

**PBBF ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE PERIOD
FROM 01.01.2014 TO 31.12.2014**

1) EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (2014-2015)

Mr. Mohammed A.Rajpar (President)
Mr. Sameer H.Dodhy (Vice President)
Mr. Zahid Dada (Vice President)
Mr. Haider Haqi (Secretary General)
Mr. Takreem ul Haque (Treasurer)
Mr. S.Salahuddin Haider (Executive Committee Member)
Mr. M Faisal Iftikhar (Executive Committee Member)

2) MEMBERSHIP

Membership strength was 60 as at 31st December, 2014.

3) EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

3 meetings of the Executive Committee were held during the period.

AN INTERACTIVE SESSION WITH MR. MUHAMMAD ZUBAIR, MINISTER FOR PRIVATIZATION

PBBF in collaboration with Pakistan - Korea Businesses Council, Pakistan - Australia Business Forum, Pakistan - France Business Alliance, Pakistan - Japan Business Forum, Pakistan - Russia Business Council, Pakistan - Sri Lanka Business Forum organized an interactive session on "Privatization Process in Pakistan" with Mr. Muhammad Zubair, Minister for Privatization on Saturday, 18th January 2014, at Crystal Ball Room, Marriot Hotel, Karachi.

16th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF PBBF

The 16th Annual General Meeting of the Pakistan - Belgium Business Forum was held at 11.30 a.m. on Saturday, 25th January, 2014 at the Beach Luxury Hotel (Sunflower Hall), Karachi. Mr. Karel Van Hecke Counsellor from Belgian Embassy, Islamabad also attended.

EMEACR AND INNOVARA INC.

Mr.Serge Dehon, CEO, of EMEA Clinical Research Consultancy (www.emeacr.org) alongwith Dr.Ali Yasir, Pakistan representative, called upon PBBF office bearers on 18th February, 2014. They informed theirs is a Belgian company engaged in providing specialized and customized training in Sales & Marketing of medical equipment. PBBF office bearers assured the forum's support and cooperation.

INAUGURATION OF NEW PREMISES OF THE HONORARY CONSULATE OF BELGIUM IN KARACHI

H.E.Mr.Peter Claes, Belgian Ambassador to Pakistan inaugurated the new premises of the Honorary Consulate of Belgium in Karachi on Friday, 4th April, 2014 at Marriott, Karachi.

Mr.Mohammed A.Rajpar, President, PBBF and Mr.Takreem ul Haque, Honorary Vice Consul of Belgium in Karachi and Treasurer of PBBF were in attendance.

BELGIAN AMBASSADOR'S VISIT TO PQA & FAP APRIL 24TH 2014

On Thursday, 24th April, 2014 H.E.Mr.Peter Claes, Belgian Ambassador to Pakistan and Mr. Karel Van Hecke Counsellor paid an official visit to Port Muhammad Bin Qasim. They met with the Chairman of the Port Qasim Authority, Mr. Agha Jan Akhtar, to discuss the future plans of the port and the

possibility of further Belgian involvement. In the past, construction and dredging companies from Belgium have helped to build and maintain the port.

Afterwards, the Belgian Ambassador also visited Fauji Akbar Portia Grain and Fertilizer Terminal located at PQA which uses an integrated ship un-loader system from Belgian company VIGAN for its grain and fertilizer terminal operations.

Mr.Mohammed A.Rajpar, President, PBBF accompanied H.E.Mr.Peter Claes.

DINNER FUNCTION IN HONOUR OF BELGIAN AMBASSADOR BY PBBF & ROTARY CLUB OF KARACHI MIDCITY

PBBF organized a dinner function in collaboration with the Rotary Club at 6:30 p.m. on Friday, 25th April, 2014. H.E.Mr.Peter Claes, Belgian Ambassador graced the occasion and shared his views on eradication of Polio from Pakistan.

Many members of PBBF alongwith Rotarians attended the event.

BLCCA ACADEMY & GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF FCCIB, BRUSSELS BELGIUM

Mr.Sameer H.Dodhy, Vice President alongwith Mr.Syed Khurram Bukhari attended the BLCCA Academy organized by FCCIB on 4th and 5th June, 2014 in Belgium. This is a biannual event attended by a host of local Belgian - Luxembourg Chambers as well as Chambers located abroad e.g. Africa, Caribbean, Japan, Pakistan, etc. This is the second time that a Pakistani entity was present at such a conclave.

On 6th June, 2014 Mr.Sameer H.Dodhy, Vice President alongwith Mr.Syed Khurram Bukhari attended the FCCIB's General Assembly in Brussels.

PBBF's representatives also conducted a series of bilateral meetings with Belgian Government agencies as well as local Chambers from all regions of Belgium and requested them to disseminate the true picture of Pakistan as an investment and trade opportunity.

The general content of the meeting comprised presentations on various initiatives undertaken by some chambers, exchange of best practices, networking and future strategies and activities.

BELGIAN FOOD FESTIVAL, 2014

Pakistan Belgium Business Forum (PBBF) also organizes cultural events from time to time to bring the people of Belgium and Pakistan closer together. In this vein, PBBF hosted a Belgian Food Festival in collaboration with Marriott, Karachi which was supported by the Belgian Federal Government as well as the Royal Belgian Embassy in Pakistan. The festival was also sponsored by Qatar Airways, Anker Schroeder ASDO GmbH, General Shipping Agencies (Pvt.) Ltd., Habib Sugar Mills Ltd. and Habib ADM Ltd.

The festival was inaugurated by H.E.Mr.Peter Claes, Belgian Ambassador to Pakistan. For the occasion, a chef from Belgium was especially flown in alongwith the food ingredients to prepare authentic Belgian cuisine whilst an accomplished jazz saxophone player Mr. John Snauwaert entertained the audience. The occasion coincided with the Belgian King's Day which is celebrated on

15th November every year. Amongst those present were Consul Generals of USA, France, Switzerland, Malaysia, Italy, Germany, Afghanistan, etc, Chairman KPT, Chairman PQA, Commander Karachi, politicians, civil servants, members of the business community and members of PBBF.

Mr.Mohammed A.Rajpar, President, introduced the Forum and its activities/objectives and said the festival was being organized after four years but PBBF was hoping to make it an annual affair.

Mr.Jan Verduyn, the General Manager of Marriott Karachi informed the audience that "the renowned Belgian chef Mr.Matthias Van Acker has flown in to prepare a selection of the most exquisite dishes of Belgian national gastronomy. He is accompanied by the celebrated saxophone player Mr.John Snauwaert who has spiced up the atmosphere with some jazzy sounds. The performance is a homage to the celebration in Pakistan of the 200th anniversary of the birth of Adolphe Sax, the Belgian inventor of the saxophone!"

While briefing the guests about the food served on the occasion Chef Matthias Van Acker said it was an honor for him to visit Pakistan and he was looking forward to visit Pakistan in future as well. The festival enabled connoisseurs of Karachi to explore and enjoy the myriad tastes and flavors of Belgian food, he added.

Guests thoroughly relished Mr.Matthias Van Acker's culinary creations which were offered in a sophisticated atmosphere alongwith musical performance by jazz saxophone player Mr. John Snauwaert inside the Crystal Ball room at Marriott hotel.