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MARCH | 2025



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6th March

IAP-RIC Fact-Finding Visit to Saidpur Village

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Islamabad, March 6th 2025 – The Chairman of the Institute of Architects Pakistan – Rawalpindi Islamabad Chapter (IAP-RIC), Ar. Abdullah Khan accompanied by Executive Committee (EC) members Ar. Rweeda Himayat, Ar. Uzma Kabir, and Ar. Syed Qasim Abbas, conducted a fact-finding visit to Saidpur Village. The visit was prompted by Ar. Zain ul Abideen to assess the newly launched refurbishment efforts in this historic cultural landmark.

The delegation explored the scope and progress of the revitalization project, evaluating its architectural integrity, heritage preservation aspects, and potential impact on urban development. Saidpur Village, a cherished site reflecting Islamabad's rich historical and cultural heritage, is undergoing transformation aimed at enhancing its urban fabric while maintaining its historical essence.

Recognizing the importance of this initiative, Chairman IAP-RIC expressed a strong commitment to actively contributing to the project. He announced plans to establish a dedicated committee within IAP-RIC to collaborate with the Capital Development Authority (CDA). This committee will provide architectural expertise, recommendations, and strategic input to ensure a thoughtful and sustainable approach to Saidpur Village's restoration.

IAP-RIC remains steadfast in its mission to promote responsible urban development and architectural conservation, aligning efforts with public authorities to safeguard the heritage and future of Islamabad's built environment.



7th March IAP-RIC and RDA Collaboration

IAP-RIC

Rawalpindi, March 7, 2025 – In a significant step towards urban enhancement, the Institute of Architects Pakistan – Rawalpindi/Islamabad Chapter (IAP-RIC) and the Rawalpindi Development Authority (RDA) convened a meeting to discuss a Monument Design Competition and related urban development initiatives. The meeting was held at the RDA Director General's Office and was attended by key representatives from both organizations.



15th March

Generative AI Workshop at IAP Karachi Chapter

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Generative AI Workshop at IAP Karachi!

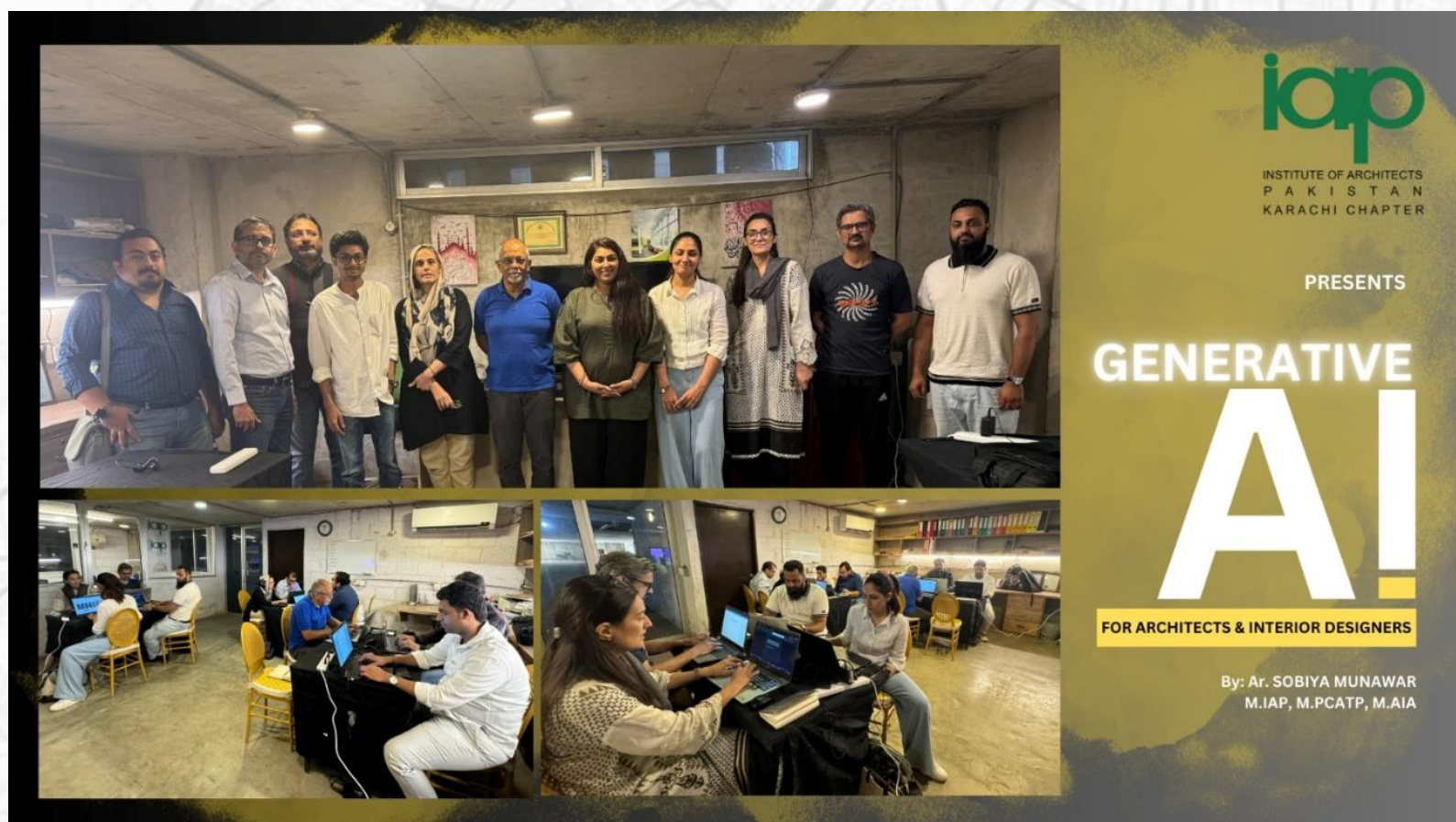
The IAP Karachi Chapter hosted an exciting Generative AI Training Workshop on March 15, 2025, at IAP House, Karachi! Led by Ar. Sobiya Munawar, the session was packed with hands-on learning.

