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**QUAID'S VISION
PERSPECTIVE AND PROSPECTS FOR PAKISTAN**

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Presided over by: **Professor Dr Fateh Muhammad Burfat**
Vice Chancellor, University of Sindh, Jamshoro

Welcome Address: **Professor Dr. Shuja Ahmed Mahesar**
Director Pakistan Study Centre, University of Sindh, Jamshoro

Speakers: **Professor Dr. Muhammad Iqbal Chawla**
Chairman, Department of History & Pakistan Studies,
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Associate Professor, National Institute of Historical & Cultural Research
Quaid-i-Azam University, Islamabad

Mr. Gul Muhammad Umrani
Former Secretary Culture & Tourism, Government of Sindh

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PROCEEDINGS

The conference was opened with the recitation of Holy Quran. In his welcome note Professor Dr Shuja Ahmed Mahesar, Director Pakistan Study Centre gave brief introduction about Pakistan Study Centre that the Centre is established under the Act of Parliament 1976 and it is engaged in the study of languages, literatures, social structures, customs, attitudes and motivation of people of various regions of Pakistan. Its mission is to work with strong commitment to knowledge dissemination to the quality education and provision of high-quality courses to the choirs of students wishing to expand their skills at all levels.



Dr Mahesar further stated that the Centre strives to improve its stature as an institution of broadly-based research. The Centre's aim is to further improve the quality of research through innovative ways of creating new knowledge. It is putting forth the best of its efforts and potential to explore the political and socio-economic aspects of various issues faced by world community in general and Pakistan in particular.

He said for promoting research Pakistan Study Centre organizes seminars, workshops and conferences from time to time. Dr Shuja Ahmed Mahesar hoped that the conference will further contribute to the advancement of knowledge and will help the youth to understand the vision of Quaid-i-Azam Muhammad Ali Jinnah, the founder of Pakistan.

He further said that like other fathers of nations, Jinnah is central to Pakistan. Indeed his impress was greater as he created actually a country that did not exist. He quoted: Professor Stanely

Wolpert saying that “Few individuals significantly alter the course of history fewer still modify the map of the World but hardly anyone can be credited with creating a nation State and Jinnah did all three”.

Dr Mahesar in support of his argument quoted various historians who hold Jinnah to be the primary historical force, suggesting Pakistan to be a one man achievement. Dr.Mahesar further



said that it was brilliant strategy and will power of Jinnah which made Pakistan. He quoted, Michael Brecher who in his book “Political Biography of Nehru” has even gone so far as to suggest that had Jinnah died earlier there would not have been Pakistan.

He said that Quaid’s vision for new country has inspired much debate in Pakistan. Indeed the level of intensity of the debate its evidence for the importance of understanding the vision of Jinnah. In the end he welcomed the guest speakers of the conference.



Speakers at a conference said that Quaid-i-Azam Mohammad Ali Jinnah had envisioned a modern nation state espousing values of peaceful coexistence, inclusiveness, pluralism, social justice and Islamic ethics.

They said at a national conference that education with character building and promotion of democratic government, women's empowerment, inter-provisional harmony and research and academic interaction according to Quaid's vision was the only way forward for a prosperous Pakistan.



Professor Dr Fateh Muhammad Burfat, Vice Chancellor, University of Sindh, Jamshoro who chaired the conference said that impress of Jinnah was greater than the leaders including Mao Zedong of China, Kamal Ataturk of Turkey, Gamal Abdel Naseer of Egypt and M.K.Gandhi of India. Jinnah was one of the few political leaders who changed the course of history, modified political reality of times and changed the map of world at the same time which happened rarely in history, he said.

He further said that Quaid was the epitome of valour, discipline, faith, hope, indefatigable struggle, power of decision-making and sacrifice.



Professor Dr Mohammad Iqbal Chawla of the University of Punjab, Lahore said that Quaid wanted Pakistan to be a modern nation state with values of peaceful coexistence, inclusiveness, pluralism, social justice and core Islamic ethos.

He further said that Jinnah was a political leader who believed in achieving independence through non-violent, peaceful means and transfer of power through a parliamentary mechanism.

Dr Sajid Mehmood Awan of National Institute of Historical and Cultural Research, Islamabad asserted that it was time to put an end to debate on personal details about life and career of Quaid. They should make efforts toward adopting Quaid's character, qualities and core values instead of indulging in meaningless debates on insignificant aspects, he said.

Dr. Humera Naz of the University of Karachi's Department of History said that Jinnah's life instilled in one love for all.



Scholar Gul Muhammad Umrani said that there was dire need for inter-provincial, ethnic, cultural, communal harmony and equality for Pakistan to prosper.

Scholar Lal Bux Jiskani said that Jinnah's life was a story of labour of love accentuated by tears, toil, struggle, devotion and matchless political acumen.

The conference was closed after the concluding remarks presented by Professor Dr.Naghma Mangrio, the Dean Faculty of Social Sciences, University of Sindh, Jamshoro.

