

# Trusts & Foundations Contributing In Social

(A charitable trust for the welfare of ex-Servicemen and their dependents)

## Fauji Foundation Group forges ahead

**T**he Fauji Foundation Group is a unique organization embracing industrial/commercial activities and welfare undertakings. Established as a Charitable Trust, incorporated under the Charitable Endowments Act 1890, for the benefit of ex-Servicemen of the Armed Forces of Pakistan and their dependents, the Foundation has grown into the single largest welfare-cum-industrial complex in Pakistan.

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successful march towards a noble cause of serving the ex-Servicemen and their dependents and today its assets stand

at over Rs 33 billion.

3. Fauji Foundation Group is an independent legal entity which operates in the Private

Sector. It receives no financial assistance from either the Federal, or from any Provincial Government, nor does it accept any contribution or donation from any agency or individual. Instead, it is an entirely self-supporting welfare organization and all expenses on its diverse welfare have always been met with funds generated by its own industrial and commercial projects. The present strength of its beneficiaries is over 8.5 million, who are the

ex-Servicemen from Army, Air Force and Navy as well as their wives, unmarried daughters, minor sons and parents of Shuhada.

4. The affairs of Fauji Foundation are controlled by a Committee of Administration (Governing Body) composed of six Principal Staff Officers from the three Services Headquarters headed by Secretary, Defence. However, the 'Executive Body' which is responsible for the efficient functioning of all industrial and welfare projects run by the Foundation, is drawn from retired senior ranks of the Armed Forces (with the exception of Director Finance).

5. The Foundation plays a

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PCI calls for equal opportunities

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For every telephone set manufactured at the PCI, it has to pay Rs230 to the government on account of taxes and royalty. It gives a clear margin to smuggled secondhand and cheap telephone sets rendering the indigenously manufactured sets uncompetitive.

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2. Fauji Foundation has been created out of the Post-War Reconstruction Fund started by Government of British India in 1942, by making monthly contribution of Rs 2/- per soldier. The purpose was to help rehabilitate large number of soldiers, who per-force were to be demobilized after the war. In 1945, the Fund was distributed amongst the provinces in accordance with their representation in terms of manpower during the war. The provinces of Pakistan received Rs 32 million.

However, in 1953 it was decided to hand over the left over amount (Rs 18 million) to the Army Chief who was requested to manage the funds and undertake the welfare. Thus with a meagre amount of Rs 18 million the Foundation, in mid-fifties, commenced its suc-

By Rida Hussain

**A** rmy Welfare Trust (AWT), an organisation which was created with a seed money of half a million rupees in 1971, in a short span of 30 years, has grown into a huge financial and industrial concern having a total asset base of Rs18 billion.

Apart from the patronage of General Headquarters, trust and confidence of general public on Pakistan the Army played a key role in phenomenal growth of Army Welfare Trust, Brig Ikram-ul-Hasan, Director, Corporate and Development

AWT said in an interview.

AWT had a humble start with a meagre capital, initially it used to look after farms, flour and ghee mills, Gradually the scope was enhanced around 1980 by establishing sugar mills travel agencies and foot-wear industry, he said.

The AWT got real boost in the last decade when the Army Welfare Trust made huge investments in industrial sector by setting up Askari Cement, Askari Commercial Bank, Askari Leasing, Askari General Insurance, Askari Securities, Askari Welfare Shoe, Woollen and Hosiery Mill, Askari real

# Army Welfare Trust

estate, Askari Guards, Askari Commercial Enterprises and Askari Information System.

Recently the AWT has taken up two joint venture projects with Mobil Exxon and Chiron Group, he said. AWT has an equity of 30 per cent in a plant set up in collaboration with Mobil Exxon at Hub for blending and marketing of lubricants.

Chiron, an Italy-based American Group, in a joint venture with AWT has set up a plant near Rawalpindi the for production of vaccine, particularly anti-Hepatitis vaccines.

"Askari Bank is jewel in the crown of AWT," Brig Ikram

said adding that Askari Bank which last year earned pre-tax profit of Rs 900 million, highest among all the private banks in the country. Askari Insurance has also become a leading insurance company of the country which earned the distinction of becoming profitable in the very first year of its creation.

Askari Group has also taken up a project of information technology. An Askari Information System was set up about five years ago in Islamabad. The company is striving to achieve software export targets by developing

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## A noble task with humble beginning

**P**akistan Air Force has always looked after the welfare of its personnel, both serving and retired. However, in mid-seventies the need was felt to have an organization charged with the specific objective of rehabilitation and welfare of retired personnel and the dependants of the deceased, that led to the creation of Shaheen Foundation, PAF, in 1977.

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of Rs 3.5 million subscribed through the PAF Welfare Funds. Within 23 years, by the grace of Allah, its turn-over exceeded Rs 800 million, which Insha-Allah will be surpassed this year. The income as generated has given impetus to our welfare programmes in the field of education, training, medical help and assistance to those in distress. To top it all, these enterprises have created jobs in management and workers' cadre for not so-old retirees

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The Foundation made a humble start with an initial capital

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of the Pakistan Air Force. In developing its plans and projects Shaheen Foundation has always kept its lofty and noble task of welfare of airmen ahead of all other considerations, without, of course, jeopardising its economic viability and management objectives. The notable ventures developed so  
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