

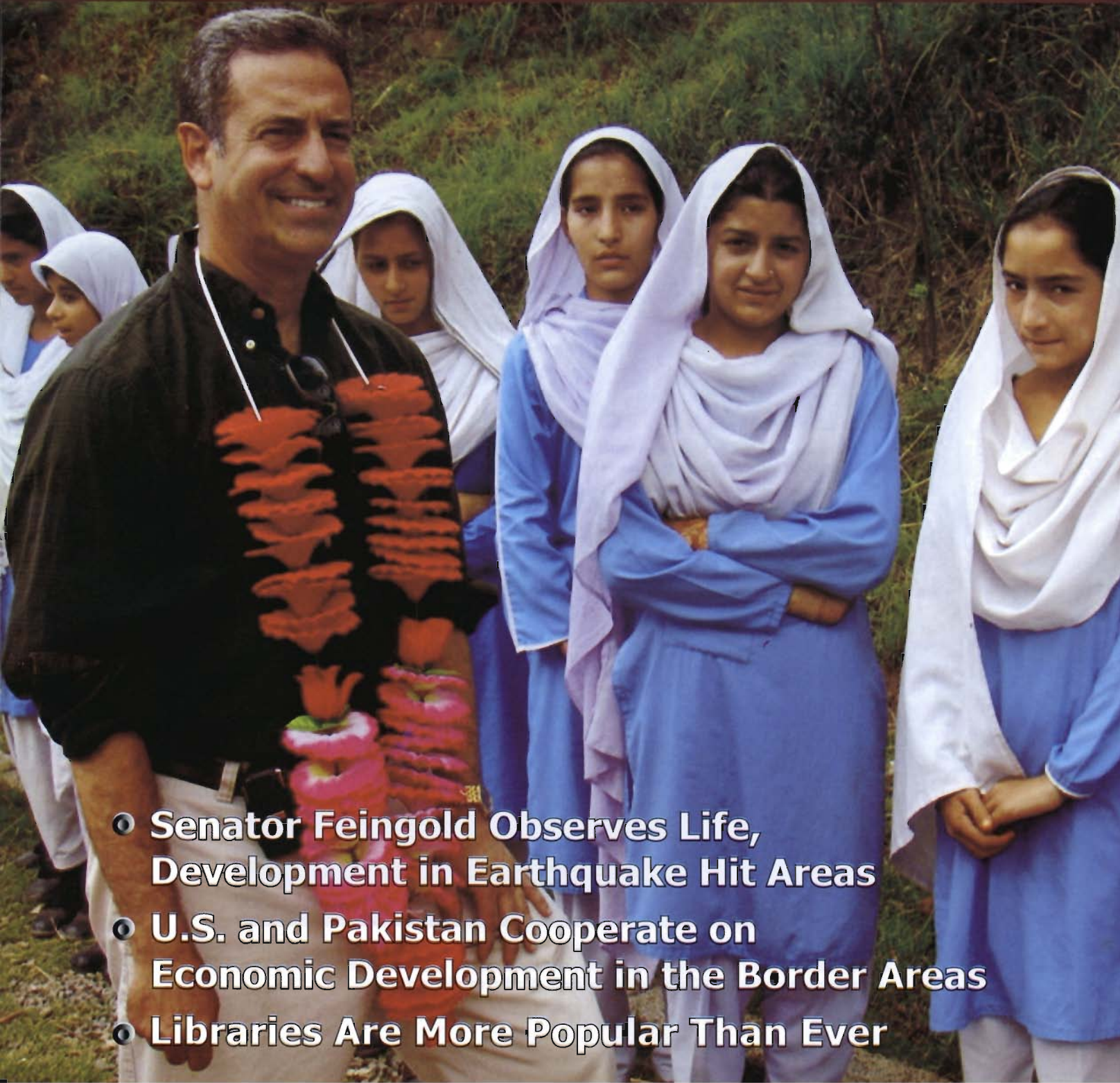


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# Diplomatic Activities



*U.S. Consul General Kay L. Anske visiting the historical Chawkandi tomb site. Guide Ali Dino briefs her about the historical artifact on one of the tombs.*



