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BISP role model for other social protection programmes: Iranian envoy

ISLAMABAD: Benazir Income Support Programme (BISP) is a role model for other social protection programmes in the region, said Iran's ambassador to Pakistan on 10th May, 2010.



Ms. Farzana Raja Federal Minister/ Chairperson Benazir Income Support Programme presenting BISP's plaque to the Ambassador of Iran H.E. Mr. Masha'allah Shakeri after a meeting in her office on 11th May 2010.

Mr. Masha'allah Shakeri met Federal Minister/Chairperson BISP Ms. Farzana Raja at BISP Secretariat. Ms Farzana Raja apprised Mr. Shakeri of the current status of the various initiatives, including Cash Grant, Emergency Relief Package, Waseela-e-Haq, Health Insurance, and Vocational Training Programme, started by the BISP for the well being of

the marginalized and under-privileged sections of the society. Iranian ambassador praised steps taken for the welfare of the poor. Ms. Farzana Raja said BISP is working to eliminate poverty from the country and aims to empower the women socially and financially.

Ms. Farzana Raja said BISP is a revolutionary programme through which the government has taken various steps to eliminate poverty and empower the women. She said BISP holds the key to make Pakistan a welfare state. She said we have dedicated ourselves to serve the public and make them prosperous.

Mr. Shakeri appreciated the efforts of BISP and termed this programme a role model for the other social protection programmes of the region. He underlined the fact that BISP is working for betterment of the underprivileged sections of the society at the grass roots

level. Mr. Shakeri apprised Ms. Farzana Raja of the charity work being undertaken by Imam Khomeini Relief Foundation in Iran, which is being run for the past three decades. He also invited Ms. Farzana Raja to visit Iran to meet her counterpart to exchange views and experiences. Ms. Farzana Raja accepted the invitation.