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Pakistan's Pride: Dr. Ghulam Muhammad Ali Decorated with South Korean Presidential Award "Order of Science and Technology Merit"

ISLAMABAD: In a significant recognition of his contributions to the fields of Agricultural science, Dr. Ghulam Muhammad Ali, Chairman Pakistan Agricultural Research Council (PARC), has been awarded the Presidential Award by the South Korean government. The prestigious ceremony took place in Seoul, where Korean Prime Minister, H.E Han Duck-soo presented the award to Dr. Ali, underscoring the importance of his work in advancing scientific

knowledge and technological innovation in agriculture. Dr. Ali stands out as the only scientist among the recipient to receive this distinguished recognition, making him the sole recipient in the field of science and technology. Dr. Ali's achievement is particularly noteworthy, as he stands out as the only Pakistani scientist to receive this accolade in a highly competitive international context.

A reception was also held by PARC to commemorate the

prestigious award. Agricultural scientists from across the country participated in the ceremony. The speakers from scientific community congratulated and commended Dr. Ali for achieving this honor on behalf of the institution and the nation as a whole. In his address, Chairman PARC expressed gratitude to the government of the Republic of Korea for this recognition as well as for its continuous support of Pakistan's agriculture sector. He also

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Prime Minister of South Korea, H.E Han Duck-soo presenting South Korean Presidential Award to Dr. Ghulam Muhammad Ali, Chairman, PARC for his achievements in the domain of science and technology, in a prestigious ceremony at Seoul, South Korea



Collaboration with PARC is important to Addressing Agricultural Challenges, Uzbek Ambassador Usmanov

ISLAMABAD: A high-level delegation from Uzbekistan, led by His Excellency Mr. Alisher Usmanov, the Ambassador of Uzbekistan, visited the National Agricultural Research Centre (NARC) Islamabad. The delegation included prominent officials including Mr. Akmal Qosimov, Secretary, Ministry of Agriculture of Uzbekistan, Mr. Ibrahim Ergashev, Director General Plant Protection, and Mr. Bakhrom Yusupov, Commercial Councilor from the Uzbekistan Embassy. During the visit, Chairman of the Pakistan Agricultural Research Council (PARC), Dr. Ghulam Muhammad Ali, provided a detailed overview of the council's research initiatives. He emphasized several key projects, including the production of disease-free seed potatoes using aeroponic technology, genome-based varietal development for creating high-yielding and climate-resilient crop varieties, and speed breeding to accelerate the development of new varieties. Dr. Ali reaffirmed

PARC's dedication to advance in agricultural innovation. He highlighted the council's collaboration at international level like USDA, TIKa, ACIAR and Korean government. His Excellency Mr. Usmanov commended the advanced agricultural research being conducted by PARC, emphasizing the importance of enhancing cooperation and knowledge-sharing in critical areas such as seed potatoes, cotton, wheat, and livestock. He underscored that collaboration with PARC would play a pivotal role in addressing the agricultural challenges faced by both countries. The delegation also visited key research facilities, including the National Institute for Genomics and Advanced Biotechnology (NIGAB), the aeroponic seed potato production facility, the speed breeding facility, and the Livestock Research Station (LRS). These visits provided valuable insights into Pakistan's progress in agricultural technologies. Leaders from both sides reaffirmed their

commitment to strengthening future collaboration in agricultural research and development, highlighting this visit as a significant milestone in fostering ongoing cooperation and knowledge exchange between Uzbekistan and Pakistan.

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acknowledged the contributions of the scientists and researchers of PARC in achieving this honor. Dr. Ali also emphasized at elevating research standards to bring the council at par with the international research institutions. Throughout his career, Dr. Ali has achieved significant milestones in agricultural science. In his recent work, Dr. Ghulam Muhammad Ali established state-of-the art National Institute for Genomics and Advanced Biotechnology (NIGAB), a high-tech center at NARC.



Dr. Ghulam Muhammad Ali, Chairman, PARC in a meeting with high level delegation from Uzbekistan, led by H.E Mr. Alisher Usmanov, the Ambassador of Uzbekistan, during their visit to NARC



Pictorial Gallery



A delegation from ADB and the Japan Agricultural Mechanization Association met Dr. Ghulam Muhammad Ali at PARC to discuss agricultural machinery standardization in Pakistan.