*U.S. Consulate Peshawar held a blood donation drive to benefit the Fatimid Foundation, which assists children with Thalassaemia, Leukaemia and Haemophilia. The donations from Consulate volunteers helped give 96 children blood transfusion that they require to stay alive.*

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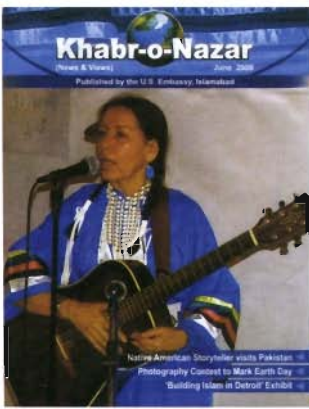
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# LETTERS

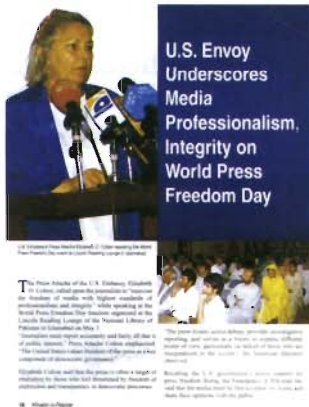
## TO THE EDITOR



### Informative Magazine

I have had the opportunity to read the May issue of "Khabr-o-Nazar." Through this letter, I want to congratulate you for publishing such an informative magazine. It definitely helps us to understand that how the United States is helping Pakistan in improving its various social sectors. I also want to be a regular reader of the magazine but I do not know the procedure for getting its subscription.

Advocate Gauhar Siddique, Lahore



### Helpful

First of all I am very grateful to you for sending me "Khabr-o-Nazar" regularly. It is very helpful for students like myself who have an interest in knowing more about America. All the contents of the magazine are very attractive. I would, however, like to suggest increasing the number of pages and length of the articles.

Javed Akhtar Khaskheli, Badin



### Good Reading Material

Thank you very much for sending "Khabr-o-Nazar" which provides good reading material about the United States. I would, however, like to suggest that some articles about the life and culture of the American society should also be included in the magazine. We also want to know about a typical village life in the U.S.

