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# EDITORIAL

## *Playing Life on the Front Foot*

Assalamalaikum, and welcome HABIBIANS to the first designed edition of The **HABIBIAN**. We come to you at a time of considerable turbulence and turmoil in the macro operating environment, making it more necessary to stay connected with our happy places, and when were we happier than when we were in school?

This fact is reflected in the very large turnout for our alumni convention where old friends met and dined after lengthy periods of time. School Captain Abdul Rafay Qadir, on the verge of completing his 'O' Levels, was present on the occasion and gave the alumni a sampling of the new generation's mindset and vision.

The HPS Convocation 2018 was a glorious affair that blessed the graduating class with the feel good factor by the very elaborate and grand manner in which the school conducted the proceedings, with the School Band earning a well-deserved mentioned.

Also for your imbibing pleasure are some very profound thoughts expressed in the Keynote Speech delivered on Graduation Day 2018 by alumni Mr. Khalid Mahmood of Getz Pharma, the Chief Guest on the occasion.

In this issue we carry glimpses of school activities, and there are many more that will go unreported due to space constraints, all testifying to a vibrant co-curricular culture so critical for producing well-rounded and balanced personalities.

The Alumni-in-Focus is Abdullah Feroz who takes a memorable trip down memory lane remembering his school teachers and schoolmates.

We remember HPS Founder Mohammedali Habib and carry his precious philosophy that encapsulates the recipe for success in life.

Thank you for your time in going through what we have prepared for you, and we look forward to your feedback.

*“Pomp and Circumstance” -*

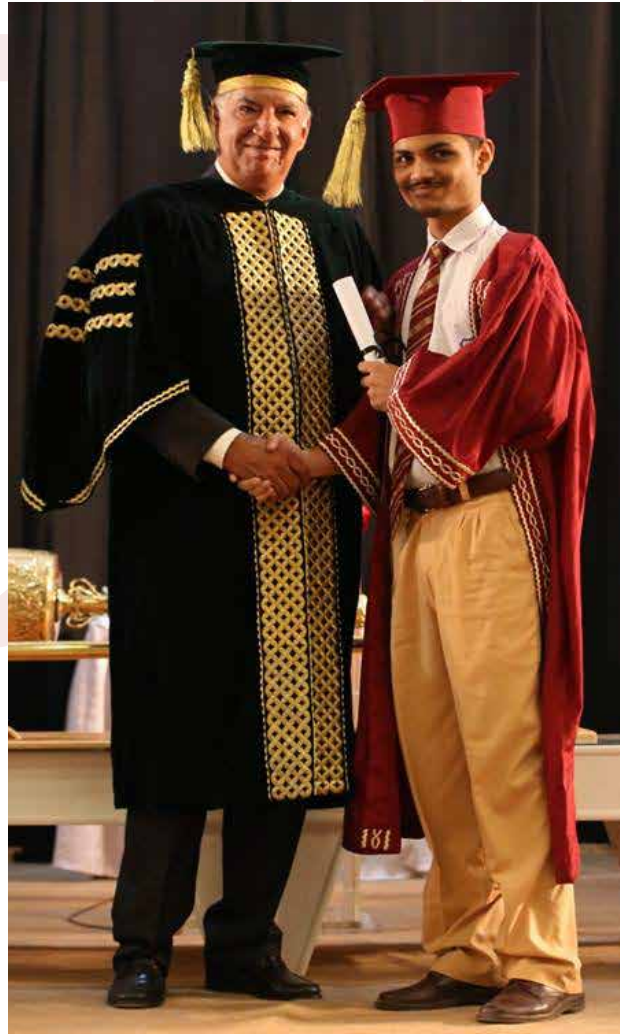
## Graduation Day 2018

A rule of thumb often ignored by our teaching profession concerns the art of visualization. If indeed we are aspiring to produce future generations of leaders and champions from amongst our students, then we must treat them from the very first day of their induction in school with the awe and respect worthy of leaders and champions. The Habib Public School more than met the criterion in this regard, making its Graduation Day 2018 a truly memorable occasion.

