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NAVTTC Honors THF for Transforming Youth Employability in Pakistan!

At the International Dialogue on Technical and Vocational Education and Training in the Shifting Socio-Economic Paradigm held in Islamabad, The Hunar Foundation (THF) Farouq Ahmed & Aftab Shamsi Technical Institute (FAASTI), Lahore, received the National Vocational and Technical

Training Commission (NAVTTC) Award for Exceptional Contribution to Youth Employment under Prime Minister's Youth Skill Development Program (PMYSDP) 2024. This reaffirms THF's commitment to nurturing a capable workforce and Building a Skilled Pakistan.



Excellence Certified: THF's Institute Awarded Grade 'A' by NAVTTC!

We are proud to announce that The Hunar Foundation (THF) Delhi Mercantile Society Technical Institute (DMSTI), Karachi, has been awarded Grade 'A' Accreditation by the National Vocational and Technical Training Commission (NAVTTC) following a rigorous evaluation process. This achievement reaffirms THF's unwavering commitment to quality training, industry relevance, and national impact – strengthening its position as a leader in vocational and technical education across the country.



From Sacrifice to Strength: THF Celebrates Defense Day!

The Hunar Foundation (THF) campuses in Karachi, Rashidabad (Tando AllahYar), Guru Nanak, Multan, Kharian, Lahore, and Burewala came together to commemorate Defense Day in collaboration with the Pakistan Poverty Alleviation Fund (PPAF). Students delivered inspiring performances and speeches that honored the sacrifices of Pakistan's martyrs, filling the campuses with pride and patriotism. The celebrations were graced by Dr. Wali Mughani, Mr. Shahzaib Murtaza (Chairman UC-13 & General Secretary PS-122), Mr. Asad Sher Malik (General



Councilor UC-13), Mr. Siddique Akber (District West), Mr. Shahid Khan (Chairman Islamia Youth Welfare Organisation), and Rtd. Commander Abid Hayat, who shared their words of encouragement. Their presence served as a powerful reminder that honoring our martyrs means carrying their legacy forward.

At THF, this legacy is carried through skill development – empowering youth to contribute meaningfully to Pakistan's progress. By equipping students with technical expertise, discipline, and purpose, THF builds the same spirit of strength and service that defines our defenders.

Where Skills Become an Enterprise: Hunar Beauty Studio Opens in Orangi Town Campus!

A wave of transformation is emerging in Orangi Town, marking the beginning of a new journey for The Hunar Foundation (THF). The soft launch of Hunar Beauty Studio, inaugurated by Pakistan's iconic stylist Nabila and powered by Friends of Hunar, signals a fresh direction for THF. It is a space where young women, trained through THF's Beautician Program, step confidently into their professions – not as job seekers, but as service providers, creators, and entrepreneurs.



By offering professional beauty and styling services at accessible prices, Hunar Beauty Studio is designed to bridge two worlds: the aspirations of women seeking livelihoods, and the needs of communities looking for quality, affordable care.

For THF, this is a bold step into new terrain – translating vocational training into a platform where skills meet enterprise. It's a model that doesn't just prepare students for jobs; it creates the jobs of tomorrow, within their own neighborhoods.

As Hunar Beauty Studio begins its journey, it embodies a simple but powerful idea: when skills are nurtured, futures are reshaped. And in that reshaping lies the promise of stronger communities and a self-reliant Pakistan.



■ Opening Global Doors Through Hospitality Skills!

The Hunar Foundation (THF) has taken an exciting step forward by partnering with the Skills Valley Foundation (SVF) to establish the Hunar School of Hospitality at the Salim Zubairi & Abdul Khaliq Allahwala Technical Institute (SZAATI) in Orangi Town. Through this collaboration, young men and women will receive world-class hospitality training aligned with national and international standards, opening pathways to global careers, entrepreneurial ventures, and industry linkages that were once out of reach. With this initiative, THF is not only building skills – it's cultivating dreams, proving that the next

top chef, hotel manager, or hospitality leader of Pakistan could rise from Orangi itself.



■ PARCO & THF: Empowering Women, Transforming Futures!



With the steadfast support of PARCO – Pak-Arab Refinery Limited, The Hunar Foundation (THF) proudly marked a milestone in its mission to empower women through skills. Ten young women from THF's Saeeda Naseem Technical Institute have graduated after completing courses in Hair & Beauty and Computer Graphics & Video Editing, stepping confidently into a future shaped by their own talent and hard work.

The graduation ceremony, attended by Mr. Mahmood Alam Jamot (MPA), Mr. Shah Pasand Agha (son of MNA Agha Rafiullah Khan), and Mr. Nadeem Chishti, Head of Corporate Affairs & CSR at PARCO, celebrated not just achievement – but transformation.

Each graduate's success stands as proof that opportunity, when paired with determination, can rewrite lives. Encouraged by this success, PARCO has now extended its sponsorship to 20 more students – 10 boys and 10 girls – who will train in high-demand fields including Digital Marketing & SEO, Computer Graphics & Video Editing, Mechatronics Robotics, Fashion Designing, and Hair & Beauty.

This collaboration goes beyond classrooms and courses – it's about sparking momentum. With every student trained, a family's outlook changes, a community grows stronger, and the idea of progress becomes something you can see, feel, and build upon.



■ THF & OEC: Unlocking International Opportunities for Youth!



The Hunar Foundation (THF) has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Overseas Employment Corporation (OEC) to create new

pathways for international employment. Under this collaboration, THF graduates will receive specialized training in high-demand trades such as Korean language and welding, preparing them for overseas opportunities in GCC countries and South Korea.