Atta Muhammad Sadda, Hala

# Senator Feingold Observes Life, Development in Earthquake Hit Areas



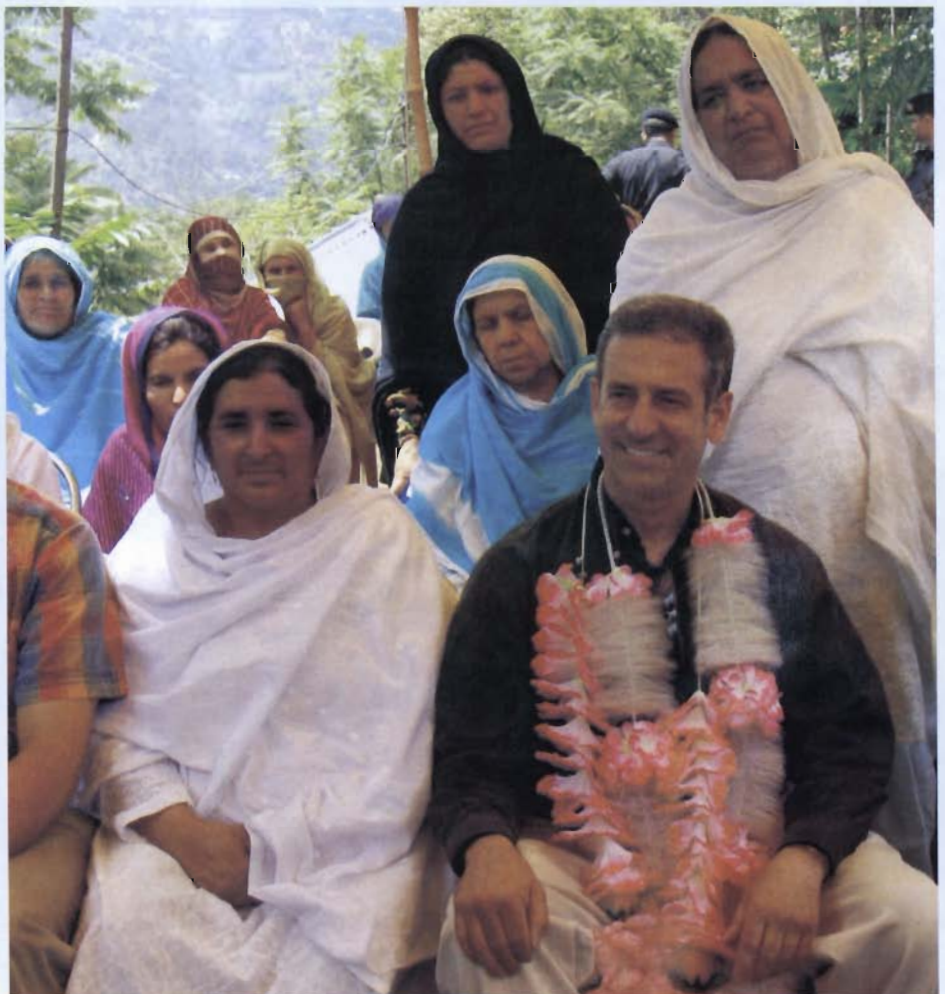
*Senator Feingold discusses progress on the construction of the new Kana Mohri Girls Middle School with community members and school administrators.*

United States Senator Russ Feingold visited several areas of the Azad Jammu and Kashmir (AJK) to witness first-hand the life people are leading more than two-and-a-half years after the devastating 2005 earthquake.

“The people of the United States fully understand the suffering and hardship that the people of the earthquake-hit areas of Pakistan have endured,” Senator Feingold said while observing the current status of the development and rehabilitation work undertaken by the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) and its partners. “We are pleased to work together with the members of these communities to restore life to normal and help build an even better future.”

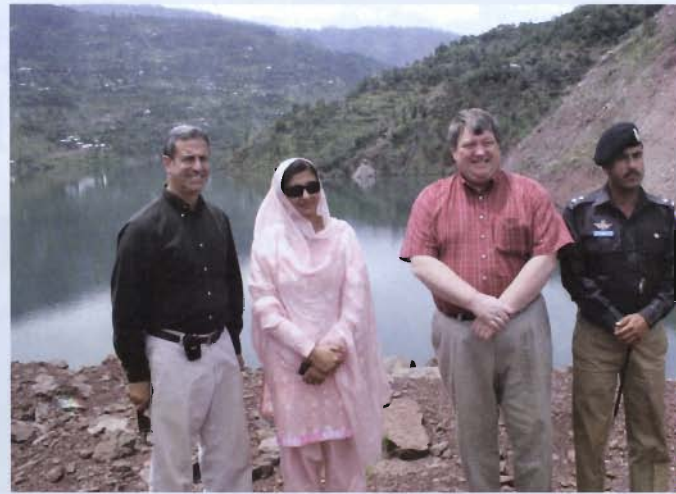


*U.S. Senator Russ Feingold with the members of the Women's Dairy Association at the Kana Mohri Milk collection and retail point.*





*U.S. Senator Russ Feingold visiting the students of the Dadar Girls Middle School. The school was reconstructed with the assistance of USAID.*



*U.S. Senator Russ Feingold and U.S. Deputy Chief of Mission Peter Bodde with Area Magistrate Ms. Tahzeeb-un-Nisa at Lake Lodhi Abad.*

# Senator Feingold Visits Ea



*Senator Feingold and U.S. Embassy Deputy Chief of Mission Peter Bodde visiting the Siran Valley Irrigation project.*



*Senator Feingold at the Kana Mohri Milk collection and retail point.*



*NWFP Governor Owais Ghani welcomes Senator Feingold at the Governor's residence in Peshawar.*



*U.S. Senator Russ Feingold with President Pervez Musharraf at the Presidential Camp Office in Rawalpindi.*

In the morning the U.S. Senator visited the reconstructed Dadar Boys High School and the Dadar Girls Middle School and met with the staff and students.

