



Centre for Peace, Development and Reforms (CPDR)

Office no 192 C, First floor, Sajid plaza, Sector C/2, Mirpur, AJK
cpdr@cpdr.org.pk | cpdrajk@gmail.com

www.cpdr.org.pk

Date: 03 Mar 2017

Press Release

Loan will be provided to young people to create employment opportunities

Muzaffarabad

The youth of AJK will soon be provided loans for establishing businesses with flexible terms and conditions so that instead of looking for jobs in the government sector, they are enabled to create employment opportunities for others also. This was shared by the Minister for youth, sports and culture, Chaudhary Muhammad Saeed while talking to a fifteen-members delegation who visited Muzaffarabad as a part of the youth project conducted by CPDR in collaboration with the British Council. The young delegates belonged to different regions of AJK. Ch. Saeed also claimed that he will soon establish a task force consisting of the talented young people of AJK which will facilitate the Government in the policy-making process and also aid in flourishing sports and culture in the region.

Earlier, the delegation visited the AJK Assembly where its members were addressed by the Speaker Assembly, Shah Ghulam Qadir; Deputy Speaker, Sardar Farooq Tahir; Minister for Law, Raja Nisar; Minister for Education, Barrister Iftikhar Gillani; Chaudhary Muhammad Saeed; Hafiz Ahmed Raza Qadri; Dr. Mustafa Bashir Abbasi, and Mr. Asad Ali Shah. The Speaker exclaimed that since the youth has to take the charge of the nation in future, it is highly important for them to take an active part in politics and interest in the matters of governance. He advised the youth not to focus only on the accountability of the rulers and politicians, but also on giving them suggestions for development so that our system progresses towards betterment. He appreciated their desire to witness the functioning of the Assembly and suggested that all the young people should be given this opportunity in order to train them in the political matters.

The senior leader of the Peoples Party, Ch. Latif Akbar emphasized that without an active interest of the young people in national issues, our country and society can never move forward on the road of progress. He claimed that the present leadership of the Peoples Party consists of young people. He further stressed that it is impossible to eradicate bribery and the politics of wealth from AJK without the recovery of the local government system and the elections of the student unions.

The leader of the Muslim Conference and Member Assembly, Sardar Sagheer Khan; two other members of the Assembly, Mr. Ahmed Raza Qadri and Dr. Mustafa Bashir Abbasi; Additional Chief Secretary, Asif Hussain Shah, and Secretary to the Government, Zafar Nabi Butt also addressed the delegation. Mr. Asif Shah reaffirmed that there can be no concept of good governance without the local bodies elections. He further stated that CPEC will play an important role in the economic independence of AJK as well as in establishing connection between its different districts. He opined that the young people should also focus on equipping themselves with technical education besides getting the traditional education so that they are able to get a decent job within the country and abroad.