

**SPEECH BY Honorable**  
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**Roots National Institute of Teacher Training & Education**  
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Mrs. Riffat Mushtaq , Founder Director Roots School System, Mr. Faisal Mushtaq Director Roots National Institute of Teacher Training and Education, Mr. Walid Mushtaq Director RSS, Mrs. Khadija Omair Director RSS, teaching faculty of Roots National Institute of Teacher Training and Education and my dear graduates of Montessori Materials and Methodology Workshop 2009.

Assalam-o-alaikum!

“Children are the hope of the future, the builders of tomorrow”. These are some words which are quoted time and again and one cannot deny that in today’s times efforts are being made to bring up children in the proper way and to give them the right education so that they grow up to be complete human beings and are a boon to the society.

I would like to offer my heartiest greetings to the graduates of RNITTE Montessori Workshop on the successful completion of their professional certification Workshop. It is heartwarming to see that for the first time in Pakistan, Roots National Institute of Teacher Training & Education RNITTE is providing professional certifications of International standards form of Montessori diplomas, internationally recognized professional certifications, Continuing Professional Development programs, Community Empowerment Initiatives to name a few.

Today, it gives me great pride and joy to say that Pakistan has an international standard teacher training Institute which is furthering the cause of women empowerment through professional skills development, vocational training, and literacy support and making them value adding members of the society.

My dear audience, you are well aware of the dynamic initiatives taken by our government in the field of education. The people’s Government is truly committed to ameliorating the lives of the people living below the poverty line by reaching out to them. It is heartwarming to see the Community Empowerment Initiatives at Roots whereby underprivileged schools and teachers are provided with resources, teacher training and consultancy services to improve their standards.

No country can progress on the road of prosperity without its most precious human resource that is “THE TEACHER”. It is the teacher who inspires his/her students and motivates them to have dreams and then turns their dreams into reality. Today’s educators are expected to help the most diverse student population in history meet the highest education standards ever set.

No other personality has a more profound influence than that of a teacher. Teachers and teacher educators do not work in isolation, nor are they merely skilled laborers. They are part of a global profession and have the responsibility to recognize their interdependence and become connected to ensure that all people have access and opportunity to participate in the global marketplace of cross-cultural education and ideas.

RNITTE is effectively bridging the gap that exists in teacher training in Pakistan by training programs developed by a core faculty of National and International master trainers, training partners and educational specialists who are acclaimed educators, ground breaking researchers, and award winning academia.

In the end I would like to offer my felicitations to the Director of Roots School System Mr Faisal Mushtaq for bringing women population in the mainstream by equipping them with a Internationally recognized vocational qualification such as Montessori certification and salute the dedication and commitment of this great institution, leadership, management and teacher trainers who are nurturing the future of Pakistan.

May roots take its roots to all the nooks and corners of Pakistan and I as the chairperson of Benazir’s Income support group and in my capacity as a Federal Minister with the Government of Pakistan assure you of my complete commitment and extending all out help in furthering RNITTE’s mandate of teacher training and women empowerment.

Roots National Institute of Teacher Training RNITTE is a model to be emulated. Pakistan is proud of you.

THANK YOU!

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LONG LIVE MOHTARMA BENAZIR BHUTTO’s LEGACY