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HANDING OVER CEREMONY OF 2 x PN TUGS FOR PAKISTAN NAVY HELD AT PN DOCKYARD

Karachi, 22 Sept 21: Handing over ceremony of 2 x Tugs built for Pakistan Navy was held at PN Dockyard. Vice Admiral Naveed Ashraf Commander Pakistan Fleet, graced the occasion as Chief Guest. The ceremony was attended by high ranking officials from Pakistan Navy and engineers/ workers of KS&EW.

The Tugs has a length of 25 m with a displacement of 250 tons. It has maximum speed of 12 knots and is propelled by two diesel engines having azimuth drive propulsion system with automated integrated machinery and tug handling system. These tugs are equipped with two diesel generators, a diesel driven fire pump, navigational radar, fire fighting system, deck crane, sewerage treatment plant and towing arrangements.

The Chief Guest in his address said that construction of these tugs at Karachi Shipyard is yet another example of sheer hard work and dedication by the engineers and workers of KS&EW. He appreciated the timely delivery of these tugs, despite the COVID-19 pandemic and resultant challenges like non-availability of OEM engineers and Kit-of-Material etc. He congratulated all stakeholders particularly management and workforce of Karachi Shipyard for achieving this important milestone.

Earlier MD KS&EW, Rear Admiral Ather Saleem in his welcome address said that workforce of yard was proud to be entrusted with such projects and thanked the valued customers, Pakistan Navy for reposing confidence in KS&EW. He further highlighted commitments of KS&EW had increased manifolds but his teams were more determined, motivated and geared up to undertake the future challenges. He apprized the august gathering about the recent Inauguration of Ship Lift & Transfer System (SLTS) by Prime Minister of Islamic Republic of Pakistan which would go a long way in enhancing yards, shipbuilding/ ship repair capabilities. He further apprised about ongoing projects including, MILGEM Class Corvette, FAC(M) 4, Tugs, GRP Boats for PN and 1500 T MPV for PMSA. He assured that KS&EW is committed to deliver state of the art platforms and services to the utmost satisfaction of the end users.

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A view of newly inducted Pakistan Navy tugs JHARA and IMAM BUKHSH



Officials from Pakistan Navy and KS&EW signing the milestone certificate during Induction Ceremony of Pakistan Navy tugs JHARA and IMAM BUKHSH at PN Dockyard, Karachi



Commander Pakistan Fleet Vice Admiral Naveed Ashraf addressing the audience during Induction Ceremony of Pakistan Navy tugs JHARA and IMAM BUKHSH at PN Dockyard, Karachi



Commander Pakistan Fleet Vice Admiral Naveed Ashraf in a group Photo with seniors officers, officials of KS&EW and crew members of PNT JHARA and IMAM BUKHSH after induction ceremony at PN Dockyard, Karachi