Attendees explored how AI tools can enhance 3D modeling and create stunning presentation videos!

Participants included:

- Amaan Anwar
- Ana Khan
- Arif Belgaumi
- Bushra Khalid
- M. Salman Hanif Khan
- Naheed Mohsin Kazmi
- Saleem Raza Rizvi
- Shahbaz Zafar
- Syed Muhammad Habibullah Zafar
- Syed Muhammad Umer
- Syed Shabih Haider

A big thank you to everyone who joined and made this workshop a success!



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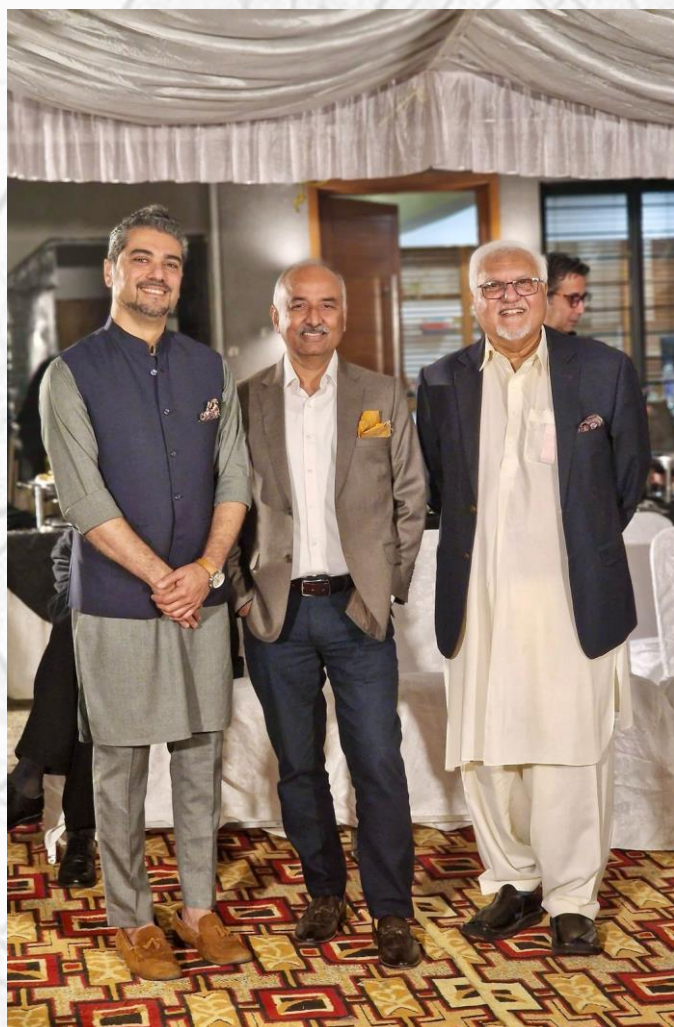
IAP Leadership Celebrates with PCATP Chairman at Iftar Gathering

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President IAP, Ar. Fawad Suhail Abbasi presented a memento to the newly elected Chairman PCATP Ar. Ejaz Ahmed Qadri at an Iftar Dinner hosted by him at his Office in Islamabad on March 15th 2025.

