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AFAQ Children Encyclopedia

AFAQ experts have worked together for more than one year to create the first weekly encyclopedia of children aiming at introducing the wonders of the world.

This massive work has been created with research work of AFAQ Encyclopedia team. By using the photography, artwork and information on the topics they love. It represents a major milestone in weekly children encyclopedias. This new encyclopedia presents the social, cultural and political history of Islamic world from antiquity to the present day. It allows children to become more familiar with the **animals, countries, inventions** and **personalities** of the world. Articles are geared to various subjects and are organized into **3 volumes** and **4 topics per month**.

The encyclopedia is a weekly publication; every week one issue will be published for school children.

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Features

- over 144 fascinating entries on topics from personalities, countries, animal and inventions
- Over 1000 photographs, charts, and diagrams that illustrate aspects of animal behavior and diversity of cultures
- Numerous sidebars on behaviors that help illuminate the more abstract and theoretical concepts



Shaping the
Future



Four areas of **AFAQ** Encyclopedia



1. Islamic Countries

This topic not only covers introduction and history of the Muslim countries but also reflects their positive values and traditions.



2. Animals

This topic not only provides the introduction and interesting habits of animals but also provides information how we can learn lessons from them.



3. Inventions

This topic throws light on all type of inventions in a novel and captivating style. It also describes the role of ancient inventions in the modern scientific advancement.



4. Personalities

This topic describes the life of those persons who left indelible marks on Muslim nation with their unmatched knowledge and glorious personalities.



Objectives

- To acquaint Muslim youth with glorious past of Muslim Ummah
- To get familiar with national values
- To make a Muslim child feel the pride of being a Muslim
- To make a Muslim child access unlimited knowledge
- To develop the love for reading
- to inculcate in Muslim child love and respect for books



History Speaks

There are details of historical events.



Important Note

The topic promises to enrich students with moral or unique aspect.



The Fact Is...

It must have some universal facts related to history, Qur'an or Hadeeth.



Web Links

Web links related to topics for further study on the topic.



Research

Develops research aptitude of students.



Let's Think Together!!

Group activity which persuades students to probe and investigate into the matter.

For grade 3-5
and
For grade 6-9

4 topics
in a month

48 issues
in a year

144 issues
in each grade

Total 288
issues in 3 years



AFAQ **Arabic Textbooks** Shake Up Traditional Publishing

AFAQ has released its stunning all-new range of Arabic language textbooks. These textbooks the continued commitment towards delivering quality books based on intensive research. This breakthrough in book publishing is hitting print at a time when our clients need it most. This Arabic textbooks series challenges the traditional publishing model for publishing Arabic textbooks. The textbooks introduce aspects of Islamic culture and emphasize all skills of language acquisition: listening, speaking, reading and writing.

The purpose of these textbooks is to provide a step-by-step guide to the process of learning Arabic. The series has following features:

- 1- Focuses on the learner's ability to use basic communicative skills.
- 2- Corresponds to the National Curriculum of Pakistan.
- 3- Consists of basic grammar as well as essential vocabulary.
- 4- Enables learners to read and write simple words and use them in simple sentences.
- 5- Enables them to express themselves by producing simple questions and answers.
- 6- Enables learners to use effectively four language skills according the age group.
- 7- It helps learners understand Qur'an through Qur'anic vocabulary used in books.
- 8- Numerous activities are incorporated in these textbooks in accordance with the age group.
- 9- Instructions for teachers and objectives of the lessons are also included.



Tours to Sri Lanka and Europe

Last December **Executive Director AFAQ, Shahid Warsi** and **Regional Manager Sindh, Zia-ul- Hasan** were invited to visit **Serendib Foundation for Relief and Development**. They were warmly welcomed at Colombo International Airport. It was a ten- day hectic visit to Sri Lanka. They had pioneering meeting with Steering Committee members of Insight Education Trust and Faculty members of Education Division of **Insight Institute of Management & Technology**. They also participated in the inauguration ceremony of Insight Institute of Management & Technology. A MOU was signed between AFAQ and Insight for Mutual Cooperation in Teacher Training, Model school Development and Curriculum Development. A visit was made to **Illma and Amal International Schools**, two leading English Medium school of Sri Lanka.



ED AFAQ speaking at inauguration ceremony hosted by IIMT



Executive Director AFAQ shaking hand with Hilmi Sulaiman, CEO IIMT



ED AFAQ Shahid Warsi and Zia-ul-Hasan visit Illma School, Colombo



At the invitation of **New Era International Publishing, Denmark**, Executive Director AFAQ made an official tour to its Printing Press of New Era Publishing. Later, he was invited in **Linköping University, Sweden** to deliver a lecture to PhD scholars. His next stop was Norway, where he visited Norwegian schools. However, during his stay in UK, a Memorandum of Understanding was signed between AFAQ and **Al Hijrah Trust**. Most importantly, a sales contract was signed with **Olive Books UK** limited to market **Eemaan Reading Series** in Pakistan. AFAQ gained its sole distribution in Pakistan.



