

Reach Farmers in Khushab

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On 9 May 2024, at Roomy Signature Hotel Mr. John Zeigler, Ms. Hiba Zakai, Mr. Faisal Ilyas and Mr. Sajid Masih met and discussed the insights of **Reach Farmers** and initiative of **St. Luke Hospital and Research Center** in Khushab.



Mr. John Zeigler appreciated the initiatives and promised to help us in many ways. He is eager to hear more and we continued our discussion until dinner at Monal Restaurant in Islamabad.

Pakistan Council of Research in Water Resources (PCRWR)

John Zeigler, Director Urban Education & Community Partnerships, and Ms. Hiba Zakai Ph.D. Scholar, along with Mr. Faisal Ilyas and Rev. Sajid Masih visited PCRWR headquarter Islamabad on 10 May 2024. The purpose of visit was to explore opportunities for exchange of ideas on how to promote innovative urban solutions through community engagement. Dr. Hifza Rasheed, Director General (Water Quality) gave an overview presentation about PCRWR research & development, innovations, and capacity building initiatives.



The Director Urban Education appreciated the research and innovations of PCRWR. Following the meeting, he and his team were given the demonstration of PCRWR water conservation and treatment models installed/developed at the PCRWR premises such as Ground Water Recharge, Rain Water Harvesting system, Hydra Ram Pump, Hand operated Floodwater treatment unit, Constructed Wetlands for wastewater treatment.



This meeting was very informative and they shared the national level researches' results in the



presentations. It was a pleasure to attend the meaningful meeting. During the QA Session, Mr. Faisal Ilyas participated well and asked thought-provoking questions.

We together went to Haryali Hub – Climate Action Site of the Pak Mission Society, a non-profit and National Humanitarian and Development organization working for the unreached and marginalized communities to bring hope, dignity, respect, and share love through emergency relief efforts and deliver

long-term rehabilitation and development programs. Ms. Ayesha Khalid Senior Program Coordinator, Institute of Urbanism, led the guided tour to Haryali Hub, all shared their brief introductions and Mr. Sunil Gill shared the highlights of their work. Further, the staff shared their Climate Action projects and some of the achievements. Later they helped us all to show their recycling and up-cycling techniques for reducing the pollution and supporting the organic adaptations. PMS staff members, presented souvenirs to all the guests.

In the perspective of **Reach Farmers**, it was the great experience to learn more to help the local farmers to adapt various techniques for their better future. It was the wonderful opportunity to meet experts, practitioners and initiators. These two days were informative and fruitful for the **National Christian Fund Pakistan**.

Thank you very much!

Regards,

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