, Dr. Howarth Bouis while speaking on the occasion informed the participants that the organization was working with 43 countries, out of which 27 have already released bio-fortified crops.-PR

INDIAN PM IN UAE Modi says India has \$1 trillion investment opportunity

DUBAI, August 17: Inviting investors from UAE, Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Monday said India has an immediate investment opportunity of \$1 trillion and the government will take urgent steps to address concerns of the businessmen from this country and erase "deficit of 34 years".

Modi also said his government has got some problems in legacy and his immediate priority would be to kickstart the things which were stalled by the "indecisiveness and lethargy" of the past governments.

"I have got some problems in legacy. I cannot take only the good points and leave aside the

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