

## Oath Taking Ceremony of Student Council at "Islamabad Model College for Girls"

Honorable Principal,

Distinguished Guests,

Students,

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Assalam-o-Alaikam!!!

It gives me great pleasure to be in your midst on the occasion of the Oath Taking Ceremony of "Student Council". I am pleased because today's occasion offers me the opportunity to interact with intelligent young students like you.

There is no doubt that the future of our country depends upon the type of education and the way in which we bring up our children as the future servants of Pakistan. Education does not merely mean academic education, what we have to do is to mobilize our people and build up the character of our future generations.

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I would like to share with you the education vision of our great martyred leader, the Quaid e Awam Zulfiqar Ali Bhutto and the courageous Shaheed Mohtrama Benezir Bhutto. Both the charismatic leaders firmly believed that education was the key to empowerment of the people. As a matter of fact, the Quaid-e-Awam introduced free and compulsory primary education, promoted centres of excellence, created Institutes of Science and Technology and took Pakistan to the cutting edge of nuclear physics, by establishing centers of Nuclear Medicine.

The PPP Government is committed to focus on providing computers progressively for every Secondary School and College in Pakistan to enable the new generation to play its due role in the digital age. Universal enrolment by 2015 of all children between the ages of 5 to 10 is the target of the Party. To help universalize the basic education, the PPP proposes to provide a stipend to every child in the Government Primary Schools.

My Dear Students:

Students' council is a repository for training leaders of the future. Bodies like students' councils provide an opportunity to the young students to serve their peers with ingenuity and distinction. In shape of such councils in institutions, the students understand true essence of democracy besides its use just as a slogan, as all the student activities are managed by the students under the supervision of teachers that provide them with immense confidence and independence.

And without women's participation national development is impossible and to face upcoming economical and defensive challenges it is a must to include the next generation including females. Women are a large part of the population and they could play an effective and vital role for the national development that's why PPP Government has special focus on women.

My Dear Students:

Pakistan is passing through a sensitive phase where extremism and economic setbacks have made our democracy vulnerable. We expect a lot from our next generation and hope they will steer our country from current problems and set the democratic traditions in their true letter and spirit.

To the end, ladies & gentlemen, I assure you that in the spheres of education we tend to prepare the nation for the challenges of Knowledge Revolution with an aim to transform Pakistan's education system into equal opportunity and quality education providing State.

I congratulate the council members and advise them to wholeheartedly devote themselves to their studies besides taking special interest in extracurricular activities with a view to developing themselves into right hands to assume the future responsibilities in all walks of life and serve the nation and country.