In Siran Valley Senator Feingold visited a USAID-sponsored irrigation project and met members of the Water Association.

The irrigation project diverts river water into a previously uncultivated region of the valley and allows farming where it was previously impossible. The farmers are now reporting that they have increased crop yields.

U.S. Senator Feingold also visited the site of Lake Lodhi Abad which was created in the aftermath of the earthquake when a landslide encompassing the entire face of a mountain completely blocked the river below. The lake presents a striking image of the magnitude of the earthquake

The Senator from the State of Wisconsin, also known as the 'Dairy State,' visited the Kana Mohri Milk collection and retail point and met with members of the Women's Dairy Association.

“I am very impressed with the success of the Women's Dairy Association, not only in improving the lives of their families but contributing to the economic recovery of the entire community,” the American Senator remarked.

Senator Feingold also visited the Kana Mohri Girls' Middle School to review the progress of the construction work.

## Earthquake Hit Areas



*where local milk producers demonstrated milk processing equipment.*

# Senator Casey Visits Karachi

Visiting U.S. Senator Robert Casey (Democrat-Pennsylvania) spent a busy day in Pakistan's largest port city of Karachi attending a series of meetings with the City Nazim, State Bank Governor, and business leaders. He also visited the International Container Security facility at Port Qasim, Karachi Stock Exchange and the Mohatta Palace.

“This port facility is a preventive tool in the global War on Terror that will make our borders safer and will also increase the economic efficiency of Pakistani exports,” Senator Casey said during his visit to the International Container Security project at Port Qasim.

In his luncheon meeting with the American Business Council members, the American Senator discussed the economic climate in the country with special reference to encouraging and promoting U.S. investment in Pakistan.

Karachi Mayor (Nazim) Mustafa Kamal also briefed Senator Casey and his delegation about the various developmental projects being currently carried out in the city by the district government. They also discussed the Mayor's recent visit to the United States on a State Department International Visitor Leadership Program.

The Governor of the State Bank of Pakistan (SBP), Dr. Shamshad Akhtar, in her separate meeting with Senator Casey briefed him about the recent measures the SBP has recently taken to improve the economy.

U.S. Consul General Kay L. Anske accompanied Senator Casey to the meetings.

The American Senator expressed his “deepest appreciation” for “Pakistan's proud and ancient culture and history,” during his visit to the Mohatta Palace Museum in the city.

“I am honored to visit Karachi, the cultural and economic capital of Pakistan,” Senator Casey said at the conclusion of his trip to Karachi. “In my meetings today with key financial and political leaders, I have been impressed with the city's vibrancy and its dynamic future.”



*Visiting U.S. Senator Robert Casey being welcomed by the Collector Customs, Ms. Riffat Hassan, and other officials at the International Container Security facility at Port Qasim near Karachi.*



*U.S. Senator Robert Casey discusses district government development projects with Karachi Mayor (Nazim) Mustafa Kamal.*