Faculty-mace bearer, Mr. Bashir, led the procession of Trustees and Faculty after the graduating students had filed in and taken their places. Mr. Saleem Raza carried the School-mace. The School Band did a great job of playing the national anthem.

Zuraiz Khan was named ‘Student of the Year 2017-18’, and Ali Abbas Mankani declared the Valedictorian. The proceedings all began and ended with the drums, cymbals and trumpets harmonizing to play “Pomp and Circumstance”.







***“It is not aggression but humility that leads to success”***

## ***extract from the speech of Khalid Mahmood, Chief Guest & Keynote Speaker at the Habib Public School’s Convocation 2018***

“Respected trustees, principal, faculty, parents, and most importantly, students of the graduating class of 2018, Assalamalekum. It is an honor for me to be here today.

To the class of 2018 I say You are fortunate to be graduating from a quality institution which has produced leaders in the fields of education, business, politics, and sports. Besides academics, what differentiates it from other good schools in the country is its diverse student body.

Unlike other good schools, Habib School is not a bubble isolated from the city. A lot of private schools in Pakistan only cater to a particular class, or ethnicity. Many schools teach their students to be aggressive in their approach towards others. Standing here today, I can tell you that it is not aggression but humility that leads to success.

I would like to share with you 5 main insights I have gained during my life that I hope will help you as you begin the next phase of your life.

First, communicate and connect with people regardless of their class, belief, and position. You can only do that if you genuinely accept them for who they are.

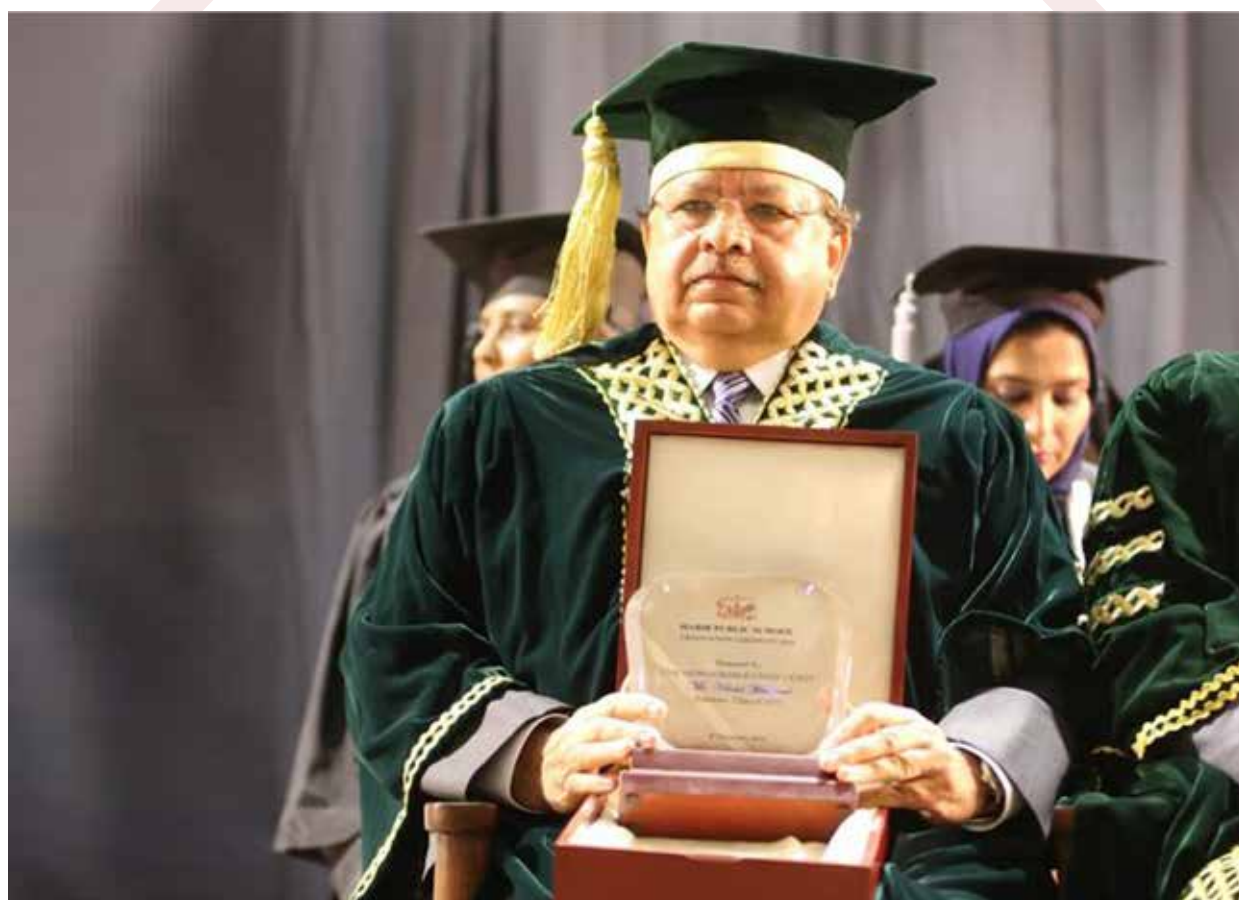
Second, share your successes and accomplishments and give credit to those who have contributed to your success. This is professional honesty as our success is rarely just our own. Never underestimate the value of teamwork.

