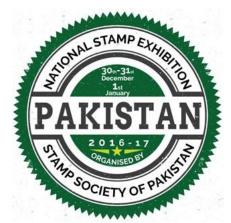
Pakistan 2016 National Stamp Exhibition - Commissioner Report by Engr. Afzal H. Nanjee.

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The Stamp Society of Pakistan [SSOP], in collaboration with the DAWN Media Group and Pakistan Post, under the patronage of the Philatelic Federation of Pakistan, organized a well represented International standard, national stamp exhibition, titled "Pakistan 2016' at the Expo Centre, Karachi. This exhibition was held from 30th December, 2016 till 1st January, 2017, was one of the best stamp exhibitions held in Pakistan. It was viewed by a large number of philatelists and visitors of all ages from various cities of Pakistan.

Stamp collectors and philatelists were highly impressed by the over 80-page Souvenir issued in connection with the Exhibition. The Souvenir's cover had a set of stamps that represent The Famous Mountain Peaks of Pakistan, whose stamps were issued on January 1, 2017.

The exhibition displayed 43 entries with a large number of youth participation. These were judged on a competitive basis in different classes:- 1) Traditional, 2) Postal History, 3) Postal Stationery, 4) Aero-Philately, 5) Thematic, 6) Revenue and 7) Youth Class. The entries were judged by a Jury comprising of Mr. Aslam Zahid as Chairman, Col. Nasir Hussain, Mr. Abdul Wahid, Mr. Rizwan Kodwavwala as senior members and Mr. Ghulam Asghar as Apprentice Jury.

Following table shows the detail of the entries received and medals won: -

S. No.	Class	Exhibitor's Name	Exhibit Title	No. of Frames	Medal
1	Traditional	Ali Raza Nanjee	Cochin State and the Study on Usages	5	Large Vermeil
2	Traditional	Adnan Hussain Nanjee	Hyderabad Deccan - Sarkari Overprint	5	Vermeil
3	Traditional	Afzal Hussian Nanjee	Early Years of Pakistan	5	Vermeil
4	Traditional	Ali Raza Nanjee	Qajar Dynasty - Persia	5	Vermeil
5	Traditional	Mohammad Nazimuddin Al Din	A Glimpse of the RARE Saudi Arabian Philately	5	Vermeil
6	Traditional	Aziz-ul-Hameed	Stamps History of State of Qatar	5	Large Silver
7	Traditional	Muhammad Aurangzeb	The Ottoman Empire (Present Turkey), 1863-1916 & Republic of Turkey till 1927	5	Large Silver

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8	Traditional	Daniyal Ahmed	Multan Seminar	1	Silver
9	Traditional	Hussain Ahmad	Bahrain	2	Silver
10	Traditional	Imran Ul Huda	Afghanistan	2	Silver
11	Postal History	Afzal Hussian Nanjee	Ottoman Empire - Asia	5	Gold
12	Postal History	Mohammad Nazimuddin	Railway, Railway Mail Service & Postmarks of Pakistan	5	Large Vermeil
13	Postal History	Adnan Hussain Nanjee	Post Ottoman - Iraq	5	Large Vermeil
14	Postal History	Syed Nadeem Akhtar	World War - II (1939-1945) Censorship & The Mails of British India	5	Vermeil
15	Postal History	Waqas Memon	French Postal History	1	Vermeil
16	Postal History	Abdullah Chandio	Afghanistan - The Russian Occupation Period	5	Large Silver
17	Postal History	Aneel Ahmed	Strait Settlement of Malaya	5	Large Silver
18	Postal Stationery	Iqbal Hussain Nanjee	Mulready and the development of Stationery	5	Large Vermeil
19	Postal Stationery	Shakeel Minto	Pre- decimal Postal Stationary of Pakistan (1947-60)	5	Vermeil
20	Postal Stationery	Ghias Ahmad	Argentina Postal Stationery 1876-1908	5	Vermeil
21	Postal Stationery	Mohammad Ali Ajmeri	Postal Stationery - 2Rs. Ordinary Envelopes	5	Large Silver

