

**PBBF ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE PERIOD
FROM 1.3.2009 TO 28.2.2010**

MEMBERSHIP

Membership strength 75.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Three meetings of the Executive Committee were held on 29th July, 2009, 15th December, 2009 and 19th February, 2010.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM)

The 12th AGM was held on 28th March, 2009 at the Beach Luxury Hotel, Karachi. The meeting was attended by 16 members.

SWISS BUSINESS COUNCIL (SBC)

SBC organized a roundtable conference in order to discuss "Pakistan - Economic Potential and Opportunities" on 7th November, 2009 whereby participants from various fora e.g. PBBF, PGBF, PFBA, PJBF, PSBF, representatives from Chambers and Associations, Consul Generals, Government officials and Economists were invited. A large number of participants debated threadbare on this important issue. Whereafter an action plan was also formulated.

MEETING WITH BELGIAN AMBASSADOR

Mr.Mohammed A.Rajpar visited Islamabad on 21st November, 2009 and held a meeting with H.E.Mr.Hans-Christian Kint, Ambassador of Belgium in Pakistan. In the meeting, matters of mutual interest were discussed.

VICE-PRESIDENT MR.SAMEER H.DODHY'S VISIT TO BELGIUM

Mr.Sameer H.Dodhy visited Belgium on 1st Decmber, 2009. He met Mr. Wouter Van Gulck of Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry of Belgium. Matters of mutual interest were discussed in the meeting.

DINNER IN HONOUR OF BELGIAN AMBASSADOR

H.E.Mr.Hans-Christian Kint, Ambassador of Belgium in Pakistan alongwith his spouse visited Karachi for the first time after his accreditation as Ambassador of Belgium in Pakistan. PBBF organized a dinner in his honour on 4th December, 2009 at Beach Luxury Hotel. The function was attended by several Members, Consul Generals, Presidents of Fora and Government officials.

BELGIAN COMPANIES' CATALOGUES EXHIBITION

The Economic & Commercial Representation, Embassy of Belgium organized a Belgian Contact Day in collaboration with the Karachi Chamber of Commerce & Industry (KCCI) on 5th December, 2009 in the KCCI Auditorium. The event was jointly inaugurated by the Belgian Ambassador H.E.Mr.Hans-Christian Kint and the President of the KCCI Mr. Abdul Majid Haji Muhammad. More than 130 Belgian companies' catalogues and brochures were displayed for consultation by esteemed PBBF members.

PUNJAB INVESTMENT CONFERENCE

Punjab Board of Investment and Trade (PBIT) on behalf of Chief Minister, Punjab invited PBBF Members to attend the Conference on 4th February, 2010 at Lahore which was circulated to all members. PBBF's senior member, Mr.Malik Pervez Zaman of Venset Export Import, Lahore, was kindly represented the Forum during the Conference.