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## **IKRF and BISP sign MoU to provide Vocational and Technical training to BISP beneficiary families under Waseela-e-Rozgar**

### **Iranian delegation terms BISP as a remarkable success regarding poverty alleviation**

### **Madame Farzana Raja thanks Iranian support to BISP through IKRF**

Islamabad: Benazir Income support Programme (BISP) is playing pivotal role in providing employment opportunities to women and youth besides poverty alleviation in Pakistan. The efforts of Madame Farzana Raja in this regard are highly commendable as she has done great service for the socio-economic uplift of the poor segments of society from the platform of BISP. These were the views expressed by the members of visiting delegation of Imam Khomeini Relief



**ISLAMABAD: Federal Minister and Chairperson Benazir Income Support Programme and Iranian Ambassador H.E Ali Reza can be seen during an MoU signing ceremony between BISP and Imam Khomeini Relief Foundation (IKRF) for provision of Technical and Vocational training to BISP beneficiaries. (Dated: September 20, 2012)**

Foundation (IKRF) during a meeting with Chairperson BISP and MoU signing with regard to provision of vocational and technical training to BISP beneficiary families with BISP at BISP secretariat on Thursday. The delegation was led by Hossein Anvari whereas H.E Ali Reza, the Iranian Ambassador in Pakistan was also present on the occasion.

Madame Farzana Raja said that we are thankful to Iran for lending its support to provide vocational and technical training to millions of BISP beneficiary families. She added further that the women and youth are the two most important segments of our society and securing their future and getting them rid of vulnerability through this training is very important task for us.

Chairperson BISP noted that Pakistan and Iran are enhancing their cooperation in the social sector and said that MoU

between IKRF and BISP regarding imparting technical training to youth is the first step in this regard. She said that provision of technical training for the youth of Iran and Pakistan is highly imperative.

Madame Farzana Raja said that BISP is busy in empowering women for their financial emancipation. She said that signing of this MoU is a mere reflection of the nature of cordial relations between Pakistan and Iran. She said this cooperation would be enhanced in future to benefit the people from both the countries.

Hossein Anvari, the head of Iranian delegation on the occasion said that the people of Pakistan and Iran have a long history of social, cultural and religious bounds. He said that with the provision of better facilities and training, youth would prove a real asset of Pakistan which has a lot of potential.

H.E. Ali Reza congratulated Madame Farzana Raja for the achievements and success of BISP and said that the programme is playing wonderful role in poverty alleviation.