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Entry in Government Service, 1 November 1986

District Management Group

Present Posting: Joint Secretary, Ministry of Industries & Production, Islamabad

Academic Qualifications:

- *Doctorate in International Relations, Geneva School of Diplomacy, Geneva, Switzerland, 2005-07*
- *M.A. Economics, Punjab University, Lahore 1983-84*

Distinctions/Honours:

- *Received 'Best Contributor' International award in the, 'Services Export Net Meeting' of 30 plus countries organized by the International Trade Centre (ITC) Geneva in Chamonix, France, October 2007.*
- *Chairperson of the WTO-Working Party on GATS Rules, Geneva (2007-08)*
- *Elected Treasurer DMG (Civil Service) Association of Pakistan. (2003-04)*
- *Awarded first prize in 'Book Review', during specialized training at the Civil Services Academy, Lahore.1987-88.*
- *Nineteenth position, in Central Superior Services Examination 1985.*
- *Elected, President, Student's Union and Head Girl, Lahore College for Women, (1981).*
- *Head Girl, Cathedral School, Lahore (1976-77), House Captain, Prefect & won prizes in Athletics, Badminton, Net Ball.*

Resource Person/Conferences/Seminars/Trainings:

- *ADB/I Flagship Study on Climate Change and Green Asia, Technical Workshop on "Measuring Asia's Progress in Tackling Climate Change and Promoting Green Growth"*
- *13 – 14 June 2011, Beijing, PRC.*
- *SWITCH-Asia Sub-Regional Networking Meeting Colombo, Sri Lanka 08 – 09 June, 2011*
- *Policy Dialogue on, Working Together for Green Asia, Hong Kong, China, 21 April 2011*
- *Multi Country Observation Study Mission of SME Best Practices in Service Excellence. 21st February 2011 to 25th February 2011, Tokyo Japan.*
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- *Part of Pakistan's delegation in Afghan Pakistan Transit Trade Agreement, negotiations 17th -20th May 2010, Kabul, Afghanistan.*
- *Represented Pakistan in the PTA negotiations in Bali, Indonesia, 28-30 December 2009.*

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- Represented Pakistan in 'Regional Workshop on Eco-Industrial Clusters: Policies and Challenges'. 8 - 11 December 2009, Tokyo, Japan.
- Participated in the Asian Productivity Organization's Workshop on Public Sector Productivity, 28-31, July 2009, Seoul, South Korea.
- Represented Pakistan in the OIC, Islamic Development Bank, Seminar on, 'Multilateral Negotiations under the GATS', Istanbul, Turkey, 20-22 May 2009.
- Lectured MCMC participants on the WTO regime at National Institute of Management, Quetta, 2009, 2010.
- Guest Speaker at Civil Services Academy, Walton, Lahore, WTO issues, March 2009
- Moderator of panel on, 'Positive network effects of expanding telecommunications services and networks, economic opportunity, growth and social benefits'. WTO, Basic Telecommunications Negotiations: Tenth Anniversary Symposium, Geneva, 20-21 February, 2008
- Member of Pakistan's delegation negotiating a Services chapter of the FTA with China. 2007-08
- Discussant at the Lahore University of Management Sciences (LUMS), Services Study on Pakistan's Services Offer in four sectors. March 2007
- Resource person in National Seminar held in Karachi by the International Trade Centre, Geneva in Pakistan from 26-27 May 2006.
- Made presentation on opportunities available in the WTO in the 22nd progress international seminar held by the International Association of Insurance Economics, Geneva. 30-31 March 2006.
- Acted as facilitator on GATS Rules at the South Center's Annual Workshop on Trade in Services, 20-24 March 2006.
- Participated in ICTSD Seminar on Services in Boracay, Philippines. Made a presentation on Pakistan. February 2006.
- Member of Pakistan's delegation to the Sixth WTO, Ministerial Conference, Hong Kong. 12-19 December 2006
- Completed ACWL's (Advisory Centre on WTO law) WTO dispute settlement and procedure course from October 2005 to March 2006.
- Panelist in Distribution Services Seminar held at UNCTAD in November 2005.
- Attended, Symposium by the, CUTS, Center for International Trade, Economics and Environment (CITEE), 2nd & 3rd November 2004 in Geneva Switzerland.
- Participated in Information Technology Symposium 18-19 October 2004, Geneva Switzerland.
- Attended Seminar arranged by International Organization for Migration (IOM), World Bank and WTO on Trade and Migration, 4-5 October 2004, Geneva Switzerland.
- Attended Seminar on Freight Logistics Services. 7th September 2004, Geneva.
- WTO Specialized course on, "Negotiating Trade Agreements: from theory to practice" 16th to 27th June 2003, Geneva, Switzerland.
- Organized 2-day Workshops on Dispute Settlement Mechanism under WTO, in Islamabad & Karachi 2003.
- International Dialogue. Making Special and Differential Treatment More Effective and Responsive to Development Needs. Sixth & seventh May 2003. Geneva, Switzerland.
- First advanced course, Doha Development Agenda for Officials of Asia & the Pacific. Beijing China. 31st March 2003. Incomplete *health advisory by WHO*.