Third, always have hunger for excellence and be passionate in what you do. Remember that the world does not owe you anything.

Fourth, remember the importance of humility. If you stay humble you will

keep learning, keep improving, and keep growing.

Fifth, accept adversity and failure as part of the learning process and do not be afraid of it. The world is full of challenges and we must be resilient to failure.



Finally, the most important lesson I have learnt in my life is to appreciate diversity and to be tolerant and accepting of people who are different from you. All successful societies around the world celebrate diversity of faith and thought and freedom of expression as long as it is peaceful.

As the future leaders of this country, you must reclaim the Pakistan that was envisioned by Quaid-e-Azam, which was meant to respect all religions, castes, cultures, and ethnicities.”

## OLD HABIBIANS Convene & Close Ranks at mega Alumni Convention

600 alumni convened on the hallowed grounds of the HPS's Ground No. 1, site of the Morning Assembly. Muhammad Abdullah Feroz, Vice President of the Alumni Association spoke to The HABIBIAN about the build-up to this grand conclave.

“We came up with this idea of having a convention. At one point we thought we could bring together maybe 250 old boys, but we kept on trying and calling people, with WhatsApp messages and emails coming in very handy in the hunt for old friends. We also gave an advertisement in the English and Urdu newspapers.”

Muhammad Abdullah Feroz takes his hat off to the executive committee of the Habibian Alumni Association, in particular Nazim Haji, Saeed Allawala, Zafar Kaleem, Javaid Zaidi, Nusrat Iqbal and Fazil Bharucha who comprise the core team driving the effort. If we keep continue doing these things we can make a strong body which can really bring about lots of changes in society and we can really give back to our country.”

At the Convention there was many an inspiring speech, and the one delivered by ‘School Captain Abdul Rafay Qadir, on behalf of the current student body, presented valuable insight to the thinking of the new generation.

“We're incredibly proud of the achievements of our students with multiple prize winners this year both in curricular and co-curricular activities. We students are at the heart of our school, and all of us through our achievements make HPS a better place.

We need the support and encouragement of our alumni to help us grow and succeed. The support we get from our alumni really matters. It adds value to our education, helps us push boundaries, and gives us the opportunity to carry out a wide range of activities that support the cultural and social well-being of our homeland. It helps us to translate our designs into reality and we have an absolute commitment to deliver on this, and we will be much stronger in doing that with your help in the future.”

The ‘meet and greet’ was a boisterous affair as old friends met, and it was



followed by the Tiwat-e-Quran and the National Anthem played by the HPS Band. Next followed the taking of the Habibian Pledge led by alumni Mr. Zafar Kaleem (Batch of 1970) and School Captain Abdul Rafay Qadir. Mr. Nazim Haji - President HPSAA then made the welcome address, and invited the Chief Guest (Rear Admiral (R) S. Ahmed Baqar (Batch of 1962) to share a few thoughts with the audience. Mr. Saeed Allawala - Vice President HPSAA then delivered the Thank You address which was followed by the Conferment of Awards, Dinner, and a Musical Program.

