

Services of ex-member IR Tanveer Ahmad lauded

A special meeting of the Board-in-Council was held here at Federal Board of Revenue (FBR) HQ to pay homage and to bid farewell to former Member Inland Revenue (IR) Operations Khawaja Tanveer Ahmad (Inland Revenue Service/BS-21). Sources said that the meeting was chaired by Tariq Pasha, Chairman FBR and attended by members of the Board. In line with the tradition in the FBR, the recently retired officer in BS-21 (in FBR HQ), was invited to this meeting to pay homage and to bid farewell to them by the Board-in-Council.

Khawaja Tanveer Ahmad, who was invited to the meeting on special invitation, shared his views and work experiences during their careers in and outside FBR. Members of the FBR, in their individual remarks, hailed the services rendered by Khawaja and also shared their reminiscences of some pleasant memories while working together with the retired officer.

The chairman FBR highly appreciated the services of the said officer and his hard work and commitment to the organisation. The Chairman FBR and all the members highlighted the moral values practised by outgoing officer and unanimously praised the high level of integrity and honesty exhibited by them during his entire career. The Chairman FBR emphasised that the retired officer with their enriched experience behind them must continue contributing to the society. He wished him all healthy and prosperous life in future. The FBR managed to maintain over 19.5 percent growth in revenue collection during his tenure as Member IR Operations.

Khawaja Tanveer Ahmad had rich experience of both the customs as well as Inland Revenue which enabled the Board to ensure taxpayers facilitation, compliance as well as achievement of the assigned targets. Khawaja Tanveer Ahmad had worked as Director General, (Intelligence & Investigation) Inland Revenue, Islamabad. During his tenure as DG I&I IR the agency showed remarkable performance in framing cases against tax evaders in almost all leading sectors of the economy. One of the major initiatives taken by him is the creation of anti-money laundering cell and speedy actions against persons involved in money laundering.

He was one of those professionals who drafted different fiscal laws for the FBR from time to time. He had worked at key positions during his long span of carrier including Project Director (CARE) for development and administration of Pakistan Customs Computerized System (PaCCS), involving on line availability of web based system 24x7. He worked as Member (HRM), Member (Accounting) FBR, Chief Commissioner (IRS) Regional Tax Office-II, Karachi, Member (Tax Reforms & Re-structuring), Federal Board of Revenue, Commissioner Inland Revenue (2009-11), Regional Tax Office-I & II, Karachi, Collector Customs, Model Customs Collectorate of PaCCS, Customs House, Karachi, Collector (Sales Tax & Federal Excise, Enforcement), Karachi, Collector (Sales Tax & Federal Excise, Enforcement & Audit), Large Taxpayers' Unit (LTU). Karachi, Chief (Policy & Tax Reforms) & (Customs Tariff) CBR, Islamabad (2001-03) and remained posted as Secretary in different taxes during his entire carrier.

He also worked as Member TP&R (Tax Policy & Reforms), Federal Board of Revenue, Islamabad and supervised US \$149 million project of Tax Administration Reforms of FBR contributed in Tax Policy formulation, FBR restructuring, FBR's negotiations with donors etc. His major achievements included Member VAT Team of Federal & Provincial VAT Acts, 2010,

served as Member / Secretary VAT Implementation Team of Federal Board of Revenue, represented FBR at the International VAT Conference hosted by IMF/World Bank, Dubai, read paper on Automation in Customs at World Customs Organization annual conference Veracruz, Mexico, outstanding Performance Award by FBR as Collector MCC (PaCCS), outstanding Performance Award by Finance Minister as Assistant Collector of Customs, Karachi, outstanding Performance Award by Chairman, FBR, detection of certain major cases of smuggling of Gold, currency, narcotics and Sales Tax refund fraud and meritorious Services Award for contribution by Chairman, FBR.

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