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- Fourth WTO/UNESCAP Trade Policy Course on WTO Agreements and the Doha Development Agenda. 8th.to 29th. November 2002, Bangkok.
- Joint Government / UNDP – UNCTAD Conference on E-Commerce & Development, Islamabad – 18th & 19 September 2002.
- One-month computer course for executives from WISE computer in August 2000.
- Attended, ASEAN/COMMONWEALTH, youth conference as leader of delegation, in Singapore, November – December 1998.
- Computer Training in Word Perfect at Pakistan Computer Bureau, Islamabad, April 1996.
- Short Training Course on PC-I Preparation and formulation, at Pakistan Planning and Management Institute, Islamabad. March 1996.
- Training Workshop on Women, Gender & Development at the Royal Tropical Institute, Amsterdam, Holland, November 1995.
- Attended National Conference on Women Development in Pakistan, Pakistan Academy for Rural Development, Peshawar. October 1995.
- Field Survey Training at Directorate of Settlement and Survey at Hyderabad (1989).
- Survey and Settlement Training at Dera Ghazi Khan (1988).
- Common Training Programme at Civil Services Academy, Lahore (1986-87).
- Specialized Training Programme for District Management Group at DMG Campus, Lahore (1987-88).

Countries Visited:

- *China, France, Holland, Hong Kong China, Indonesia, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, Philippines, Qatar, Singapore, Sri-Lanka, South Korea, Switzerland, Thailand, Turkey, UAE, United Kingdom & USA.*

Postings & related work experience:

- **Feb. 2009-To date, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Industries & Production, Islamabad.**
Deal with Industrial Planning and Policy. Public Sector Development Programme (PSDP) of MoIP. Price Monitoring of essential commodities.
- **Sept. 2008-Jan. 2009, Senior Management Course. NSPP. Lahore**
- **15 November 2007 to August 2008 Visiting Professor, on Saturdays only for two terms at The Geneva School of Diplomacy.**
Lectured, Bachelors & Masters of Arts in International Relations on 'Current International Trade Issues'.
- **July 2004 to August 2008 Economic Counsellor, Permanent Mission of Pakistan to WTO, Geneva.**
Areas of work: Technical Assistance, Integrated Framework and Development Issues. S&D Issues and Implementation related Issues and Concerns. Council for trade in Services and its Special session. Committee on Trade in Financial Services. Committee on Specific Commitments. Working Party on Domestic Regulation. Working Party on GATS Rules. Information Technology Agreement. Committee for Trade and Development (CTD) and its Special Session (CTD SS). Working Group on Trade and Transfer of Technology. Working Group on Trade Debt and Finance.

