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‘CREATING CAREER DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES FOR WOMEN IN MARITIME DOMAIN IS A FUNDAMENTAL IMPERATIVE FOR DEVELOPMENT’- NAVAL CHIEF ON THE OCCASION OF WORLD MARITIME DAY

Islamabad, 26 September 2019: Pakistan Navy observed World Maritime Day (WMD) 2019 on 26 Sep 19 in coordination with International Maritime Organization (IMO). World Maritime Day is observed internationally during last week of September every year under the auspices of IMO. The theme adopted by IMO for this year’s World Maritime Day was ‘Empowering Women in Maritime Community’ aimed at creating environment and developing career opportunities for women in the maritime domain.

In his message on World Maritime Day, Chief of the Naval Staff Admiral Zafar Mahmood Abbasi said that with renewed impetus on maritime sector following the development of CPEC, maritime activities in Pakistan are bound to increase manifolds. Therefore, building capacities to capitalize on the economic opportunities offered by maritime sector, especially participation of women constituting about half of our population, is considered vital for accruing benefits offered by our maritime potential. There is a need to create environment and career development opportunities for women in maritime administration, ports and maritime training institutions which has become a fundamental imperative for long term development.

Events like World Maritime Day play an important role in enhancing maritime awareness in the country. On the occasion of WMD-2019, Pakistan Navy undertook a range of activities to underscore the importance of maritime sector with special emphasis on the contribution of women in this field in line with the United Nation's Sustainable Development Goals. A colourful Maritime Gala at Pakistan Maritime Museum, a seminar on the topic of ‘Empowering Women in Maritime Community’ by National Institute of Maritime Affairs (NIMA) and to raise awareness about protection of marine environment harbour cleaning activity were carried out at Karachi.

The officers of Pakistan Navy also delivered lectures at Bahria University and Kinnaird College Lahore about significance of Maritime Sector and opportunities available for women in Maritime domain. A tree plantation campaign titled “One Child-One Tree” was also carried out by students of Bahria Model College Gwadar. Other activities held in various Pakistan Navy’s units/ establishments and Pakistan Navy’s administered schools and colleges included Beach Cleaning Campaigns, Awareness Lectures, Prize Essay and Water Sports Competitions, Talk Shows and Social Media Campaigns on significance of the day.

On World Maritime Day - 2019, Pakistan Navy pledges its full support towards development of maritime sector in Pakistan and empowerment of women in various maritime related fields. Growth in maritime sector would be a step towards attaining self-sufficiency to accrue true dividends of our Blue Economy.

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Students of Bahria Model college Gwadar planting saplings during “One Child One Tree” campaign in connection with World Maritime Day 2019
A Pakistan Navy officer delivering lecture on opportunities available for women in maritime sector at Kinnaird College Lahore in connection with World Maritime Day 2019

Rear Admiral Muhammad Saeed visiting a stall of Pakistan Navy Engineering College during Maritime Gala held by Pakistan Navy in connection with World Maritime Day 2019
Guest speakers sharing their views during a seminar organized by National Institute of Maritime Affairs with theme “Empowering Women in Maritime Community” on World Maritime Day 2019

Clean up drive carried out by Pakistan Navy boats at Karachi harbour to spread awareness on World Maritime Day 2019
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