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President Canada Chapter






About Healthcare Seminar

The HPSAA Healthcare Seminar was a one-day conference designed to educate, inspire, and empower students with the knowledge and skills needed to positively impact healthcare and society. This event provided a unique opportunity for students to interact with experienced healthcare alumni professionals, fostering a culture of health and safety within the community..

Inaugural HPSAA Healthcare Seminar

Empowering Future Healthcare Leaders

 Saturday 15th February 2025  08:30 am to 02:00 pm  Habib Public School Gymnasium

Participants: Class 10 to 12 students of Habib Public School, Habib Girls School and Ghulam-e-Abbas School

Organized by: Habib Public School Alumni Association (HPSAA)





The Habib Public School Alumni Association (HPSAA) organized a high impact Healthcare Seminar under the theme "Prevention is Better than Cure." The event, held to promote awareness about healthy living, saw enthusiastic participation from students of Habib Public School, Habib Girls School, and Ghulaman-e-Abbas School. Renowned medical professionals, all Habibians, including. Dr. Shahjahan Katpar, Dr. Shahid Noor, Dr. Nadir Ali Syed, Dr. Saulat Fatimi, Dr. Shahid Shamim, Dr. Shabnam Shamim Asim, Dr. Shahzad Shamim, Dr. Sadaf Saeed, Dr. Zafar Zaidi, and Dr. Urooj Fatima, shared invaluable insights on preventive healthcare in various discipline of medicine. The seminar provided students with a unique opportunity to learn from industry experts, emphasizing the importance of adopting healthy lifestyle habits for long-term well-being. This initiative underscores HPSAA's commitment to fostering awareness and empowering the younger generation to prioritize their health.



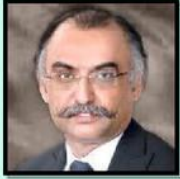
**To watch the complete informative session
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**"Is Human Rights Abuse,
Cause of Economic Depression in Pakistan"**

Guest of Honour

Air Commodore(R) Dr. Shahid Baqar (Batch 1979)

Guest Panellist



Mr. Shabbar Zaidi

Ex-Chairman
Federal Board of Revenue



Dr. Shahida Wizarat

Professor CESD,
Head of Economics Department,
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Shabbar Zaidi's Roadmap for Pakistan's Economic Revival

Renowned economist and former FBR chairman Shabbar Zaidi has proposed a simple formula to revive Pakistan's economy without external investment. Speaking at the Habibian Dialogue organized by Habib Public School Alumni Association, he emphasized upholding human rights, integrating youth into the national mainstream, prioritizing health and education, and focusing on exports and skilled manpower. Zaidi warned that without a conducive environment, professionals will continue to leave the country, and called for reforms in governance, business hours, and urban culture.

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Interview

PRESIDENT CANADA CHAPTER

Hamid Hussain



1. Kindly let us know your batch year, and house colour.

As a proud member of the 1976 graduating class, I spent my formative years in Green House after joining Habib Public School in 1967. My nine-year journey at this esteemed institution laid the foundation for my personal and professional development.

2. Let us know what keeps you busy these days and if you have any hobbies.

While I am currently engaged in entrepreneurial ventures on a modest scale, my true focus lies in driving social impact initiatives worldwide. This work is not just a commitment but a profound passion—one that brings me immense fulfillment.

Beyond this, I find joy and relaxation in cooking, a creative outlet that also happens to keep my wife delighted. It's a simple pleasure that balances my professional endeavors with personal contentment.

3. Share fond memory of your school years.

One of my most cherished memories dates back to 1967—even before I was formally admitted to school. I vividly recall sitting quietly on a chair by the wall as my parents spoke with the principal, Mr. Hassan Akhtar, across his desk. While the adults conversed, I observed, unaware of the profound lesson unfolding. At one point, my father asked if I could be sent for the entrance test to save time. Mr. Akhtar's response has stayed with me ever since: "The test is already in progress. What matters is not the student's intelligence—that's for the school to nurture—but whether they come from a principled family and will positively influence their peers." This moment shaped my outlook profoundly. It taught me that integrity and character are foundational; skills can be honed, but a person's inherent goodness is irreplaceable. No amount of effort can reform someone devoid of it—a guiding principle in my life and decisions since.

4. How did the teachers and environment at the HPS help you in your personal growth.

I consider myself incredibly fortunate to have been taught by educators who went beyond academics — they instilled in us strong values, integrity, and the principles of being good human beings. That, I believe, is the greatest gift one can ever receive. My nine years at HPS laid a robust foundation for my character, shaping not only who I am today but also the trajectory of my professional and personal growth. The lessons in discipline, empathy, and perseverance that I learned there continue to guide me, underscoring the profound influence of an education that nurtures both the mind and the soul.

5. What inspired you to take on the role of the leader for the HPSAA Chapter in the country of your residence?

While my initial involvement in this role began through nomination rather than personal pursuit, I've grown to deeply value this responsibility. Our respected teacher, Mr. Mohammad Anas, honored me with this position alongside two distinguished peers: Mustafa Master (1972 batch) and my classmate Asad Asghar, who remains a close friend to this day.

What began as an appointed duty has become a genuine pleasure. This position allows me to maintain meaningful connections among our community of 70+ Habibian alumni, preserving the bonds that make

our network so valuable. The opportunity to facilitate these enduring relationships has proven to be one of my most rewarding endeavors.

