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NFEH holds 3rd international Corrosion & Pipeline Integrity Management Conference 2012



Mir Hussain Ali, Secretary Environment Sindh addressing at the 3rd Corrosion Management Conference.



Group photo of Organizers and Chief Guest

National Forum for Environment and Health (NFEH) has organized the 3rd international conference on 'Corrosion & Pipeline Integrity Management Conference 2012' at a local hotel.

The day long conference was aimed to provide industry, academia and experts with a platform to address the acute issue of corrosion, that costs about three billion annually and of which's major share went to industry.

The program was commenced with the inaugural speech of NFEH President Naeem Qureshi. He shed light on the various aspects of the issue and stressed the need to pay heed on corrosion. He urged various stakeholders of the issue particularly academia to focus on the solutions

of rust that provide heavy losses to industry. He was of the view that countries with coastal belts including Pakistan suffer most due to the problem. Addressing the ceremony as the chief guest Sindh Environment Secretary Mir Hussain Ali hoped that such type of interactive programs would be fruitful for industry as well as for the environment. He on behalf of the environment minister appreciated the efforts, being made by NFEH for the environment. Talking about the topic, he said that the department would support NFEH for its efforts for the environment, said adding that the department also seeks for the cooperation of NFEH regarding to the findings and researches on such important issues.

He said that following the 18th amendment, environment had become a provincial subject. Though it was undergoing through an state of transformation, the department would become more effective as they



Chief Guest Mir Hussain Ali, Secretary Environment Sindh, Dr. Khalil Ahmed Iupoto, Engr. Nadeem Ashraf, Rear Admiral (R) Abid Mujtaba, Anwar Jabeen Qureshi, Dr. Amjad Ali, Amjad Mumtaz, Engr. Maqsood uz Zaman, Kashif Meraj, Engr. Qurban Ali Lashari, addressing at the 3rd Corrosion Management Conference.

could legislate on environment related issues.

Director General of Pakistan Science & Technology information center (PASTIC) Dr. Khalil Ahmed Ibupoto said while expressing his views that corrosion was an important issue of the industry that also affects our daily lives. He termed corrosion as slow destruction process of metals, by chemical reactions with its environment. He said effective repair techniques capable of handling extensive damage might provide a cost effective alternative to replacement for major structural components. He also shared the services and contribution of PASTIC, in regard with the issue.

Later experts including Dr. Amjad Ali, Engineer Mustafa Abdullah, Amjad Mumtaz, Eng. Maqsood uz Zaman, Kashif Meraj, and Eng.

Qurban Ali Lashari, with the help of presentations, shared their experiences and research on the topic. They agreed that creating awareness among both academia and industry on corrosion is the need of the hour. They discussed several methods and latest developments, surfaced for the prevention of corrosion. They said that there were a massive potential for corrosion engineers in the market.

As corrosion is a global issue, Pakistan can become even corrosion engineers' exporter country. Experts also shed light on various methods of prevention of rust and discussed on their efficiency. They also agreed to continue such discussion sessions so as to enhance the efforts against rising issue of corrosion. The conference was culminated on presentation of mementos to the distinguished guests. ■

NFEH Celebrated Int'l Earth Day Minister for joint efforts against rising pollution



Group photo of NFEH team with Minister Environment Sindh, Sheikh M. Afzal, Mir Hussain Ali, Sec. Environment Sindh, Administrator DMC South, M. Raisi, Abdul Majeed Abdani, Dr. Kaiser Waheed, M. Naeem Qureshi, Ruqiya Naeem, Asif Azeem, Rashid Ansari & students

National Forum for Environment in collaboration with District Municipal Corporation South has launched an initiative of tree plantation in connection with the international Earth Day. Sindh Minister for Environment Shaikh Muhammad Afzal (Khalid Omer) was the chief guest at the ceremony, held at the boat basin area. About 100 school going children and citizens participated in the tree plantation ceremony.

Speaking on the occasion, Afzal said that entire Muslim Umma including Pakistan was left behind in regard with development of safe and healthy environment, despite the fact that cleanliness is considered as half of a Muslim's faith.

acute environmental threats across the entire province particularly in Karachi and to overcome the issue, nongovernmental organizations, industrialists, transporters, municipal institution, media and citizens have to come forward for joint efforts.

Sindh minister was of the view that blind industrial developments, disarranged constructions, encroachments, negative behaviors of people, negligence of relevant authorities and lack of appropriate policies have pressed the situation from bad to worst. He stressed the need to ensure the safety of mangroves. Talking about pollution issue in Keenjhar lake,

he said that investigations were undergoing in regard with the news reported on the lake, said adding that those involved behind the situation would be punished without discrimination.

He hailed the services and contribution of the forum for the betterment and safety of environment and assured the organizers for their full support and cooperation for noble cause of saving environment.

NFEH president Muhammad Naeem Qureshi appealed masses to keep their homes, streets and area clean and green. He urged environment department to organize environment friendly activities throughout the year in collaboration with NGOs and industrial organizations. He also stressed the need to ensure strict action under environmental organization against those responsible for spreading pollution.

DMC administrator on the occasion announced that 5,000 plants would be planted during the tree plantation campaign, being initiated by the corporation.

Secretary environment Mir Hassan Ali, Municipal Commissioner Noman Arshed, Dr. Kaiser Waheed, EPA director Rafiuddin, Abdul Majeed Abdani and Asif Azeem also expressed their views at the ceremony. Later distinguished guests were honored with traditional 'Ajrak'. ■

