

The 65th Annual Session (1992-94) of the Congress was held on 10th July 1994, under the Presidentship of **Engr. Allah Dad Khan**. The President of Pakistan, **Sardar Farooq Ahmad Khan Laghari**, was the Chief Guest.

During the session a much needed mid-term symposium on “Flood Management in Pakistan” as a result of the un-precedented, widespread floods of 1992 was held in July 1994. Those floods wrought havoc to hearths and havens of the inhabitants on the peripheral lands of the Indus and its tributaries, the Jhelum and the Chenab wherever the onrush of roaring waters could reach. The rivers in spate caused huge damage to the standing crops, eroded arable and futile lands, and devastating infrastructure of channels, roads and railways in its wake. Seven very illuminating technical papers were presented and discussed. The recommendations prepared by the panel of experts were submitted to the Government for consideration.

At the Annual Session Fifteen (15) technical papers were presented and discussed on diverse technical issues relating to all disciplines of the Engineering Profession.

Pakistan Engineering Congress held another Symposium on Ghazi Barotha Hydro Power Project with the Annual Session. An elite gathering comprising more than 200 in service and retired engineers belonging predominantly to civil, electrical and mechanical disciplines and people from other walks of life participated in the Symposium on Ghazi Barotha Hydropower Project arranged on Sunday the 23rd April 1994 at Avari Hotel.

Multan Local Center of Pakistan Engineering Congress inaugurated

Sardar Maqsood Ahmad Khan Leghari, Minister for Irrigation and Power Govt. of the Punjab inaugurated the local centre of Pakistan Engineering Congress at Shangrila Hotel Multan on April 30, 1994 with a view to enhancing the purview of the Congress activities.

In his address of welcome the President of Engineering Congress, Engr. Allah Dad Khan gave an introductory overview of the setup of the organization, its aims and objectives of promoting Science and Engineering profession. “In addition to producing technical papers at Annual Sessions, Seminars & Symposia and arranging members’ visits to important on-going projects” he said, “Technical, lectures from eminent professionals were regularly arranged on technical issues”. “Pakistan Engineering Congress had, he continued, “Sponsored 6 yearly scholarships to deserving first year students from Engineering Universities and Colleges throughout the country. Two scholarships of Rs. 2,000/- each, per month had been instituted for post graduate studies in engineering. The Congress had also decided to sponsor a research project upto Rs. 150,000/- for the development of Solar Cell”.

He went on to draw attention of the Chief Guest that whereas the country was very rich in water resources, the development of hydropower generation and reclamation of fallow lands had not been taken in hand in earnest due to bureaucratic complacency.

The President lamented the Economic Crisis and mounting World Bank, IMF and other loaning agencies debts and pleaded for earliest remedial measures lest it became too late to redeem.

“Present policies”, the President pleaded, “were leading to mounting debts, erosion of economy and discouragement and flight of the talent of the country”. He pleaded that with his deep insight into socio-economic and political affairs of the country, the Hon’ble President could set-up a suitable machinery to reverse the growing trend of reliance on foreign resources in consultancy and construction sectors for the promotion of engineering and research.

President Laghari, in his Address, reviewed major problems facing the country and asked the engineers to come forward with practical solutions for the prevailing problems. He made a particular mention of the need to develop water resources, overcome shortage of energy, drainage and water logging, development of infrastructures communication, increasing

productivity etc. The sweep of his vision and depth of his analysis indicated that there was someone at the helm of affairs, who had an intimate knowledge of the ground conditions and a will to rectify the neglect of the centuries; who was keen to raise the standard of the masses and who wanted to see Pakistan achieve righteous place in the comity of nations. He promised that the recommendations of the engineers would be heard in Government hierarchy and their ideas would be given practical shape by those who control nation's destiny. He also donated 15 computers for providing computer training in engineering technology to young engineers and the engineering students.

On receipt of these Computers, the Congress established a most modern Computer Training centre in the Congress Headquarter building where engineers, engineering students and others would receive training in computer technology.



President PEC introducing the Executive Council (65th Annual Session) the Honourable Chief Guest, Sardar Farooq Khan Laghari, President of Pakistan.



Engr. Allah Dad Khan, President PEC and the Honourable Sardar Farooq Khan Laghari, President of Pakistan at the Inaugural Session of the 65th Annual Session of PEC.



President of Pakistan Engineering Congress, Engr. Allah Dad Khan presenting the Welcome Address at the 65th Annual Session of PEC.



A view of the audience.