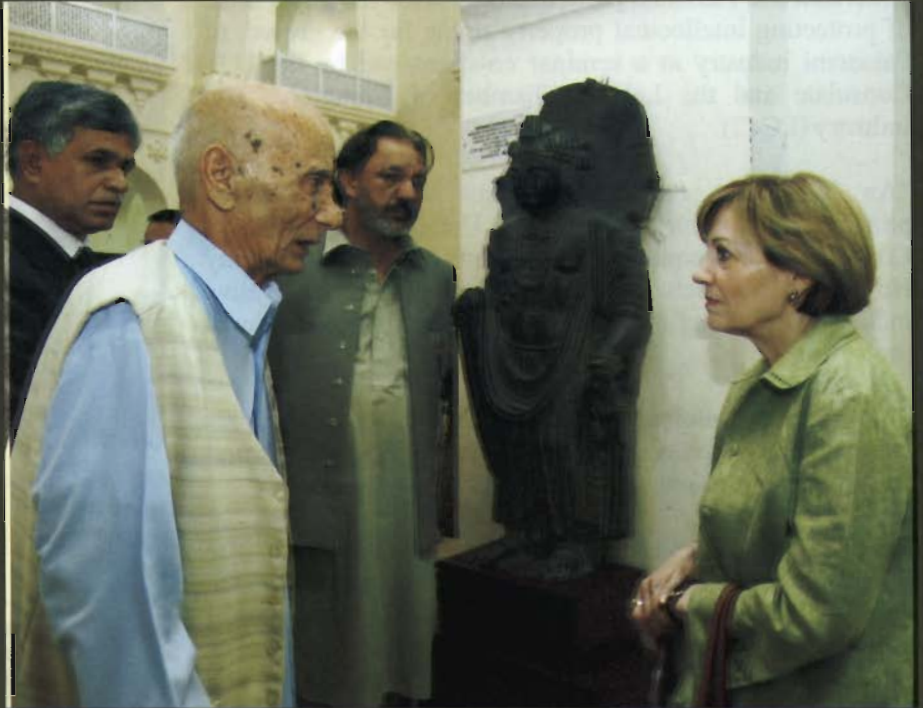
# Ambassador Patterson Reiterates U. S. Commitment to Security, Development in FATA

“The United States has a multi-faceted and enduring relationship with Pakistan,” Ambassador Patterson said while speaking at the Levy-Training session, which is part of the U.S. assistance to Pakistan. “We are strongly committed to helping the people of Pakistan in our mutual fight against terrorism and to ensure that Pakistanis enjoy improved access to education, healthcare, and employment.”

The American Ambassador also visited the Peshawar University Lincoln Corner where she met with students and spoke about the U.S.-Pakistan relations.

The Vice Chancellor of Peshawar University Azmat Hayat Khan and Consulate Principal Officer Lynne Tracy were also present.

At the university the Ambassador noted the United States' strong commitment to supporting education in Pakistan. She said that a significant portion of the \$750 million U.S. support to Pakistan's FATA Development Plan will be devoted to building schools, training teachers and providing new learning opportunities for students.



*Prof. Sehrai, Vice Chancellor Hazara University Dr. Ihsan Ali and Mr. Saleh Muhammad briefing Ambassador Patterson about local antiquities.*



*U.S. Ambassador Anne W. Patterson speaks with students at the Lincoln Corner at University of Peshawar about U.S.-Pakistan relations. Vice Chancellor Azmat Hayat Khan and Public Affairs Officer Rya Miller were also present.*

“The Peshawar Museum demonstrates the rich diversity of the NWFP and FATA's religious and cultural history,” Ambassador Patterson remarked during her visit to the Peshawar Museum with the Minister of Sports and Culture Syed Aqil Shah and Vice Chancellor of Hazara University Dr. Ihsan Ali

During her visit the Ambassador also met with the Governor of the NWFP, Owais Ahmad Ghani.

U.S. Ambassador Anne W. Patterson stressed America's “long-term commitment to security and development” in the Northwest Frontier Province and the FATA during her visit to Peshawar recently.

# Strong IPR Protection R

American and Pakistani participants stressed the importance of protecting intellectual property rights for the growth of Pakistani industry at a seminar co-sponsored by the U.S. Consulate and the Lahore Chamber of Commerce and Industry (LCCI).