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22	Aerophilately	Azeem Mandviwalla	South American Airmails	5	Vermeil
23	Thematic	Dr. Saeed Ashraf Cheema	Human Eye	3	Large Silver
24	Thematic	Muhammad Saleem Khatri	Quaid-e-Azam	3	Silver
25	Thematic	Syed Hur Abbas Bukhari	Symbol of Islamabad - Shah Faisal Masjid Islamabad	1	Silver
26	Thematic	Farrukh Hasan	Islamic Culture	1	Bronze
27	Thematic	M. Akram Naeem	Hajj (The Pilgrimage)	1	Silver
28	Thematic	Syed Hur Abbas Bukhari	Year of Birth Dr. Allama Muhammad Iqbal (9th November, 1873-1875-1877	1	Silver
29	Revenue	Waseem Shafi	Junagadh	1	Silver
30	Youth	Erum Manzar Saeed	Classic Cars	1	Silver
31	Youth	Erum Manzar	Diana	1	Silver
32	Youth	Shumail Raheel	Cartoons	1	Silver
33	Youth	Muhammad Nabeel Ahmad	Automobiles	1	Silver
34	Youth	Manahil Raheel	Dresses	1	Silver
35	Youth	Fatima Aneel Ahmad	Aeroplanes	1	Silver
36	Youth	Farina Aneel Ahmad	Ships	1	Silver

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37	Youth	Hasan Hayat Zahid	Quaid-e-Azam	1	Silver
38	Youth	Mohi ud din Babar	Palestine: British Mandate 1918-1945	1	Silver
39	Youth	Ashley Shakeel Minto	British Military Administration (Malaya) - 1945-51	1	Silver
40	Youth	Muhammad Babar Khan	1st Decimal Surcharges of Pakistan Machine Print (1961)	1	Silver
41	Youth	Daud Jabbar Taib	50 Poul, Official stamp of Afghanistan, (used between 1953-73)	1	Silver
42	Youth	Kiran Sohail Khattak	Education Institute of Pakistan	1	Silver Bronze
43	Non- Competitive	Muhammad Ali Jahangir	Karachi Images	3	-

This was the 13th International standard National Stamp Exhibition, under FIAP rules held at Expo Centre, Karachi. This exhibition had World Class arrangements and a large picturesque setting, with wall skins, seating arrangements for study and deliberations, Live Children Stamp Drawing competition and video presentations by Pakistan Post Foundation (*Press Division*), the Royal Philatelic Society London and Stamp Society of Pakistan.

It is an honour for Pakistan that *The Royal Philatelic Society London counter was introduced by Mr. Iqbal H. Nanjee, Representative for Pakistan and also the Fellow of* the Society, where an introduction was given to the philatelists; the general public was given brochures, information and membership forms were given to senior philatelists.

The Commissioner General of the exhibition Engr. Afzal H. Nanjee, was in attendance, alongwith the executive Committee members of the SSOP during the exhibition to answer queries from the general public visiting the Exhibition. Also present were Mr. Iqbal Nanjee, President of the SSOP; Dr. U.A.G Isani, President PFP and Mr. Khalid Malik, ex-President PFP including other senior members.

Senior Officials of Pakistan Post Mrs. Rubina Tayyab (Director General Pakistan Post), Akber Ali Dero (Chief Controller of Stamp), Shahid Iqbal (Deputy Chief Controller of Stamp), Adil Salahhudin (S.I)-Senior General Manager, Pakistan Post Foundation (Press Division), Muhammad Rana Akhlaq Ahmed (Postmaster General Sindh Circle), Mustafa Kamal (Deputy Postmaster General, Sindh Circle), Malik Subha Khan (Chief Postmaster, Karachi GPO) and Shoaib Ahmed Siddiqui (Divisional Superintend Central) graced the exhibition with their presence on various exhibition days.

Official Visit of British Deputy High Commissioner Karachi, Belinda Lewis graced us with her presence on the second day; December 31, 2016, accompanied by senior officials who enjoyed philatelic history including the Mulready exhibit and she appreciated not only the European related exhibits but also other subjects. Mr. Iqbal H. Nanjee from SSOP, & as Fellow / Country Representative of RPSL, and Adil Salahuddin on behalf of Post Office received the British Consulate Senior Officials and presented them their published books as a gift with their autographs.

The Pakistan Post issued three special cancellations, one for each day of the exhibition. A dedicated Philatelic Counter of the Pakistan Post was established at the exhibition for issuance of the Special cancellation and sale of Philatelic material, which resulted in huge sales on all the three days.







The Stamp Drawing Competition, an annual feature since 2008 of the SSOP, organized to promote philately amongst the younger generations, was held and as usual, the participating children were divided into two groups, the first age group being 4-10 years and the second, 11 - 17 years. The competition for the two age groups were held on the first two days of the exhibition. There were participants from Sukkur and Hyderabad, also although online forms were received from Punjab as well.