All set and done a great evening, with raised expectations of many more to come, **Inshallah**.



Safdar Abbas, Class of 1974, Gold Medal winning Hockey Olympian, receiving the Hasan Akhtar Excellence Award.



Shoaib Mohammad, Class of 1977, Test Cricketer, receiving  
Hasan Akhtar Excellence Award.



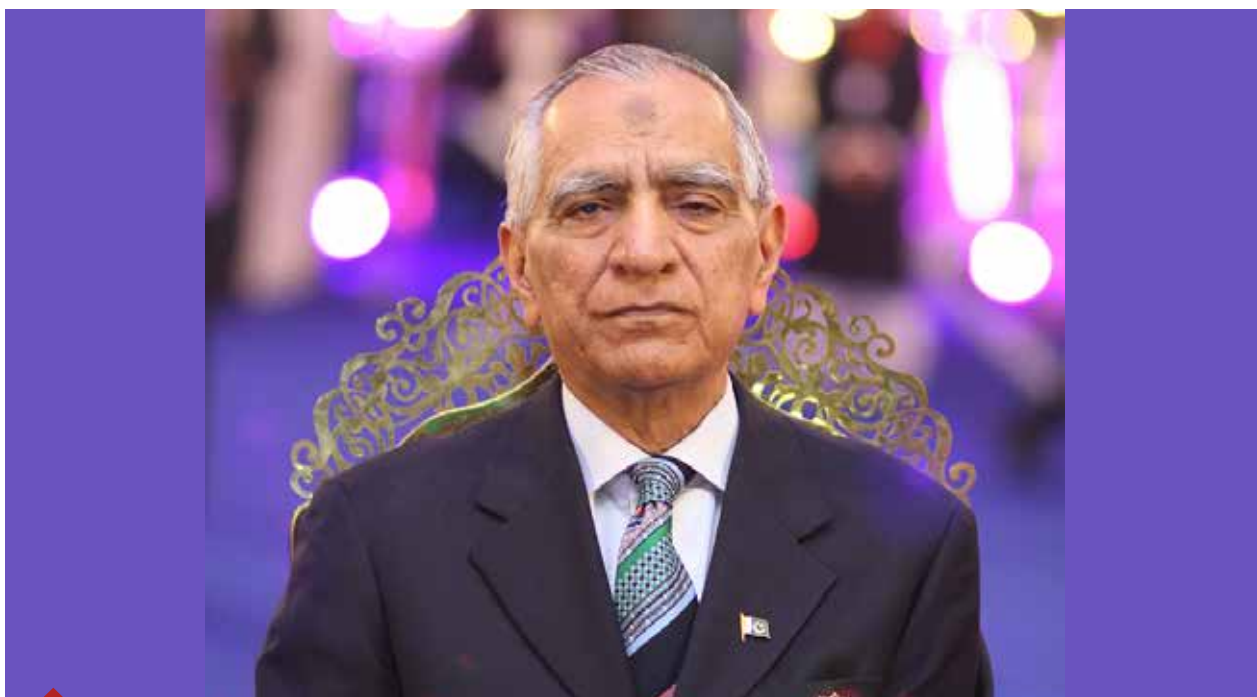
Younus Dhaga, Class of 1977, Federal Secretary Finance,  
receiving the Hasan Akhtar Excellence Award.



Dr. Asad Pathan, Class of 1979, Cardiologist, receiving Hasan Akhtar Excellence Award.



Dr. Sulaiman Bashir Hasan, Class of 1971, receiving Hasan Akhtar Excellence Award.



Rear Admiral (R) Syed Ahmed Baqar, Class of 1962,  
invited as the chief guest.



Qumail Habib, Class of 1975, Guest of Honour & Managing  
Trustee of the Habib Education Trust.