Dr. Ghulam Muhammad Ali, Chairman PARC, and Mr. Tang Yaojun, CEO of Suzhou Triple Three Culture and Art Company Ltd, sign a Letter of Intent to collaborate on tea cultivation in Pakistan.



Dr. Ghulam Muhammad Ali, Chairman PARC, chairs the VEC meeting on oilseeds at PARC Islamabad, attended by all committee members.



A delegation from USDA, USAID, and CABI met Dr. Ghulam Muhammad Ali, Chairman PARC, to discuss the Trade and SPS Regulatory Harmonization program in Pakistan.



Dr. Ghulam Muhammad Ali, Chairman PARC chairing 38th meeting of Board of Directors of Agricultural Linkages Program at PARC



Dr. Ghulam Muhammad Ali, Chairman PARC chairing the first Biannual Meeting of the Fertilize Right Pakistan Project, jointly organized by PARC and ICARDA at NARC



PARC scientists, officials, and staff organized a reception at NARC to honor Dr. Ghulam Muhammad Ali, Chairman PARC, for receiving the South Korean Presidential Award for Science and Technology.



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Scientific Collaboration is Vital for Agricultural Development, Tajik Deputy Minister

ISLAMABAD: H.E Asozoda Nurali Mahmadullo, First Deputy Minister of Agriculture, Tajikistan, visited the National Agricultural Research Center (NARC), Islamabad. During the visit, Chairman PARC, Dr. Ghulam Muhammad Ali highlighted the cutting-edge research being undertaken at PARC, including genome-based varietal development of various crops including rice, wheat, banana etc, virus-free seed potato production through Aeroponic technology, breed improvement and vaccine development for livestock, and speed breeding to accelerate the development of various crops. Dr. Ali also highlighted other significant research initiatives aimed at enhancing agricultural productivity and ensuring food and nutritional security. He further said that agricultural ties between Pakistan and Tajikistan will help ensure food and nutritional security for both the countries. Tajikistan's Deputy Minister commended PARC's cutting-

edge research and hoped for enhanced cooperation between the two countries in the field of agriculture to ensure food and nutritional security. He emphasized that we look forward to benefiting from Pakistan's expertise in agricultural research and mutual technology transfer. He reiterated that scientific collaboration is vital for agricultural development in both the countries. H.E visited NIGAB, Aeroponic facility, Livestock Research Station and Speed Breeding facility. The visit aims to build on the earlier MoUs signed between Pakistan and Tajikistan for enhanced cooperation and mutual development in agriculture and other sectors. The two countries have identified areas of collaboration, including research and development, capacity building, and technology transfer, to promote sustainable agriculture practices and improve agricultural productivity.



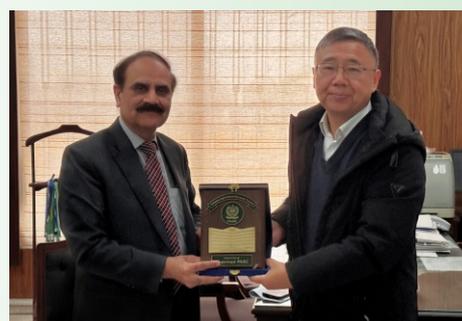
Dr. Ghulam Muhammad Ali, Chairman, PARC briefing the First Deputy Minister of Tajikistan on modern agricultural technologies and facilities during his visit to NARC



Mr. Tahir Yaqoob Bhatti, President/CEO ZTBL called on Dr. Ghulam Muhammad Ali, Chairman, PARC to discuss matters of mutual interest at PARC



Dr. Ghulam Muhammad Ali, Chairman, PARC addressing a consultation workshop on sustainable Agricultural by Promoting Solar Powered Irrigation System in Pakistan



Dr. Ghulam Muhammad Ali, Chairman, PARC presenting PARC shield to Prof. Jia Shacfeng, Dean of Institute of Geographic Sciences and Natural Resources Research, Chinese Academy of Sciences.



Meeting of Pakistan-Azerbaijan joint Working Group was held at PARC.



Member of Prime Minister's Inspection Commission (PMIC), led by Mr. Zahir Shah, called on Dr. Ghulam Muhammad Ali, Chairman, PARC to discuss matters pertaining to research and administration.