

The Energy of Positive Change!

Message from the Editorial Board

Dear Readers,
Welcome to the **Azaadi (Freedom) Issue**, celebrating Pakistan's **70th Independence Day** and covering MOL Pakistan's recent achievements and highlights for the month of August. We wish a blessed Hajj to our colleagues who are away on pilgrimage to Saudi Arabia and a Happy Eid-ul-Azha to everyone. We hope that you all have had an amazing Eid with your family and loved ones!

Regional Food Festival 2017

The Pakistan Independence Day stirs a strong feeling of patriotism and passion in the heart of every Pakistani. Given the diversity of our country, the vast geographical expanse, culture, languages and traditions, CORA Administration at MOL Pakistan arranged a week long Regional Food Festival 2017 at the Branch Office Cafeteria starting from Aug 7th to Aug 11th 2017. The idea behind this lavish arrangement was to pay tribute to the wide-ranging Pakistani cuisine. The cafeteria depicted the five provinces of Pakistan with a beautiful collage of all five cultures.

Each day was dedicated to one-of-a-kind food variety, specific to each province of Pakistan. The food festival kicked off with the delicious aroma of Makai ki roti (corn bread) and sarson ka saag (mustard greens), being the highlight of Punjabi cuisine. Employees relished the food over a tall glass of meethi and namkeen lassi (sweet and salted yoghurt smoothies), whilst sitting cross legged on the beautiful rugs and embroidered cushions displaying a typical Punjabi cultural setting. This was followed by cuisines from Balochistan, including the famous lamb saji (roast) that gained massive attention from MOL Pakistan foodies. The cultures of Sindh, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and Gilgit/Baltistan were also presented in full grandeur. Sindh Biryani (rice and chicken) dominated the Sindhi culture while Peshawari Pulao (rice with dry fruit) and chapli kababs (beef patties) were the stars of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa cuisine. The lunch menus finished off with a wide range of desserts like, halwas (vegetable compots), kheer (rice pudding), and jalaibis (fried, syrup filled dessert).

Apart from the variety of traditional food items, MOL Pakistan office corridors, reception area and cafeteria were all decorated in tandem with the Azaadi (freedom) theme. Truck art dominated the cafeteria doorway and traditional music played in the background. Dhols (traditional drums), brightly colored umbrellas and wall hangings were displayed in one corner while green and white colors of the Pakistani flag were observed in the menu cards, the air resounding with patriotism. Waiters were clad in crisp white shalwar kameez (tunic and trousers) and their attire was enhanced with accessories relevant to each province.

All in all, it was a perfect experience for food lovers, combined with beautiful, cultural décor. A huge round of applause for CORA Administration for hosting such a wonderful event commemorating the Independence Day celebrations.



Independence Day Celebrations

In August, the air at MOL Pakistan was filled with nationalism and pride. The HR Department welcomed employees to celebrate Pakistan's 70th Independence Day on the eve of August 10th at the Branch Office's roof top. Employees stood in unison amidst the green chairs and commenced the celebrations by singing the National Anthem together under a white canopy.

While addressing the audience, MD/CEO Mr. Graham Balchin marveled at the beauty and natural resources our country has to offer. He stressed upon working together as a team for the success of MOL Pakistan, in order to bridge the energy shortages of the country. Muhammad Tahir Iqbal and Ali Yasin led the event, starting with the first segment, the Azaadi Quiz. Employees eagerly participated in answering questions that tested their knowledge on the Independence Movement.

Participants were later invited to the podium and sing national/patriotic songs for the motherland. The cultural show was the highlight of the event, employees dressed in traditional attire showcasing their respective provinces.

CORA Community Development Department took this segment by storm, and the audience gave them a huge round of applause during their traditional dress walk. Exciting prizes and giveaways were distributed amongst the winners of the event including Zafar Munir, who in his black sherwani and Jinnah cap depicted the Father of the Nation, Mohammad Ali Jinnah.

The celebrations came to a close with a cake cutting ceremony as everyone shared a slice of the Azaadi cake, iced with the national flag of Pakistan. Indeed, a day of great pride for all of us, God bless and Pakistan Zindabad!



Celebrations at CPF

The Independence Day at the field commenced with a flag hoisting ceremony with the entire staff assembled outside the auditorium in a spirit of pride and patriotism, to sing the National Anthem. 14th August at the CPF was a bright Monday morning, whereby everyone participated in exciting matches of football and cricket. The on-lookers enjoyed freshly cooked pakoras (fritters) and jalaibis (fried, syrup filled dessert) from the live food counters. The field staff commemorated the infinite sacrifices of our forefathers during the independence movement and sang national songs with great zeal and fervor. As the event drew to a close, the staff enjoyed a lavish dinner at the mess with matka gosht (clay baked mutton) and lahori chanay (chick pea curry) prepared by the chefs at the CPF kitchen.