The IAP National Council was also represented by Hon. Secretary IAP Ar. Muhammad Tahir Khattak, IP President IAP Ar. Zulfiqar Ali & Member National Council Ar. Toobia Yousaf.

It was a really well attended event with Senior & Past IAP National Council Members, Vice Chairman IAP-LC Ar. Faisal Sami, Vice Chairperson IAP-RIC Ar. Nimra Qazi, EC Members of LC, RIC and EC Members of PCATP & architects from Lahore, Peshawar and Rawalpindi/Islamabad.



Socially responsive initiatives for the built environment and sustainable future. The first initiative was taken at Hazara University, where over 70 students have planted trees in their names. The Vice Chancellor of Hazara University and the Syndicate of Jinnah College attended and praised the initiative, stating they are also adopting this initiative in their respective colleges. The Head of the department of Architecture Hazara University, Ar. Mir Wali Shah, also commended the IAP initiative. CECOS University has also expressed interest, and the next session will be held with them; additionally, the National College of Arts has shown interest in this initiative.





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17th March

Echoes of Rawalpindi: An Urban Monument Challenge
IAP-RIC & RDA Design Competition

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Echoes of Rawalpindi: An Urban Monument Challenge, a PCATP-approved design competition initiated by the Rawalpindi Development Authority (RDA) and organized by the Institute of Architects Pakistan – Rawalpindi Islamabad Chapter (IAP-RIC). This competition invites architects to create two iconic monuments that reflect Rawalpindi's rich heritage, cultural vibrancy, and progressive aspirations. The monuments will serve as symbolic landmarks, enhancing the city's urban fabric and welcoming visitors with a blend of innovation and sustainability.



ECHOES OF RAWALPINDI

An Urban Monument Design Challenge

Transforming Spaces-Sculpting Stories

A PCATP approved design competition initiated by Rawalpindi Development Authority (RDA), organized by Institute of Architects Pakistan – Rawalpindi Islamabad Chapter (IAP-RIC)"


Two monuments situated at the entrance of Rawalpindi
1. JCP-6 Koral Chowk | 2. JCP-4 Chour Chowk

March 17, 2025
Competition Launch


March 24, 2025
Registration Deadline

April 21, 2025
Submission Deadline

April 26, 2025
Announcement of Winners



For Details:
Manager IAP-RIC Cell: 0344-4717863



ECHOES OF RAWALPINDI


An Urban Monument Design Challenge

Transforming Spaces-Sculpting Stories

MEET the Jurors




Ar. Fawad Suhail Abbasi, FIAP
President, IAP




Ar. Zulfikar Ali, AIAP
Immediate Past President, IAP




Ar. Nasir Iqbal, FIAP



Ar. Rashid Rasheed, AIAP



Ar. Bilal Kapadia, AIAP



Ar. Esa Khan, AIAP

18th March (RDA) has abolished its separate registration process

IAP-RIC

Rawalpindi Development Authority (RDA) has abolished its separate registration process for architects. Now, PCATP-registered architects can directly work with RDA, streamlining access to projects.

This success is the result of persistent advocacy by the Chairman IAP Rawalpindi-Islamabad Chapter Ar. Abdullah Khan and his Executive Committee. Their efforts have removed bureaucratic barriers, empowering our fraternity.

A win for collaboration and progress!

<http://rda.gop.pk>

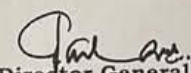


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GOVERNMENT OF THE PUNJAB
RAWALPINDI DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
Murree Road, Liaquat Bagh
Dated 18 March, 2025

OFFICE ORDER

In supersession of all previous orders, the process of enlistment / renewal of registration and Revocation of Town Planners, Architects, Structure Engineers, Vetting Engineers and Resident Engineers in RDA is being abolished. All Town Planners / Architectures who have been registered with PCATP are eligible to work with RDA, with immediate effect, in the best public interest.