AK Saqib Shakes hand with ED AFAQ after signing the MOU between AFAQ and Al-Hijra School UK



ED AFAQ visits New Era International Publisher, Denmark



ED AFAQ delivering lecture in Linköping University, Sweden



ED AFAQ delivers another lecture in Islamic Centre Norway

Frankfurt Book Fair

Frankfurt Book Fair is the world's largest trade fair for books, based on the number of publishing companies represented in this book fair. The Frankfurt Book Fair has a tradition that spans over more than 500 years. Until the end of the 17th century, it was the most important book fair in Europe. After World War II, the first book fair was held again in 1949 at the St. Paul's Church. In 2009, more than 11,000 journalists from 66 countries reported on the fair which brought together 7,272 individual exhibitors from 117 countries, and more than 183,000 trade visitors.

AFAQ has always maintained a tradition of participation in national and international book fairs. Last this year AFAQ has the privilege to exhibit its products and services in Frankfurt Book Fair. Number of publishers and trade visitors visited the AFAQ's stand at the book fair.



AFAQ Book Stall at Frankfurt Book Fair 2009

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AFAQ & ROTA Collaborate

Professional Support Program (PSP) is the joint project of AFAQ and Reach Out To Asia (ROTA) in the field of Teacher Training. More than 62 teachers of 17 schools have been benefited by this training Project. This is one year project. AFAQ is the service provider whereas ROTA extends its full financial support. School visits are also included in this project.



Mr. Kamran Rafi conducting a training session

Achievements

AFAQ always puts emphasis on quality education. In order to meet this target, AFAQ has developed Quality Assurance tools for curriculum and teacher training, which will be a step forward in imparting education.

Total Titles of Textbooks (Pre School to Class 8)	212	Total Trainees	88250
Total Titles of Teacher's Guide	136	Total Training Days	5682
Total Items of Support Material	160	Total Training Sessions	6406
Total Workshops (1 to 15 days workshops for Principal & Teachers)	3168	Benefitted Schools	24355
Districts Covered	105	Benefitted Students	More than 1,000,000

1 to 10 Day Teacher Trainings from July 2009 to January 2010

July Workshops 31 Aug. Workshops 47 Sep. Workshops 47 Oct. Workshops 80 Nov. Workshops 83 Dec. Workshops 80 Jan. Workshops 87

Participation of Principals, Schools and Teachers July 2009 to January 2010

Principals 3619 Schools 3847 Teachers 12290

2-Day workshop on Internal School Audit

AFAQ held 2-Day workshop on internal School Audit at Serena Hotel, Faisalabad. Twenty two leading schools of Faisalabad attended this workshop. The workshop focused on Quality Education System. The workshop gave a vivid message to participants that investment in system development of school is one of the best types of investment. To be successful, schools must have the ability and the resources necessary to perform internal audit of school activities.



Participants in a group activity



Participants taking deep interest

Acknowledgment Ceremonies

AFAQ acknowledges the membership of its client schools in uplifting the standard of education. This is the visible evidence of AFAQ's commitment to encourage its client schools to impart their share for betterment of the society. With this prospective, AFAQ organized number of ceremonies to distribute Acknowledgment Awards to its client schools. More than **750 certificates** have been distributed throughout Pakistan so far.



Executive Director AFAQ distributing certificate of acknowledgment in Lahore



Kamran Rafi distributing the certificate in Faisalabad

Upcoming Events

- Mr. Kamran Rafi's visit to Serendip Foundation for Relief and Development in Sri Lanka
- AFAQ's senior officials' visit to American Society for Quality, USA for training in School Management and Impact Management.

A workshop on YOUTH CAMPING

Future belongs to the youth, keeping this mission in view AFAQ organized two-day Youth camping workshop at AFAQ's Head Office. The participants of workshop were well received who hailed from all four provinces of Pakistan. The Prime Objective of this workshop was to strengthen and expand the educational, environmental and recreational opportunities along with character building of the youth. All Youth Camps were organized in Pakistan by **Islamic Society of Children Hobbies**. The ISCH organized four camps in which more than one thousand students participated. The organizers of these youth camps attended the workshop. This workshop will help improve the quality and safety of these youth camps. The workshop seeks to engage learners in innovative, interactive, trans-formative learning experiences. Co-curricular social and recreational activities were carefully planned and delivered by the participants. A team of senior officials from AFAQ and ISCH also attended the workshop. They shared valuable thoughts and opinions to raise the quality of youth camps. CEO AFAQ congratulated the organizers for arranging these successful camps. He anticipated these camps will impart in character education of youth. He urged the need to instill Islamic values in youth of Pakistan through these camps.



