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Press Release

40-Hour Accredited Mediation Training Concluded

Islamabad, February 16, 2026 — The 40-Hour Accredited Mediation Training concluded today with a dignified ceremony, underscoring the growing institutional commitment to strengthening mediation as an integral pillar of Pakistan’s justice delivery system.

The ceremony was graced by Hon’ble Mr. Justice Miangul Hassan Aurangzeb, Judge, Supreme Court of Pakistan and Advisor to the Board of Governors of the Federal Judicial Academy, as Chief Guest, while Hon’ble Mr. Justice Arbab Muhammad Tahir, Judge, Islamabad High Court, graced the occasion as Guest of Honour.

In his keynote address, Hon’ble Mr. Justice Miangul Hassan Aurangzeb congratulated the participants on successfully completing the mandatory forty hours of accredited training and described mediation as a noble and deeply gratifying responsibility. He observed that mediation is not merely an ancillary professional qualification, but a vital instrument for reducing the mounting backlog of cases across courts — from the District Judiciary to the Supreme Court — while promoting consensual, dignified, and efficient resolution of disputes.

Referring to the statutory framework established under the Alternative Dispute Resolution Act, 2017, His Lordship noted that mediation in Pakistan, though in its formative stage, rests upon firm legislative foundations. He emphasized that the true success of mediation depends upon sustained institutional support, judicial resolve, and the conscientious enforcement of statutory provisions, including those contained in the Costs of Litigation Act, 2017, aimed at discouraging frivolous and protracted litigation.

His Lordship commended the initiative of training judicial officers and professionals as accredited mediators, describing it as a forward-looking reform aligned with global best practices. He

reminded the newly trained mediators that their role is to facilitate dialogue and identify the essential interests underlying competing demands, rather than to compel settlement at any cost. He observed that mediation requires discernment, patience, and integrity, and assured participants that inability of parties to settle should not be perceived as a mediator's failure.

In his remarks, Mr. Hayat Ali Shah, Director General, Federal Judicial Academy, reaffirmed the Academy's commitment to strengthening alternative dispute resolution through structured and practice-oriented training.

Earlier, Dr. Nudrat E. Piracha, Chief Executive Officer, ICADRP, outlined the objectives of the program, emphasizing accredited training, ethical standards, and rigorous assessment in developing a competent cadre of mediators.

The program comprised intensive theoretical instruction and practical simulations designed to build core mediation competencies. Its successful conclusion reflects a shared institutional resolve to advance mediation as an effective and humane mechanism for dispute resolution in Pakistan.