Muslim Habib, Class of 1965, Chairman of the Trustees of the Habib Education Trust.



Firdous Shamim Naqvi, Class of 1971, Leader of the Opposition in the Sindh Assembly, Guest.



Teachers Mr. Mohammad Bin Ahmed and Mrs. Jafri.



Chief Guest being escorted by the Cadet Corps.



Zafar Kaleem, Class of 1970, and School Captain Abdul Rafay Qadir leading the Habibians Pledge.



Habibians Pledge recited by the Habibians



Habibians Pledge recited by the Habibians



School band playing the National Anthem





Musical Night



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The Gathering



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INVITATION

The Executive Committee of  
HABIB PUBLIC SCHOOL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION  
Cordially Invites You  
to  
THE HABIBIANS CONVENTION  
“CHALO PHIR SE SCHOOL”  
@ Habib Public School  
Ground Number 1

Chief Guest: Rear Admiral (R) Syed Ahmed Baqar HI(M)  
Guest of Honour: Qumail R. Habib

Time:  
7:00 pm sharp

R.S.V.P.  
Muhammad Zafar Kaleem  
0300-2672903, 0320-2672903

Please bring this card with you.  
One entry per card.

Invitation



Saeed Allawala, Vice President HPSAA, welcomes fellow alumni



Nazim Haji, President HPSAA, speaks to fellow alumni



Rear Admiral (R) Syed Ahmed Baqar, the chief guest, shares his thoughts.

## YOUNG HABIBIANS IN FULL FLOW!

### 14th Karachi United School Football Championship – HPS Miss the Title by a Whisker

The KGS Football Ground, Clifton, Karachi hosted some exciting soccer action organized by the Karachi Grammar School (KGS) in the inter-school Under 17 Division.

Habib Public School (HPS) made short work of KGS, Education Bay and Bay View High School in the preliminary rounds with scores of 2-0, 4-0, and 2-0, but ran into a brick wall in the Final against St. Patrick's School, with both teams playing their hearts out but neither team able to score in regulation time, resulting in a penalty shootout which HPS concede 4-5. Well played both.

HPS Team Members comprised Amaan Malik, Zaryan Ahmed, Naveed Altaf Khan, Syed Saad Ali, Muhammad Khizer, Ali Kamran, Anas Bin Rayyan, Salman Shabbir, Tayyab bin Qamar, Syed Raif Ali, Fardeen Asif, Farhan Zulfiqar, Shah Mir, Jahanzaib Hassan, Shahwaiz Rehman, and Farzan.



## Bilingual Declamation Competition

All Participants for Urdu Declamation were mentored by Ms.Rabia Kha-toon, Ms.Nusrat Reza, Ms.Afsheen Salman and Aasma Hasnain whereas the contestants of English Declamation were prepared by Sir Asif Ali, Ms.Rubina Merchant Ms.Aneela Qureshi, and Ms.Shazia Mehboob. Students from class VIII to XI from both sections, Cambridge and AKU participated in it. The time duration for a speech was 2 minutes and 30 seconds.

All the contestants were formidable and set the bar high for one another. Qazi Abbas of class X-A from Blue House secured 1st position, Basid Karim class X-B from Yellow House got 2nd position while Saad Nadeem of class IX-A from Yellow House was declared as 3rd position in Urdu Declamation. In English Declamation, Khizar Saleem of class XI from Blue House achieved 1st position, Irtiza Hassan of class IX-B Green House secured 2nd whereas Shahood Baig of class X-O Red House came 3rd.



## Fruit Day Fruitful Day

A refreshing 'Fruit Day' was celebrated in the Junior Section's grades I and II under the banner 'A day without a fruit is a day without a shine'. The 'Fruit Day' is an innovative way of making the little ones learn about the interesting variety of fruit available in our midst and also to make them relish all the fruits in the form of fruit salad.

Parents took a huge interest in the activity and sent their kids loaded with fresh fruits in their tiny tiffins. The winter season presented a huge variety of fruit, with the children bringing oranges, strawberries, pomegranate, pears, bananas, apples, and guavas.

