



Press Release

PAKISTAN YOUTH POSSESSES POTENTIAL TO GRAB ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES THROUGH FREELANCING-Dr. Umar Saif opens first e-Rozgaar Center at UoG

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Pakistan being the World's 6th largest country, having the best faculties and remarkable resources, better than many institutions around the globe, possesses excellent youth potential to move forward and to grab the economic opportunities through freelancing under the Chief Minister Punjab's e-Rozgaar program. Dr. Umar Saif founding Vice Chancellor of Information Technology University, Chairman, Punjab Information Technology Board and the Advisor to the Chief Minister Punjab said during the launching of first ever e-Rozgaar Center at University of Gujrat today.

He said that the program would empower the youth to create jobs for themselves in technical, non-technical and creative areas rather than to seek for it. In freelancing Pakistan stood third among the World community by earning US \$ one billion, which would increase to the tune of US \$ 360 million through the earning of US \$ 100 per day per person by the 10,000 trainees selected for three months program for freelance self-employment at 40 training centers by high profile trainers. Among these centers five centers dedicated for female candidates. These Centers are being established in eleven (11) universities of the Punjab. The training will enable the youth to generate income approximately from Rs. 40,000 to Rs. 80,000 per month while working from home.

He added that the program would take forward the economy of Pakistan by gearing up self-employment as in the given circumstances we produce 250,000 graduates annually while only 50,000 job opportunities were not enough to meet the requirement. The opportunity of entrepreneurship through technology startups was moving forward speedily, he said.

Dr. Saif appreciated the interest of the VC UoG Prof. Dr. Ziaul Qayyum for establishing the state of the art Center without waiting for financial assistance from the government.

Prof. Dr. Ziaul Qayyum said that the future of Pakistan and our youth was linked with the promotion of technology and it was the foremost duty of the educational institutions to make the students conversant with the modern trends and ideas for adopting new avenues to empower through self-employment.

Earlier, Dr. Umar Saif inaugurated the e-Rozgaar center equipped for 100 selected students and unveiled the plaque. Exchange of mementos was also made and visit of various sections of the University concluded the event.

