

COUNCIL FOR WORKS AND HOUSING RESEARCH

Visit Report To 6th Build Asia Exhibition & Conference 27-29 July, 2010, at Expo Centre Karachi

Engr. N.H. Taqvi, Chairman CWHR was invited as Guest of Honor by the President of Build Asia Secretariat Mr. Khursheed Nizam on 29th July, 2010.

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1.0 Introduction:

The Build Asia Exhibition and Conference is organized by E-Commerce Gateway Pakistan (Pvt) Ltd annually. The 6th Build Asia featured over 150 exhibitors, ranging from major global suppliers to regional agents and distributors. Participants were from more than 11 countries including China, Germany, Iran, Italy, Turkey, United Arab Emirates etc. The three-day International event attracted thousand of visitors from every walk of life especially from the construction industry, architect, consultants & builders.

The Build Asia has been described as the largest event of its kind in Pakistan as it provides a platform for architects, consultants, interior designers, builders, landscapers, developers, contractors, machinery and equipment manufacturers and suppliers from the public and private sectors to network, source and specify the latest building and construction products and services.

The event provided comprehensive product offering for the building and construction industry. The 6th Build Asia 2010 was organized with the support of the Ministry of Housing and Works, Board of Investment (BOI), Government of Pakistan, Lasbela Industrial Estates Development Authority (LIEDA), Trade Development Authority of Pakistan (TDAP), Government of Sindh, City District Govt Karachi (CDGK) and other related associations.

2.0 About the visit:

The President of Build Asia Secretariat Mr. Khursheed Nizam had invited the Chairman CWHR, Engr. N.H. Taqvi as Guest of Honor on 29th July, 2010 at 11:00 AM. On arrival the Chairman CWHR was extended protocol by way of following.

- i. Build Asia Secretariat representatives escorted Chairman CWHR and delegates from CWHR to all the 3 hall comprising different stalls and exchanged technical views with the representatives of different local and international organization / manufacturer who had displayed their products.
- ii. Representatives of different companies gave their presentations about their products and services offered to the construction industry.
- iii. Chairman CWHR also informed different companies about the research and development work & testing services offered by CWHR to the construction industry.
- iv. Comments of the Chairman CWHR were recorded in the Guest of honor book.

- v. Group photo with the Chairman CWHR, (Guest of Honor) and the members of the delegation from CWHR.
- vi. A Formal farewell and acknowledgement to the Chairman CWHR was announced on the Public Address System.

3.0 CWHR Delegation:

The delegation from CWHR comprised of the following officers:

- i. Engr. N.H. Taqvi, Chairman CWHR (Guest of Honor)
- ii. Engr. Dr. Ataullah Maher, (CRO, RD-I)
- iii. Engr. Rukhsana Rahooja, (CRO, RD-II)
- iv. Engr. Abdul Bari Mangi, (SRO)
- v. Engr. Aamir Ali, (SRO)
- vi. Mr. Syed Farhan Abbas, (SMO)
- vii. Engr. Hammad Ali, (SRO)
- viii. Engr. M. Saeed Balooch, (RE)
- ix. Engr. Asif Hussain, (RE)
- x. Engr. Muhammad Hanif, (RE).

4.0 Conclusion:

Housing and construction sector has been identified by the Government of Pakistan as the engine for economical growth. A spurt in activity in this sector unleashes a chain reaction in 60 other allied industries. The importance of housing and construction industry can not be denied and CWHR is striving towards the betterment of housing and construction industry in Pakistan.

The CWHR delegation gained updated information about the developments in construction industry. Such events provide multidimensional opportunities to R & D and stakeholders of the Construction Sector.

It is hoped that CWHR will actively participate in the next 7th Build Asia Exhibition & Conference scheduled to be held on 20-22 Sept 2011.
