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“US Consulate General Karachi and The Dawood Foundation’s MagnifiScience Centre create Science Competition”

Karachi, 3rd March 2023: In collaboration with the U.S. Consulate General Karachi TDF MagnifiScience Centre (MSC) organised an inter-school science competition. This is part of the “Expand STEM education in low-income private schools” project.

The project has three phases. In the first phase 100 teachers from 50 low-income schools in the vicinity of a 10 km radius of MagnifiScience Centre, were given interactive STEM training at the Science Centre.

In the second phase, 1200 students from low-income schools visited the MagnifiScience Centre to experience interactive learning of science concepts.

In the third phase, 34 schools participated in a science competition and presented their projects to a jury. Eight school projects were selected for the final round of judging to be held on 3rd March 2023.

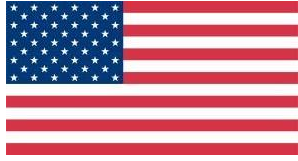
The final round jury included Anastasia Kolivas, Public Diplomacy Officer at U.S. Consulate General Karachi; Dr. Nusrat Fatima Rizvi, Assistant Professor Aga Khan University- Institute for Educational Development, Pakistan; Zarrar Khuhro, Senior Journalist at Dawn News; Dr. Asma Ibrahim, Director State Bank of Pakistan Museum and Art Galleries; Talat Seema, Coordinator of General Science, Dawood Public School, and Inam Ur Rahman, Trustee The Dawood Foundation.

“With our aim and mission to promote STEM literacy, we want to empower everyone and encourage more informal learning practices” said Christoph S. Sprung, Director MSC.

“STEM-based education is so much more than science and mathematical concepts. We promote hands-on learning and empower people through better understanding of scientific principles and thinking. We are grateful to the US Consulate General Karachi for partnering with us on this project” said Syed Fasihuddin Biyabani, Chief Executive Officer The Dawood Foundation.

“On behalf of the U.S. Mission in Pakistan, it is an honour for us to work with The Dawood Foundation on this exciting project to promote STEM Education in Karachi. We believe STEM education is vital for the youth and will open more opportunities in future for these young people. The United States will continue to support education programs in Pakistan.” Anastasia Kolivas, Public Diplomacy Officer of U.S. Consulate General Karachi, added.

The MSC is an inclusive informal learning space to provide scientific exposure with hands-on learning experiences to everyone, irrespective of demographics and socio-economic backgrounds.



About The Dawood Foundation:

The Dawood Foundation (TDF) is a not-for-profit family foundation based in Karachi, Pakistan. It works to empower individuals through education to create social change. TDF has been working in Pakistan since the 1960s and has been greatly involved in establishing various formal and informal education institutions across the country. TDF's informal learning initiatives include popularizing science through TDF MagnifiScience, raising awareness about the environment through TDF Nature Series, and promoting heritage conservation through TDF Ghar.

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