Director General
Rawalpindi Development Authority
Rawalpindi

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1. Additional Director General, RDA
2. All the Directors of RDA
3. Assistant Director (Arch), RDA
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19th March

IAP-RIC Partners with Graana-Imarat

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IAP-RIC Partners with Graana-Imarat for Upcoming Property Festival

Islamabad, March 19, 2025 — The Institute of Architects Pakistan, Rawalpindi-Islamabad Chapter (IAP-RIC), has signed a strategic collaboration with Graana-Imarat Group for the upcoming Property Festival, set to take place in April 2025.

During the signing ceremony, vice chair IAP-RIC, Ar. Nimra Qazi, emphasized the significance of this collaboration, which aims to bridge the gap between architecture and real estate development, fostering a shared vision for sustainable urban growth. She highlighted such synergies as a step toward long-term collaborations that align architectural creativity with market-driven progress.

As one of the collaborative partners for the festival, IAP-RIC will play an active role by:

Moderating a panel discussion in the forum sessions, bringing together experts from the design and real estate sectors to discuss the future development and evolution of the Islamabad city as well as assisting in academic exhibits that showcase urban design and development.

This collaboration marks an important step toward integrating architectural dialogue into the real estate industry, reinforcing the role of design excellence in shaping the built environment.



22nd March

Tape Ball Cricket Tournament by IAP Lahore Chapter

IAP-LC

Institute of Architects Pakistan (IAP) - Lahore Chapter, in collaboration with Architects World, hosted a thrilling Tape Ball Cricket Tournament on Saturday 22nd of March, followed by a delightful Sehri feast!

The event, which took place at the Ghani Cricket Institute in DHA, Lahore, saw a strong turnout of enthusiastic members from the IAP Lahore Chapter. The excitement was palpable as teams battled it out on the cricket pitch, showcasing their skills and sportsmanship.

The thrilling tournament featured three teams of architects and one team of sponsors, all vying for top honors in electrifying matches. A standout highlight was the special exhibition match, which brought together senior architects, women, and kids in a joyful celebration of cricket and community. Throughout the event, all matches were played with remarkable camaraderie and sportsmanship.

The event was honored by the presence of distinguished guests, including PCATP Chairman Architect Ejaz Qadari, who graced the occasion as the chief guest, accompanied by esteemed members of the PCATP Executive Committee.

The evening was filled with camaraderie and celebration, as architects from various backgrounds came together to enjoy a night of sports, food, and fellowship. The Sehri feast, generously provided, added a wonderful touch to the evening's festivities.

The IAP Lahore Chapter would like to extend its heartfelt gratitude to all participants, guests, and sponsors for making this event a resounding success. We look forward to future events that bring our community together.





