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CERTIFICATE AWARDING CEREMONY OF SIMC MEDIATORS' ACCREDITATION WORKSHOP
AND SKILLS ASSESSMENT PROGRAM - BATCH III

Islamabad, June 5, 2026 - The Federal Judicial Academy (FJA) held the Certificate Awarding Ceremony of the Singapore International Mediation Centre (SIMC) Mediators' Accreditation Workshop and Skills Assessment Program - Batch III at its premises in Islamabad. The programme was organized by the Federal Judicial Academy in collaboration with the Singapore International Mediation Centre (SIMC) and UNDP Pakistan, with funding support from the European Union, to strengthen mediation and alternative dispute resolution (ADR) mechanisms within Pakistan's justice sector.

The ceremony was graced by Hon'ble Mr. Justice Miangul Hassan Aurangzeb, Judge, Supreme Court of Pakistan, as the Chief Guest. The event was also attended by Mr. Hayat Ali Shah, Director General, Federal Judicial Academy, and distinguished representatives of the collaborating institutions, including Mr. Jeroen Willems, Head of Cooperation, Delegation of the European Union to Pakistan; Dr. Samuel Rizk, Resident Representative, UNDP Pakistan; and Mr. Chuan Wee Meng, Chief Executive Officer, Singapore International Mediation Centre (SIMC).

In his keynote address, Hon'ble Mr. Justice Miangul Hassan Aurangzeb congratulated the participants on successfully completing the intensive training programme and emphasized the transformative role of mediation in contemporary justice systems. Justice Aurangzeb observed that mediation is not merely an alternative dispute resolution mechanism but an indispensable tool for promoting the timely, cost-effective, and amicable resolution of disputes.

Highlighting the responsibilities of judicial officers, Justice Aurangzeb stressed the importance of identifying cases suitable for mediation and facilitating referrals wherever appropriate. He observed that the success of mediation initiatives depends significantly upon the willingness of courts to provide litigants with meaningful opportunities to resolve disputes through dialogue, consensus, and mutual understanding.

Justice Aurangzeb further emphasized that the skills acquired through mediation training must be translated into practice. He encouraged participants to remain actively engaged in mediation and to contribute towards fostering a culture of consensual dispute resolution within the justice sector.

Recognizing the progress made in institutionalizing mediation in Pakistan, Justice Aurangzeb appreciated the successful mediation initiatives undertaken across various jurisdictions and underscored the need to establish and strengthen court-annexed mediation centres throughout the country. He noted that mediation enables litigants to resolve disputes with dignity while simultaneously reducing the burden on courts and enhancing access to justice.

Earlier, Mr. Hayat Ali Shah, Director General, Federal Judicial Academy, welcomed the distinguished guests and participants and highlighted the Academy's continued commitment to strengthening professional capacity within the justice sector through innovative, practice-oriented, and internationally recognized training programmes.

Addressing the participants, Mr. Jeroen Willems, Head of Cooperation, Delegation of the European Union to Pakistan, reaffirmed the European Union's commitment to supporting initiatives aimed at strengthening the rule of law, improving access to justice, and promoting effective dispute resolution mechanisms. He appreciated the collaboration among partner institutions in advancing mediation as an integral component of a modern and responsive justice system.

Dr. Samuel Rizk, Resident Representative, UNDP Pakistan, highlighted the importance of mediation in enhancing public trust in justice institutions and promoting timely, efficient, and people-centred dispute resolution. He reiterated UNDP's continued support for capacity-building initiatives designed to strengthen justice sector reforms in Pakistan.

Mr. Chuan Wee Meng, Chief Executive Officer, Singapore International Mediation Centre (SIMC), congratulated the participants on successfully completing the accreditation programme and underscored the significance of internationally recognized mediation standards. He expressed confidence that the newly accredited mediators would play a vital role in advancing mediation practice and fostering a culture of amicable dispute resolution across Pakistan.

The ceremony concluded with the distribution of certificates to participants who successfully completed the workshop and skills assessment programme, marking another significant milestone in the advancement of mediation practices and the promotion of a more accessible, efficient, and citizen-centred justice system in Pakistan.