

PAKITAN INTERNATIONAL DISPUTES WEEKEND (PIDW) 2024



Pakistan International Disputes Weekend (PIDW), Asia's premier legal and industrial conference for 'reviewing, reflecting and reviving' the global dispute resolution terrain enlightened Karachi on the 11th and 12th of May 2024 at Pearl Continental, successfully marking its second edition of promoting excellence in Pakistan.

PIDW was proudly hosted by the MK Consultus LLP and TCC ADR Centre, and co-hosted by the High Court of Sindh, the Pakistan Engineering Council, and the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators Headquarters

The event reported the participation of seven high courts of Pakistan, thirty-three sitting judges from the high courts, sixty speakers from around the globe, over a thousand delegates from corporations, various industrial sectors including construction, power, oil, gas, and education, pioneering national and international law firms, business sector, and associations in Pakistan.

The event served as a unique forum to represent the shared interests of the various stakeholders involved, extending the opportunity to promote connection-building through networking, exploring transnational business opportunities, and encouraging knowledge exchange by indulging in insightful panel discussions with the global best practitioners who joined PIDW from the United Kingdom, the UAE, Qatar, Turkey, Uzbekistan, China, and Singapore.

The intermix of Pakistan's supreme judicial body with the highest tier of corporations in Pakistan is what made the event a bridging point. PIDW'24 was graced by the presence of some of the most knowledgeable jurist minds in Pakistan who shared their enriched experience with the audience. They included:

1. Honorable Chief Justice Mr. Justice Aqeel Ahmed Abbasi of the High Court of Sindh;
2. Honorable Chief Justice Mr. Justice Ali Baig of the Chief Court of Gilgit Baltistan;
3. Honorable Chief Justice Mr. Justice (Retd.) Tassaduq Hussain Jillani of Pakistan; and
4. Justices from seven High Courts of Pakistan.

The event was not just limited to knowledge sharing: the endorsement and appreciation of corporations who have aligned their organization with the highest degree of legal compliance through the 'Excellence Awards for Legal Compliance'. This new feature was a unique segment, designed to recognize and honor corporations in Pakistan for their outstanding achievements in legal compliance.

The recipients of these prestigious awards included PARCO from the oil and refinery sector, JS Bank from the banking sector, and Nestlè Pakistan from the Food and Beverages Sector. PIDW acknowledges and commends their significant contributions to upholding legal

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standards and was pleased to celebrate their accomplishments through this award. For next year, PIDW announces the opening of nominations for Excellence Awards for Legal Compliance 2025.

PIDW has placed Pakistan on a global stage through its international participation of practitioners from around the world. The joint effect of PIDW has impacted Pakistans image internationally, portraying it as a rapidly evolving country for investment.

On the 11th of May 2024, the house was opened by the Chair of Pakistan International Disputes Weekend, Barrister Mian Sheraz Javaid. For the Closing Session of Day 1, the Honorable Chief Justice Mr. Justice Aqeel Ahmed Abbasi of the High Court of Sindh graced the event with a closing speech, followed by a Keynote Speech by the former Chief Justice of Pakistan, Honorable Mr. Justice (Retd.) Tassaduq Hussain Jillani.

The two days brimmed with panel discussions by over sixty individuals on sixty different dimensions of the topics.

On the 12th of May 2024, the house was opened by the Chair of Pakistan International Disputes Weekend, Barrister Mian Sheraz Javaid. For the Closing Session of Day 1, the Honorable Chief Justice Mr. Justice Aqeel Ahmed Abbasi of the High Court of Sindh closed the event with a closing speech, followed by a Keynote Speech by the Honorable Chief Justice Mr. Justice Ali Baig of the Chief Court of Gilgit Baltistan.

The convention featured a Business Desk to facilitate business matchmaking for law firms, Pakistan's public and private sectors, and other corporates at the event with each other and international organizations as well. The event also arranged for a Networking Lounge to facilitate networking amongst the event attendees to promote meaningful connections.

For more information and registration for the event, please visit www.pidw.pk



About MK Consultus LLP:

MK Consultus is a well-reputed international energy, construction, and engineering law firm headquartered in Lahore, Pakistan that deals with dispute advisory, consultancy and ADR services.

TCC ADR Centre:

TCC ADR Centre is a not-for-profit ADR centre registered under Section 42 of the Companies Act 2017 in Pakistan that promotes the use of ADR with accredited trained and qualified experts and neutrals.

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The Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (Ciarb):

The world's leading qualifications and professional body for dispute avoidance and dispute management was incorporated in the United Kingdom in 1915. Ciarb is passionate about promoting a harmonious society and helping people and organizations avoid, manage and resolve conflict through our global network of over 17,000 members.

Pakistan Engineering Council (PEC):

The Pakistan Engineering Council is a statutory body, constituted under the PEC Act 1976 (V of 1976), to regulate the engineering profession in the country such that it shall function as a key driving force for achieving rapid and sustainable growth in all national, economic, and social fields.

High Court of Sindh:

The Honourable High Court of Sindh, Karachi is the highest court of appeal in the province of Sindh in Civil and Criminal matters and one of the prominent judicial bodies of Pakistan. The High Court's jurisprudence and legal precedents have shaped the legal landscape of Pakistan.

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