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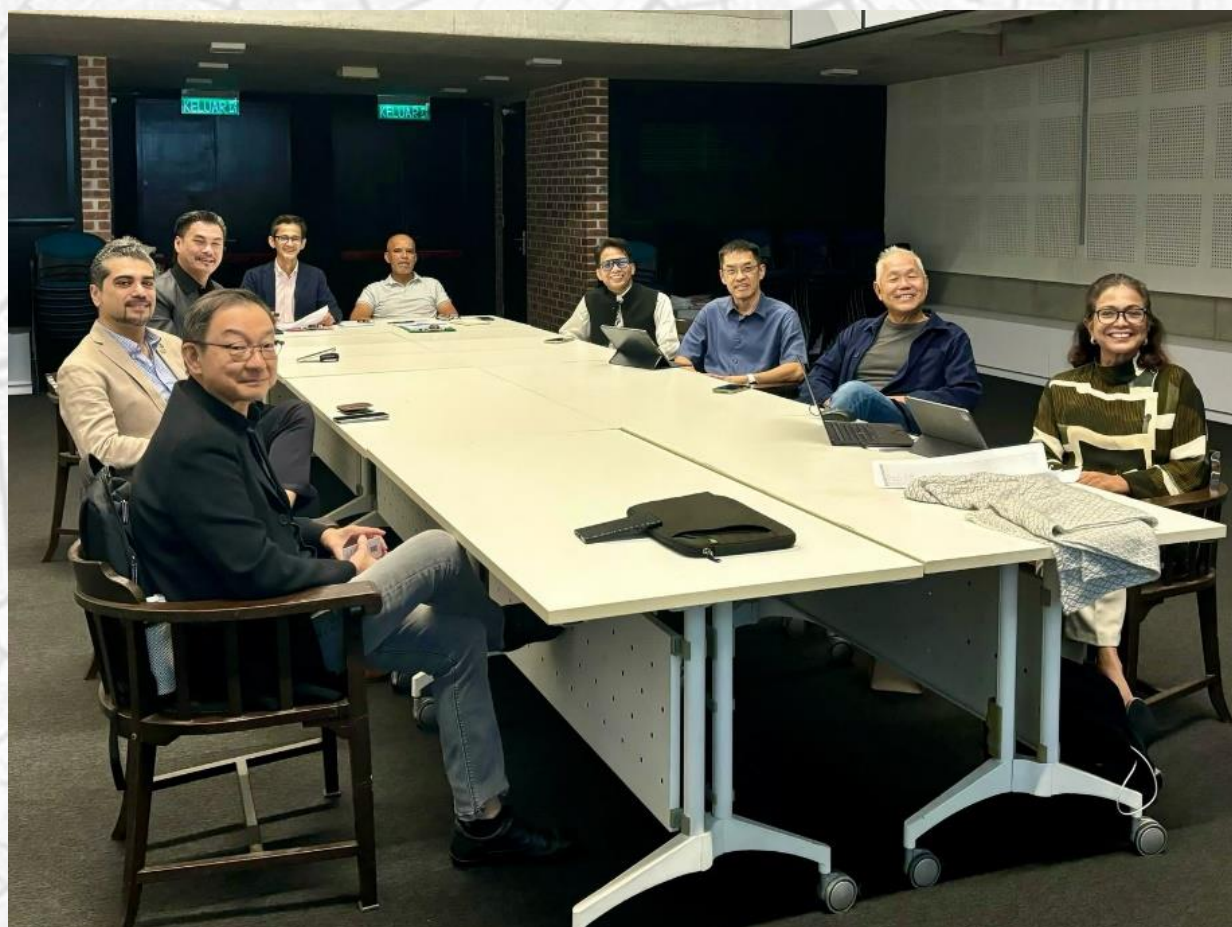
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24th March PAM Awards 2025 1st Stage Jury

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President IAP, Ar. Fawad Suhail Abbasi attended the PAM Awards 2025 Jury at the PAM Centre in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia on March 24th 2025. President IAP was invited by the Malaysian Institute of Architects (PAM) as an eminent foreign architect on the panel of jury for the PAM Awards 2025.



25th March

ARCASIA, PAM, and EAROPH Leaders Welcome President IAP at Kuala Lumpur Events

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A wonderful meetup followed by Iftar was hosted by President MIP(Malaysian Institute of Planners) & Secretary General EAROPH TPr. Mazrina Khalid for President IAP Ar. Fawad Suhail Abbasi in Kuala Lumpur on March 25, 2025. Hon. President EAROPH Mdm Khairiah, Hon. President EAROPH Mdm Norliza and ESOG Norazila (TBC) also joined on the occasion. A meetup and iftar was also hosted by Past President ARCASIA & PAM Ar. Datuk Pei Ing Tan on March 24' 2025 following PAM Awards 2025 jury. President IAP Ar. Fawad Suhail Abbasi has been invited by PAM as an Eminent Foreign Architect on the panel of jury for 2025 cycle of awards.



26th March IAP-RIC, PCATP, and RDA Collaboration

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IAP-RIC, PCATP, and RDA Strengthen Collaboration for Urban Development

Islamabad, 26th Mar 2025 under the initiative of Chairman IAP-RIC Abdullah Khan, a pivotal meeting was held between the leadership of the Pakistan Council of Architects and Town Planners (PCATP) and the Rawalpindi Development Authority (RDA) to foster collaboration in urban planning and development.

The meeting aimed to enhance cooperation between the two entities and express appreciation for their joint efforts in sustainable urban growth. As a gesture of gratitude, Chairman IAP-RIC and Chairman PCATP jointly presented a commemorative shield to RDA, which was warmly received. In response, RDA leadership reaffirmed their commitment to expanding future collaboration in key urban projects.

A significant discussion centered around the Nullah Leh project, a critical urban development initiative. Recognizing the need for specialized expertise, the Chairman PCATP highlighted the availability of a highly qualified female urban planner, who has conducted in-depth research on the project as part of her master's thesis. It was agreed that a dedicated meeting would be arranged with her to incorporate her expert insights into the project's development strategy.

To formalize this cooperation, both organizations agreed to sign a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU). This MoU will ensure the effective utilization of PCATP's expertise in building design, traffic management, and the creation of public spaces and utilities, paving the way for sustainable urban solutions.

