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PRESS RELEASE

Subject: **NEPRA and PTA Signs MOU for Collaboration**



Pakistan Telecommunication Authority (PTA) and National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (NEPRA) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for information sharing, cooperation, coordination, and capacity building of professionals in a ceremony held at PTA Headquarters. Mr. Naveed Illahi Sheikh, Director General (Admin. /HR) NEPRA signed the MOU on behalf of NEPRA. Chairman PTA, Major General (R) Amir Azeem Bajwa HI (M), Chairman NEPRA, Mr. Tauseef H. Farooqi and senior officers from NEPRA and PTA were present during the signing ceremony.

The areas of collaboration include establishing a coordination mechanism that would enable smooth working relations for digitalization of networks, specifically in the areas of cyber security, transition towards Smart Grids and Advance Metering Infrastructure (AMI) programs, provision of Power-to-Community through telecom infrastructure at rural sites, alternate energy solutions, power tariff for telecom sector and knowledge sharing regarding optimum use of future technologies and other latest developments. The MoU also includes capacity building program on the experience and knowledge available to both organizations

and conducting sessions/ discussion forums/training on relevant issues and technological advancements.

Speaking at the occasion, Chairman PTA, said that, PTA is working to ensure that citizens have access to high quality ICT services and benefits from ubiquitous coverage especially in far flung areas of the country. To maintain better connectivity nationwide, the collaboration with NEPRA is very important for an uninterrupted power supply.

Chairman NEPRA also shed light on the first ever Cyber Security drive focusing on Information Technology and Operation Technology “Power with Security” that has been started under his vision and leadership to protect and safeguard the multi-billion dollar asset of Pakistan's power sector. In addition to that, Chairman NEPRA has placed an immense focus on bringing about a tech revolution in the power sector by initiating work at the regulatory front related to blockchain technology, artificial technology, smart grids, EVs, etc.

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