This activity helped the children learn about different fruit, their texture and taste. It was really a fruitful day.



## Welcome Message from the Principal

Welcome to Habib Public School.



Our school's mission is to prepare our students to be good human beings, equipped with the 21st century skills of creativity, collaboration, critical thinking and communication.

We offer our learners a comprehensive education from Class 1 (UK National Curriculum) to O Levels, with the option of the AKU Board from Class 8 onwards. We also offer the AKU College programme for our students.

We are a caring community where students' well-being is a priority and where both, traditional and modern, educational values are respected and encouraged to coexist.

HPS offers an extensive enrichment programme, aimed at providing a challenging academic, sports and co-curricular environment emphasizing learning, as well as social and personal growth.

The HPS experience develops in our students a level of emotional and intellectual literacy which enables them to navigate a plethora of opportunities, and achieve success and contentment for themselves and for the community at large.

We ensure that HPS makes good progress on the core development goals, by working in a collaborative and mindful way with colleagues.

As the new Principal of HPS, I am delighted that the school's values align with my own personal values, including the importance of trust, respect, innovation, team work and a deep sense of community service.





### Alumni meet the Principal

We have our '3 in 3' vision as our guiding light, where we are progressing forward following our strategic development plan to make HPS one of the top three schools of Pakistan in three years.

Effective teaching and learning at HPS is accompanied by robust 'assessment for learning' and 'assessment of learning' strategies. Optimal classroom climates for learning exist, where error is welcomed, where student questioning is high, where engagement is the norm, and where students are active and effective learners.

For me personally, we are at a crucial time where we need to ride the wave of change, build momentum, spring board on our past success and embrace new ambitions for the future we want.

I assure my students and parents that I will continue to 'be proactive, begin with the end in mind, put first things first, think win-win, seek first to understand and then to be understood, synergize and sharpen the saw' (Covey, 1989) to ensure that the 3 in 3 HPS Way is navigated.

Sincerely,  
Ainee Shehzad  
Principal

## ALUMNI IN FOCUS

### Muhammad Abdullah Feroz

Director & CEO, Efroze Chemical Industries (pvt) Limited.



One of Karachi's social workers and entrepreneur, Muhammad Abdullah Feroz joined Habib Public School in 1963 and graduated with the class of 1970. He has been a leading role in reviving alumni affairs in his capacity of vice president of the HABIBIAN ALUMNI ASSOCIATION, 600 of whom gathered recently at a Grand Convention at Habib Public School. He credits Class Teacher SM Anas, now based in Lahore/Islamabad, as the driving force behind the formation of the alumni association, and motivating the Old Boys to give back to society in the form of making educational institutions wherever possible.

“SM Anas taught us English and Social Studies, and then became a banker,” says Muhammad Abdullah Feroz, taking a pleasurable trip down memory lane.

## ***Teachers with a difference***

“SM Riaz taught us Technical drawing and was our very fine Arts teacher, along with Mr. Arshad who was also associated with the Arts Council. Our principal was Mr. Hasan Akhtar, very eminent and everybody liked him. Later he was promoted to the rank of Director Habib Education Trust, with Mr. Bilgrami succeeding him. We are very lucky that Mr. S. S. Bilgrami joined our convention even though he is more than 90 years old and quite weak.”

Amongst other good teachers he recollects the Chemistry teacher Mr. Sattar, and Mr. Yazdani, the physics teacher. “Mr. Irshad taught us Urdu and Mr. Hussain Anjum and Mr. Sattar were our Chemistry teachers. Mr. Hussain was the mathematics teacher, very strict, but a very caring gentleman. We remember these teachers because their way of teaching was very friendly. They were very nice and extremely knowledgeable. They used to ask us questions and took part in activities like going on picnics, or having any other kind of celebration.”

Muhammad Abdullah Feroz laments the passing away of three dear friends – Hassan Haider who joined PAF and died in a plane crash; Salman Imam (grandson of the Raja of Mehmoodabad) and Asad Qadir.