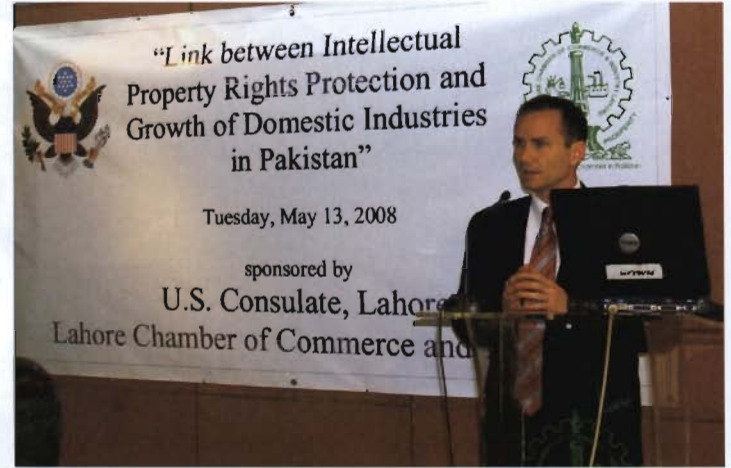
“An innovative economy requires strong intellectual property rights protections,” stated United States Embassy Counselor for Economic and Commercial Affairs Amy Holman in her welcome address. “Pakistan's innovative industries are doing well but could do better with additional protection.”

The American diplomat noted that intellectual property rights enforcement is necessary to protect Pakistan's rich cultural and artistic patrimony.

Economic growth and IPR protection go hand-in-hand. The World Economic Forum reports that the 20 countries with the best intellectual property protection were all in the top 27 for growth and competitiveness. Countries that best protect intellectual property rights can attract more capital and provide more jobs for their people.

“Strengthening IPR mechanisms not only encourages foreign investment, but also allows domestic industries to grow,” said LCCI President Muhammad Ali Mian in his opening remarks. “Involving the public about the significance of protecting intellectual property through awareness campaigns can also help reduce piracy.”

The U.S. Regional Intellectual Property Attaché Dominic Keating also spoke at the event. Other speakers included: Hasan Irfan Khan, Attorney, United Trademark and Patent Services; Dr. Rizwan Basharat, Intellectual Property Organization; Sharmeen Ali Khan, Legal Counsel, Pfizer;



*U.S. Regional Intellectual Property Attaché Dominic Keating speaks to members of the business community on the importance of intellectual property rights for economic development in the region.*



# or Innovative Economy

Muhammad Siddique, Pakistan Customs and Excise; Asif Ali Syed, Director Interpol and IPR, FIA; Mehboob Qadir Shah, Solicitor, Government of the Punjab; Shakil Abbasi, Registrar, Copyright Office; Ameena Saiyid, Managing Director, Oxford University Press; Moien Kamar, Advocate, United Trademarks and Patents Services; Muhammad Nisar Khan, Regional Investigator, International Federation of the Phonographic Industry; Arshad Mehmood, Director Programs, National Academy of Performing Arts; and LCCI Vice President Shafqat Saeed Piracha.

The seminar brought together government officials, students, academics, trade associations and members of the private sector to exchange views on protection of intellectual property rights and its importance to Pakistan's economy.

The seminar also discussed the economics of IPR, enforcement, government initiatives, copyright, and protection of Pakistan's cultural patrimony. Speakers made an impassioned plea for greater IPR protection, arguing that everybody has a role to play in ensuring that the creations of artists and innovators are not stolen.

