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China Foundation for Peace and Development (CFPD) expresses Satisfaction over BISP's performance; Announce to double its scholarships for Pakistani students through the Programme;

BISP Bridging Sino-Pak Cooperation in the Social Sector; Madame Farzana Raja

Islamabad (): China Foundation for Peace and Development (CFPD) has doubled its scholarships for Pakistani students from underprivileged families seeking technical and vocational training being carried out under the Waseela-e-Rozgar scheme of Benazir Income Support Programme (BISP). While expressing complete satisfaction over the successful implementation in its first phase of the project by BISP, the visiting team of CFPD has announced further expansion of this coordinated effort.

The visiting team comprising Mr. Xu Zhensui, Secretary General of CFPD and other officials including Mr. Tian Geng, Mr. Zhang Jing and Mr. Liu Chang announced this during a meeting with



Islamabad: Federal Minister and Chairperson Benazir Income Support Programme (BISP), Madame Farzana Raja talking to Mr. Xu Zhensui, Secretary General, China Foundation for Peace and Development (CFPD) who along with a delegation visited BISP Secretariat. (Dated: Sep 11, 2012)

Federal Minister and Chairperson BISP, Madame Farzana Raja at BISP secretariat Tuesday. Mr. Du Genqi, First Secretary China Embassy in Islamabad was also present on the occasion.

It is worth mentioning here that 200 students have been graduated in the first phase of Pak-China Friendship Scholarship, whereas with the doubled scholarship from CSFD, about 400 students would be enrolled in the next phase of the project expected to commence in Federal capital as well as Provincial capitals from October 2012. The visiting delegation informed Chairperson BISP that CFPD Council is extremely pleased with the thorough implementation of first phase of training by BISP.

Madame Farzana Raja on the occasion said that the youth has special significance for any nation in the world and thus, their needs and aspirations need to be catered to establish a forward looking society. She said that on behalf of Pakistani nation, she is grateful to CFPD for lending its generous support to BISP to impart technical and vocational skills to youth so that they can be helped to stand on their feet to earn a dignified living and contribute in the national economy as well.

The members of the team, while talking to Chairperson BISP, acknowledged the fact that the experience of BISP and CFPD working together has been proven exceptionally good and thus the possibilities of augmenting this cooperation are being discussed now. Madame Farzana Raja appreciated the gesture and said that Pak-China friendship has now touched new milestones while venturing in the social sector for the first time in six decades to help the vulnerable segments of the society in the region.

Earlier, the CFPD' team visited NISTE, the institute where technical and vocational trainings have been imparted to students under the project. The members of the team met various trainees and obtained first hand information about their learning experience and the difference this training has made in their lives. The delegation came across several moving stories about the way these trainees are feeling empowered by becoming self reliant after getting training through BISP.