



Press Release

ARFA KARIM PAKISTAN'S PRIDE ON GLOBAL LEVEL-Dr. Umar Saif

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Arfa Karim Randhawa who gave the Pakistan a name in the IT industry at global level, a computer genius with huge potential for the country's youth, the world's youngest Microsoft Certified Professional at the age of nine is the pride and identity of Pakistan. Dr. Umar Saif founding Vice Chancellor of Information Technology University (ITU) the Punjab, Chairman Punjab Information Technology Board (PITB) said while paying tribute on the 6th death anniversary of Arfa observed under the PITB's project TechHub Connect in collaboration with Arfa Karim Foundation here today at Arfa Tower named after her to acknowledge her achievements.

He further said that Arfa would be remembered as a Tech hero with a progressive image of Pakistan and conveying the message across the globe that our girls have potential and opportunities to excel in any field of life. Arfa was still a beacon of light for Pakistani women to freely come forward to serve the country in the field of technology, in particular, he added.

Arfa made her entire country proud and went on to win numerous awards including Fatima Jinnah Gold Medal, Salam Pakistan Youth Award and the prestigious Pride of Performance Award. She also met the founder of Microsoft Corporation, Bill Gates who invited her to Microsoft headquarters in the United States. Unfortunately, she lost her life due to Epileptic seizure in 2012 at the age of 16.

Arfa's mother Ms. Samina Amjad shared memories of her daughter and spoke about her brilliant achievements. Arfa wanted to do something for the people of her country by providing free education to everyone, she added. Asif Humayun a professor and a writer shared his interaction with Arfa and recited a piece of poetry honoring Arfa. Ms. Nosheen Haroon a biology teacher at learning alliance who taught biology to Arfa said I was in awe of her brilliance when she first joined my class. She carried on to discuss her student life and shared some memories. Arfa's brothers recited pieces of poetry written by Arfa in her life.

A video on Arfa's life journey was played followed by students reciting some pieces of poetry written by her during her life. Some of her teachers and friends also shared their experiences of interaction with the computer prodigy. The event officially ended as souvenirs were presented to all guests by TechHub's team.