Speaking at the signing, Mr. Naseer Khan Kashani, Managing Director at OEC, remarked, "THF is an institute that strives for excellence. This is just the beginning of the impact we will create together." This partnership reflects THF's continued commitment to empowering Pakistan's youth with skills build brighter futures.

Champions of Change!

The Hunar Foundation shows its gratitude to the following organizations for standing by us in transforming lives and building a more inclusive tomorrow.



Together, we commit to building a Skilled and Poverty-Free Pakistan!

THF & Zevaher Foundation: Turning Skills into Independence!

The Hunar Foundation (THF) and the Zevaher Foundation have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to pilot a focused initiative that turns the idea of women's empowerment into real, measurable impact. Through this partnership, 25 women will receive full sponsorship from the Zevaher Foundation to train in THF's vocational programs — equipping them with specialized skills



that lead directly to income and independence. More than a sponsorship, this collaboration represents an investment in potential: empowering women to step into the workforce with confidence, support their families, and inspire others within their communities to do the same.

Developing Leaders Who Build a Skilled Pakistan!



The Hunar Foundation recently brought its teams together in Karachi for a 3-day workshop, "Professional Development: Basics to Brilliance," an immersive experience designed to strengthen not just skills, but mindsets. Moving beyond theory, the sessions encouraged participants to reflect on workplace ethics, leadership, and personal growth, while exploring how everyday choices shape professional excellence. What began as a skills program quickly turned into a space for self-discovery, collaboration, and renewed purpose.

Guided by Egnite Edge's experienced trainers, the workshop came alive through interactive games, role-plays, and team-building exercises that pushed participants to step out of their comfort zones and recognize their own strengths. The real impact lay in the energy it created—teams left with greater confidence, stronger connections, and a shared commitment to lead with integrity and innovation. For THF, this initiative is not just capacity development, but an investment in building a culture of leadership, collaboration, and long-term impact.

Strengthening Skills. Elevating Service. Transforming Futures!

At The Hunar Foundation (THF), every partnership represents more than a corporate handshake – it is a step toward reshaping Pakistan's workforce. When a delegation from KFC Pakistan, including Ms. Saira A. Khan (Chief People Officer), Mr. Saad Majeed (Head of HR Partnering & Talent), and Mr. Mujahid Sheikh (Head of Learning & Talent Development), visited our campuses, they witnessed how students are being prepared with both academic knowledge and real-world skills through THF's hands-on training and incubation initiatives.



The conversations went beyond technical training, centering on how structured programs for KFC's backend, assembly line, and front house staff can raise service standards while opening doors of opportunity for young people. Collaborations like these demonstrate the power of industry and education coming together – creating pathways where talent meets opportunity, equipping youth not just for jobs, but for sustainable futures that elevate entire sectors of Pakistan's economy.

Innovation on Display: THF Shines at IEEEP Fair 2025!

The Hunar Foundation (THF) participated in the 14th IEEEP Fair 2025 at the Karachi Expo Centre, where students and faculty showcased innovative projects reflecting the power of technical education in addressing real-world challenges. From creative problem-solving to industry-ready skills, the displays brought to life THF's vision of preparing youth to lead in a rapidly changing world.



Beyond the exhibits, the fair served as a vital space to strengthen linkages with industry leaders, explore collaborations, and highlight the role of vocational training in building a sustainable future. By connecting talent with opportunity, THF continues to transform technical skills into engines of growth, ensuring that Pakistan's youth are not just participants but drivers of progress.

Empowered by THF – Stories of Success!

Completing the Industrial Electrician trade at THF gave **Hasnain** the direction he was searching for. With THF's placement support, he secured a role at Al Fanar in Saudi Arabia as an Electrical Technician. Hasnain shares, "This is just the beginning. One day, I want to build my own company and create opportunities for others, just like THF did for me."



Driven by a passion to serve, **Mehwish** found purpose when she joined THF's Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) program. Through hands-on training, she gained the confidence and skills to step into the field as a certified EMT. Today, Mehwish is saving lives with courage and compassion – proving, determination can transform into impact.

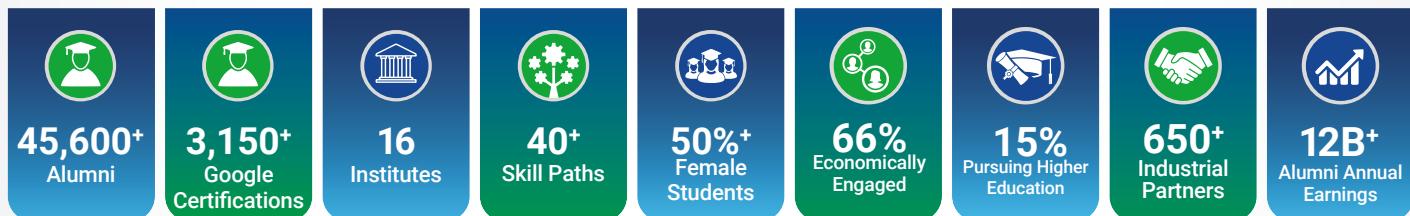
Voice of Impact: Donor Reflection!

“We are pleased to collaborate with The Hunar Foundation, which is doing a tremendous job in changing lives through skill development and working toward a skilled Pakistan. This collaboration goes with the ethos and DNA of Siemens, where we want to create sustainable communities in the country. **”**

SYED MUHAMMAD DANIYAL
MANAGING DIRECTOR & CEO | SIEMENS PAKISTAN (ENGINEERING) CO. LTD.



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