The drawings made by children were judged by Mr. Adil Salahuddin (S.I), ex-Head of Stamp Production (and still the Chief Designer) of the Pakistan Security Printing Corporation, who has been awarded the Pride of Performance and several other special awards. The following were declared winners amongst the two age groups: -

Group A (4-10 years)

1st Prize: Ayesha Zafar
2nd Prize: Hammad Umer
3rd Prize: Maryum Iqbal Sakrani
Special Prize: Rumaysa Imam

Group B (11-17 years)
1st Prize: Aliza Sajid

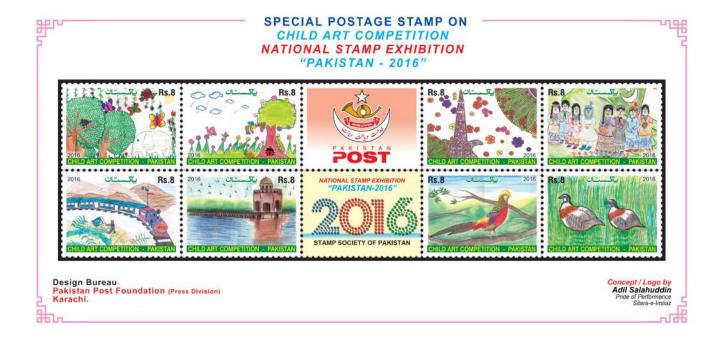
2nd Prize: Marium Bano

3rd Prize: Erum Manzar Saeed

Special Prize: Areej Sohail

Apart from the above, a super prize was given to the youngest participant Zaina Fatima, age 4.5 years.

The annual children stamp drawing competition is unique in the annals of Philatelic exhibition the world over. Pakistan is the only country to host such a live event every year and SSOP is the only philatelic society in the World that organizes such competitions. Stamps drawn by the winners of the previous two exhibitions (2010-2011) have already been issued by the Pakistan Post as postage stamps. As it was promised by the DG Pakistan Post to keep the same under consideration, the sheet of eight stamps was issued on the exhibition day, the design of which is enclosed.



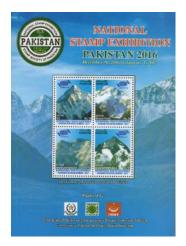
Stamp Dealer & Publication Stalls had three full-fledged stalls at the Exhibition Hall where a large number of philatelic material, coins, banknotes and publications were available for sale to enthusiasts.

The Royal Philatelic Society London special counter was made alongwith the Stamp Society of Pakistan, where membership details and its benefits were shared with the senior collectors and participants.

The SSOP published over 80 page souvenir on the occasion of Pakistan 2016. This souvenir contains information and detailed articles with in-depth study on philatelic articles including extensive research. Such classical articles make this souvenir nothing less than a reference book.

We thank the Pakistan Post for their unconditional support extended in the organizing and hosting of the exhibition and giving the Pakistan Post advertisement, which was also published in the Souvenir.

The SSOP hosted the Palmaris Dinner on Saturday, December 31, 2016, at the Defence Authority Club, Karachi which was attended by the senior officials of Pakistan Post, Exhibitors, Visitors and the Jury Members.



The senior management of the Dawn Media Group, Mr. Ali Hasan Naqvi, and Mr. Ghazzanfar Ali Manghi, and from Pakistan Post Mrs. Rubina Tayyab (Director General Pakistan Post), Akber Ali Dero (Chief Controller of Stamp), Adil Salahhudin (S.I)-Senior General Manager, Pakistan Post Foundation (Press Division), Muhammad Rana Akhlaq Ahmed (Postmaster General Sindh Circle), Mustafa Kamal (Deputy Postmaster General, Sindh Circle) and Malik Subha Khan (Chief Postmaster, Karachi GPO) deserve our appreciation and deepest heartfelt thanks. We salute their contribution and efforts in making Pakistan 2016 a great success.

The winners were awarded certificates, medal and souvenir by the SSOP, special prizes were given by the Director General Pakistan Post-Mrs. Rubina Tayyab, Adil Salahhudin (S.I)-Senior General Manager and President of the SSOP on January 1, 2017. The design of the medal, alongwith a specimen of the Certificate is placed at **Annexure "A"** of this report.

Glimpses of the Exhibition can be viewed at the website: www.sspak.com and are also enclosed herewith.

Annexure - A





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