## ***Those were the days***

Our ‘Rifle Platoon’ and School Band was the best, says Muhammad Abdullah Feroz with visible pride.

“On 14th August and 23rd March our school used to win the trophy for the march-past and drill. The School Band played beautifully and was one of the best in town. Every morning we used to have the drill, with the bugle blowing and everybody assembling on the double. Every Monday we had inspection and our shirts, ties, haircut and shoes were inspected. This would happen at 8 30am, and by quarter to 9 we had to start the march past and be in class by 9 15am.”

Late comers were made to stand outside and after a couple of warnings they were given a punishment, which could be caning administered by the principal.

“The authority was in the principal’s hands only, and very seldom was that authority exercised. We were canned for indiscipline which was very rare because all the students were quite disciplined. Students were not allowed to enter after quarter to 9am. They were made to stand outside the gate and after the march past would go in a line to the principal’s office and give reasons for why they were late.”

Muhammad Abdullah Feroz says HPS had lots of high ranking visitors like the Chief of Army Staff, Chief of Naval Staff, Commissioner Karachi and Ambassadors from various countries who were invited to enrich the students with their experiences and advice.

### *Love for reading*

“I played hockey, athletics and Table tennis and did a little bit of swimming. My main interest has always been in Management both in school and college. My Mathematics was okay.”



**With special kids**

He says he was really fond of English and Urdu literature.

“I used to read a lot of Bertrand Russel and in Urdu Akhter Sherani, Faiz and other poets. I have been fond of reading ‘Afsaanay’. In HPS we had a compulsory Library period once in a week and could borrow a book which had to be returned after a week. Sometimes I used to borrow two books and enjoyed reading them. That’s how I developed a habit of reading.”



Social workers - caring for the less fortunate

### ***Need for libraries***

Reading is a very good thing, and we should have lots of libraries, says Muhammad Abdullah Feroz.

“Unfortunately in our city we don’t have many libraries. I remember about 7 years back Abu Ahmed Aqif, the secretary environment, was the director of Liaquat Memorial Library. I once visited the Library and found it in a very bad condition. I offered to do some face lifting, and wound up completely renovating the library and digitalized it. We should take care of our city’s libraries.”

He remembers visiting Toronto. “They had 64 libraries in one city and you could borrow at one time 40 books, audio CDs and videos. It had a wireless environment and a lot of knowledge was available.”

Thank you

**Mr. Muhammad Abdullah Feroz**  
for the privilege of this interview.

## TRUSTEE TRIBUTE

### Mohammedali Habib – The Dreamer and His Dream

From the article written by Hyder M. Habib, the eldest son of the founder of HPS and chairman of Habib Bank AG Zurich, and published in the Golden Jubilee publication of HPS.

#### ***Brick by Brick***

As successor to the Habib High School in Bombay, Mohammedali Habib conceptualized a school for boys to prepare the youth of Pakistan for the challenges that lay ahead. He acquired a suitable piece of land on Queens Road (now Maulvi Tamizuddin Khan Road) from the Karachi Metropolitan Corporation for the new school, and with great devotion and meticulous detail built the school brick by brick.

Born in 1904 in Bombay, Mohammedali Habib was the third son of Habib Ismail. He showed exceptional qualities of leadership and vision, and was destined to play the most important role in the establishment of the Habib Group.

#### ***Route Map to Success & Happiness***

Mohammedali Habib was a natural teacher, and on the 30th of March, 1939, he willed certain recommendations and code of behavior to the members of his family, much like the advice a teacher gives to his pupils. Amongst them:

1. Happiness lies in making others happy;
2. If you want a friend be a friend first;
3. Do something for nothing if you want to succeed in life;
4. A modest and simple life will give you the feeling of richness and keep you free from want;
5. Play while you play and work while you work.

Twenty years later on the 30th of March 1959, a day after HPS opened its doors to students, Mohammedali Habib breathed his last. Today the alumni of HPS, the dream project of Mohammedali Habib, distinguish themselves in various fields of human endeavor to truly fulfill the dream of the dreamer.



**Founder HPS Mohammed Ali Habib**