

Vote of Thanks by Secretary, NJPMC

The proceedings of the 3rd National Judicial Conference have come to a happy end. The papers read and deliberations made in the working groups, led to the formulation of recommendations, and the gist thereof was read out as Conference Declaration. This brings us to the next phase i.e publishing the papers and recommendations of the Conference in a report form. This will be done and copies of the report forwarded to you. Please make sure that we have your mailing address.

The publication of the report would lead us to the next and final phase, in which the suggestions and recommendations will be placed before the National Judicial (Policy-Making) Committee for consideration and implementation.

On the conclusion of the Conference, there remains the last pleasant duty for me to perform. It is to thank you all, ladies and gentlemen, for gracing the occasion and making the Conference a success. Thank you for coming from far off places to attend and give us the benefit of your knowledge and expertise.

There are some invisible - and not so invisible faces - whom I would like to acknowledge. I owe them gratitude and appreciation for helping us to plan and organize the Conference. They worked very hard to make it happen. Different Committees were constituted comprising officials of the Law and Justice Commission and the Supreme Court, together with LLM students from the International Islamic University and law graduates, working as Interns with us in the Supreme Court. They worked under the able guidance and supervision of Sh. Habib-ur-Rehman, Joint Secretary, LJCP and Mr. Sajid Mehmood Qazi,

Additional Registrar, Supreme Court. I should also like to thank Barrister Ahmad Attaur Rehman and Dr. Rizwan Faiz Muhammad, who remained associated with us through all the phases of planning and organizing the Conference. A group of young rapporteurs scrutinized the papers read and deliberations made in the working sessions and drafted their recommendations. They are Barrister Khaliq-uz-Zaman, Barrister Ahmad Attaur Rehman, Dr. Rizwan Faiz Muhammad, Ms. Uzma Badar, Barrister Ambar Dar, Raja Saif-ur-Rehman, Ms. Huma Chughtai, Ms Fouzia Jalal Shah and Ms. Amna Bano. They were duly assisted by another group of junior rapporteurs. Thank you for working the whole day and then late in the evening to finalize the draft recommendations and the Declaration.

I would like to extend my appreciation for the valuable time given to the Conference by the Federal and provincial secretaries, law officers of the Government, heads of prosecution and law enforcement agencies. I also acknowledge with admiration the wholehearted participation of District & Sessions Judges and other judicial officers of the district judiciary. I also thank the representatives of the Bar who traveled from far off places to grace the occasion. My profound gratitude to the Hon Judges of the Supreme Court, Federal Shariat Court and High Courts, who attended all the sessions on all days of the Conference.

Finally, my thanks to the Hon Chief Justice of Pakistan, who has been the driving force and motivation behind the judicial reform movement. This would not have been possible without his advice and encouragement. Thank you all, ladies and gentlemen, once again.