I'm grateful for the chance to serve our alumni community in this capacity.

6. What role can the alumni residing in Canada in supporting not only the students who are currently enrolled at the HPS but help the HPSAA in securing scholarships to the deserving underprivileged HPS students for their higher studies in Pakistan universities?

a. Mentorship for Current HPS Students

Our alumni network is committed to supporting current HPS students by offering mentorship and guidance as they navigate their professional careers and transition into the workforce. To facilitate these connections, we maintain a comprehensive directory of Ex-Habibians across various countries, complete with their contact details and professional backgrounds. This allows students to easily identify and connect with alumni who can provide relevant career advice and industry insights.

b. Scholarship Support for Underprivileged Alumni

We recognize the importance of higher education and currently assist financially constrained but academically gifted students in pursuing professional degrees such as MBBS in Pakistan. We are prepared to extend this support to deserving alumni seeking higher education opportunities in Pakistan. To ensure the integrity of this initiative, the parent HPSSA in Karachi will need to take the responsibility of overseeing the candidate selection process and verify eligibility.

c. Next Steps

We welcome engagement from both current students and alumni to make these initiatives successful. For more details on accessing our alumni directory or scholarship opportunities, please establish contact with HPSSA Karachi unit.

7. Can you share some key achievements or initiatives of the International Chapter under your leadership?

1. Annual Gatherings:

Successfully organized two annual reunions for Ex-Habibians and their spouses. Both events were tremendously well-received, with attendance exceeding 70 guests (limited only by venue capacity).

2. Social Engagements:

Hosted multiple dining events at various restaurants. These informal gatherings provided excellent networking opportunities and were thoroughly enjoyed by all participants.

3. Next Generation Connections:

Chapter member Syed Mutahir Rizvi has pioneered a valuable initiative facilitating meetups for Ex-Habibian families. This program focuses on helping the younger generation connect and build relationships.

4. Professional Network Benefits:

Members regularly exchange career advice and professional guidance. The chapter serves as an important resource for professional development and support.

Looking Ahead:

We are proud of what we've accomplished in this short time and remain committed to strengthening our community ties. The chapter continues to explore new ways to serve our members while preserving the cherished Habibian spirit. We welcome all Canadian-based Ex-Habibians to join us in building this vibrant community.

8. What message would you like to give to the younger generation of Habibians who are just beginning their journey?

1. Cultivate Authentic Humanity

Prioritize being a person of integrity, kindness, and genuine care for others in all aspects of life.

2. Embrace Community Stewardship

Actively look for meaningful ways to contribute to and uplift your communities through service and support.



President's Message



Saeed Allawala

Dear Fellow Habibians,

After a long hiatus, we're excited to relaunch the Habibian Newsletter.

As President of the HPSAA, I believe our association has never been more relevant or vital—for alumni both in our homeland and around the globe. I often think of the HPSAA as a world-class, multinational team made up of experts across countless fields. It's a network that offers invaluable opportunities to learn, mentor, teach, and exchange top-tier advice.

More than that, it's a platform to collaborate, give back to our communities, and connect with old friends and new colleagues— wherever we may be in the world.

In these challenging times, I hope we can continue this meaningful journey of engagement and support. I'm confident you share the same enduring Habibian spirit that unites us all.

**Warm Regards,
Saeed Allawala
President, HPSAA**



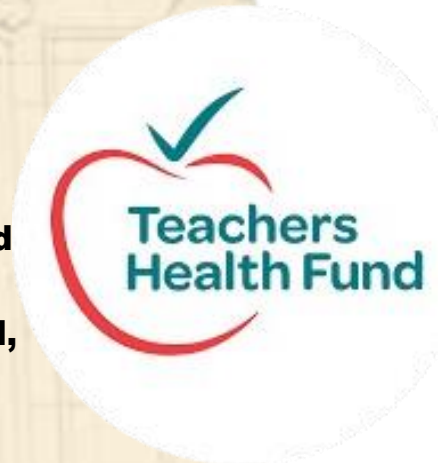
Scholarship Fund

The HPSAA Executive Committee realizes the need that some families struggle to give their children a wholesome education. The Habib family through its trust has been lifting the burden to educate our youth. The HPSAA would like to extend a helping hand by contributing towards this noble cause. We request the alumni to donate generously to give hope to our future generations to have the privilege of the same level of education that we as students of the HPS had.



Medical Fund

We have great respect and admiration for the teachers who molded us into what we are today and would like to give something back though it can never be equal to what they gave us. During the first Habibians Convention held in January 2019 Dr. Saad Khalid Niaz (Batch 1976) announced his initiative to provide free medical care facility (For in-house patient care at the Patel Hospital, Gulshan-e-Iqbal, Karachi) to retired teachers of the HPS. HPSAA issued medical facility cards to retired teachers in its contact. We want to go further and provide them with medical coverage for out-patient care, medicines, tests etc.



If you would like to donate any amount towards either of these causes, the bank account details of HPSAA are provided below.

BANK ACCOUNT DETAILS

Bank: AL HABIB
Account Title: Habib Public School
Alumni Association
Account No. : 1025 0981 0091 30 01 5
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