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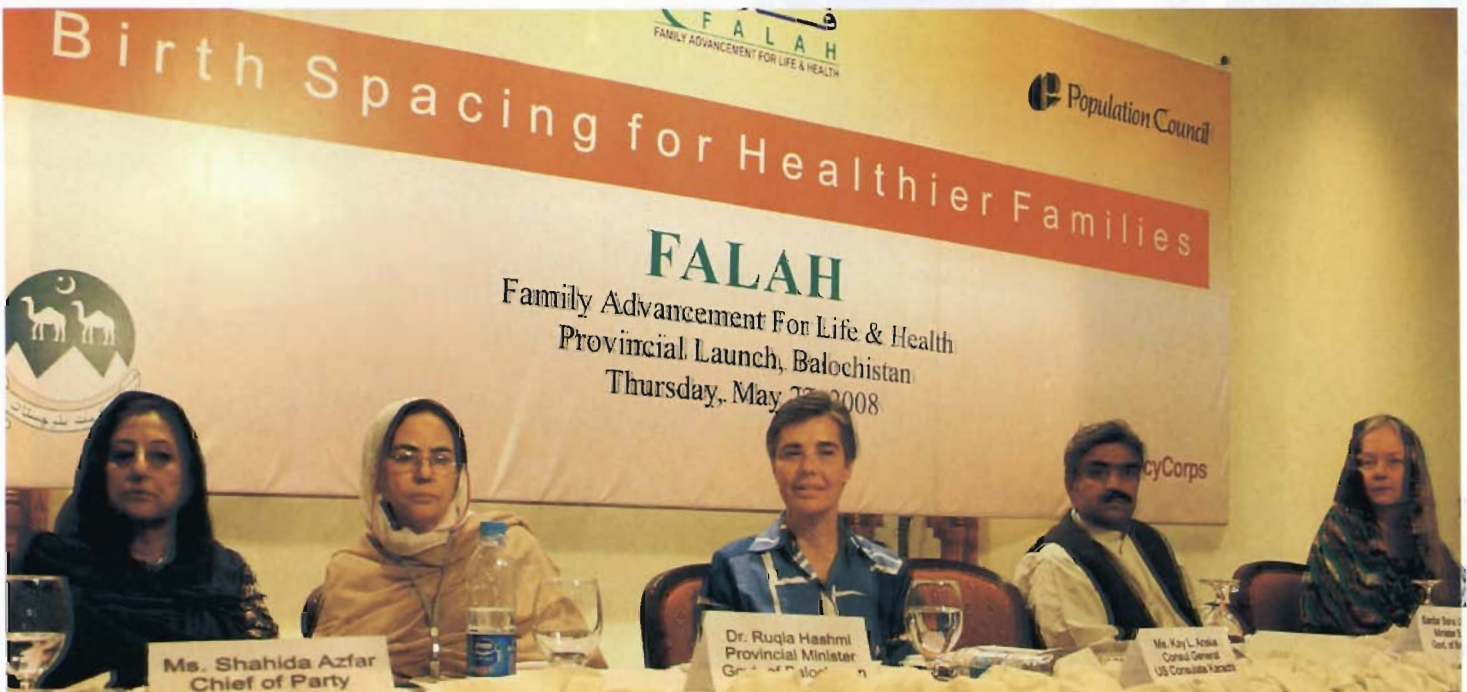
*U.S. Embassy Counselor for Economic Affairs Amy Holman with participants of the IPR seminar held at the Lahore Chamber of Commerce.*

# USAID Birth Spacing Program Launched in Baluchistan

The United States Agency for International Development (USAID) launched the Balochistan component of its five-year, \$60 million nationwide program on child spacing, called 'Family Advancement for Life and Health' (FALAH) in Quetta.

"The 2007 Pakistan Demographic and Health Survey Preliminary Report indicates that almost 50 percent of families who have one child want to wait for two or more years before having the next child," said Kay L. Anske, Consul General, U.S. Consulate Karachi. "FALAH will help them with spacing the birth of their children."

The FALAH program will be implemented by a consortium of organizations led by the U.S.-based Population Council. Incorporation of child spacing into family health programs will help reduce the high levels of maternal and infant illness and deaths that continue to affect Pakistan. Operating in 20 districts nationwide, the Balochistan component of FALAH includes six districts: Lasbela, Jaffarabad, Zhob, Turbat, Khuzdar and Turbet-Kech.



U.S. Consul General Kay L. Anske speaking at the launch of United States Agency for International Development (USAID) \$60 million Family Advancement for Life and Health (FALAH) project for Balochistan in Quetta.