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- **August 2002 to 27th July 2004. Deputy Secretary, WTO, Ministry of Commerce.**
- Analyzed all WTO related issues received from domestic stake holders and negotiating proposals from WTO, Mission Geneva in the areas of NAMA, Dispute Settlement, Trade remedy laws, Development and Technical assistance. Arranged consultative meetings. Briefed stakeholders. Prepared briefs and summaries.
- Subjects included all tariff related issues. Harmonization of Pakistan's schedule XV. Dealt with NAMA, rules, RTAs, negotiations. Trade remedies laws. Finalization of anti-dumping, safeguard and countervailing rules/legislation and setting up of the appellate tribunal. Singapore issues and other WTO related work in general.
- Arranged activities on creating awareness of stakeholders on WTO issues. Participated in WTO related discussions on National Television.
- **Sept. 1999 to Aug. 2002 Director Land and Rehabilitation, Capital Development Authority (CDA).**
- Dealt with the acquisition of land for the Federal Capital & Rehabilitation of the affected persons; Settlement of land disputes.
- Prepared and presented summaries to the CDA Board
- Negotiated vacation of acquired land by settlement of claims of affected persons. Inter alia E-11, D-12, E-12.
- Established a record room for more than fifty thousand plot files of new adjoining towns of Islamabad.
- **June 1997 to Sept 1999 Section Officer, Ministry of Culture, Sports, Tourism & Youth Affairs, Islamabad.**
- Dealt with administration. Promotion of Pakistan's tourism & cultural heritage.
- Inter alia prepared for & attended Commonwealth workshop held in collaboration with ASEAN.
- **July 1995 – June 1997, Section Officer, Ministry of Women Development and Youth Affairs, Islamabad.**
- Examined, processed for financing, monitored & evaluated all public-private partnership projects for uplift of females in Balochistan, Northern Areas, Federal Capital and Sindh.
- National Coordinator for the project proposal, National Training Resource Centre, (NTRC) Islamabad.
- Prepared Project PC-I of NTRC Project being set up at that time with collaboration of the Government of Japan at cost of Rs. 420 million.
- **May 1992 – July 1995 Deputy Director, Chief Commissionerate for Afghan Refugees, Islamabad, States and Frontier Regions Division.** Held charge of the post of Director Clearing and Forwarding Karachi.
- Dealt with all administrative matters of the office & staff.
- Carried out Liaison Coordination with UN Agencies, bilateral donors.
- Dealt with matters connected with Aid supply for rehabilitation/reconstruction of Afghanistan. Coordinated, donated, wheat/relief items, movement from Karachi to Refugee Camps all over Pakistan.
- **Feb 1991 – May 1992 Assistant Director, Chief Commissionerate for Afghan Refugees, Islamabad, States & Frontier Regions Division.**
- Dealt with aid supply to Afghanistan and Liaison with UN/Int. Agencies.
- Prepared briefs for bilateral donors, International agencies regarding aid for Afghan Refugees.

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- **May 1989 – Feb.1991, Additional City Magistrate and Assistant Commissioner, Karachi South**, S&GAD, Government of Sindh, Karachi.
 - Performed first Class Magisterial work.
 - Carried out Law and Order duties.
 - **April 1988 – May 1989, Assistant Commissioner (under training)** S&G, AD Government of Sindh, Karachi South.
 - Exercised judicial and executive powers of 2nd
 - Class Magistrate as A.C.U.T.
 - **Nov.1986 – April 1988 Received training as a probationer at the, Civil Services Academy, Lahore.** Subjects covered Public Speaking, Public Administration, International Relations, Economics, Drafting, Judgement Writing, Civil Procedure Code; Criminal Procedure Code; Pakistan Penal Code; Islamic jurisprudence; Qanoon-i-shahadat; Land Revenue collection etc at the Civil Services Academy, Lahore for 18 months. Passed Federal Public Service Commission's Examination at end of the training.
 - **Feb.1986—Nov. 1986, Lecturer in Economics, Government College for Women** Okara. Punjab.
 - **Jan.1985-Sept.1985, Taught, Economics to School Certificate Students, Lahore Grammar School.**
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