CEO AFAQ, Abrar Ahmad expressing this gratitude to participants



Participants during a session

AFAQ and AL-Hamrah Arts Council organize Stage Show and Art Competition at Al-Hamarah Arts Council

After 62 year struggle, it seems to be a little battle worn and tired and its now time for true Pakistanis like us, to stand up and give our nation a helping hand. It does not ask for much, just simply one's love for the nation and maybe a good ruler at the helm of the ship and the courage to stand up and boldly say, I LOVE PAKISTAN very soon we shall see our efforts bear fruit and the new rising sun will take Pakistan into the skies like

never before. This was the very concept behind the Drama stage at **Al Hamarah Art council Lahore** with the collaboration of AFAQ. A large number of teachers, students and parents attended this program. **Abrar Ahmad, CEO AFAQ, Suhail Ahmad**, a renowned comedian and **Tahir Tanoli** from **Iqbal Academy** were among the key note speakers. The drama was the production of **Jameel Bismil Production House**. The

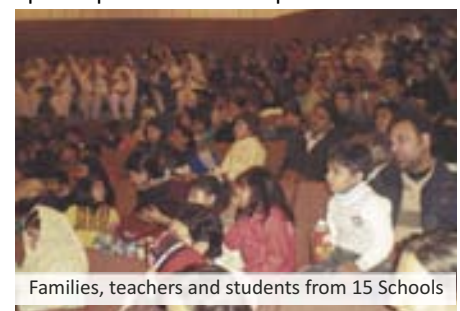
theme of the Drama was "**Sohni Dharti Allah Rakhey**". The audience commended the drama. In addition, there was a art competition among students at Lahore level organized by AFAQ. The awards and gifts were distributed among the participants of this competition.



CEO AFAQ addressing the audience



Young actors performing during the play



Families, teachers and students from 15 Schools



**AFAQ
Children Club**

The Talent of Balochistan boosts up!!

There is common belief that there is drought of talent in Balochistan. In fact, there is no drought of talent in Balochistan; the only problem is of the awareness and direction. In this scenario, recognizing the need to encourage this talent, the AFAQ Talent Awards was organized by AFAQ Children Club, Quetta in collaboration with **Da'wah Academy**, Islamabad. The ceremony was a salutation to the depth of creative talent that Balochistan has. More than 69 **schools** participated in this ceremony. The best talented students were presented medals and the shields were conferred on to their school principals. The Awards were distributed by **Prof. Shahnawaz**, HR

Manager, B.R.S.P. The guest of honor was Ahmad Bilal, Manager MSDP and in charge of AFAQ Children Club was also present at the occasion.

In this ceremony, Tayyab Fareed, AFAQ Children Club Coordinator, presented brief introduction of the Club preceded by a tableaux presented by talented students of Dawn Public school. Abdul Naeem Rind, Regional Head of AFAQ Balochistan also introduced the participants of AFAQ's various educational programs. The chief guest and vice Chancellor of Balochistan University, **Dr. Masoom Yaseen Zai**, commended the *AFAQ Children Club for its commitment to positive step toward betterment of talented students of*

Balouchistan. He also expressed his pride and admiration for this successful program. He urged the need to educate the youth in accordance with our value system. The youth of today is leaders of future. He anticipated that AFAQ Children Club will continue to hold such ceremonies in future to encourage the talented but depraved youth of Balochistan. At the end of the ceremony Ahmad Bilal, in AFAQ Children Club extended his deep condolence sad demise of Prof. Abdul Jabbaar Shaakir and the assassination of Shafeeq Ahmad Khan, ex-Minister of Education of Balouchistan.



Vice Chancellor of Balochistan University addressing



Vice Chancellor awarding Shield to school teacher



Vice Chancellor awarding a medal to a talented student



Dr. Iftekhar
Ahmad Khokhar
sharing his views



Ahmad Bilal honouring the Vice Chancellor



Students playing a skit

Exploring Leadership

The Leadership Development Camp 2010 was a six-day workshop by AFAQ Children Club held at campus of University of Management and Technology, Lahore. The Camp was mutual effort of **AFAQ, Da'wah Academy** and **UMT**. The Camp was organized for youth of Balochistan in order to explore the leadership. This was a dynamic and thought provoking workshop. It had **lectures, demonstrations, visits** and **discussions**. The participants visited Wahgah boarder, **University of the Punjab** and **Nazria-e-Pakistan Foundation**. The Leadership Development Camp was a unique, intensive, and highly interactive program that consistently received rave reviews from attendees. It served as a catalyst for profound leadership transformations in youth of all ages and in all areas. The exciting,

interactive programs of this workshop increased confidence, enhanced, judgment and armed participants with the courage required to lead. Participants also strengthened their team members' abilities, in addition to recognizing their individual contribution.

Among the guests was **Dr. Hasan Suhaib Murad**, Chairman AFAQ, **Altaf Hasan Qureshi**, Editor-In-Chief Urdu Digest, **Prof. Naseeruddeen Hamayoon**, a board member of AFAQ, **Prof. Khurshid Rizwi**, **Abrar Ahmad**, CEO AFAQ and **Dr. Iftikhar Khokhar**, **Da'wah Academy, Islamabad**.

"An effective leader", said Dr. Hasan Suhaib Murad, Chairman AFAQ, "has the ability to get a group of diverse and talented people working together towards a common goal. Sounds easy in principle, and yet this can be a large challenge for many leaders today."



Dr. Hassan Sohaib Murad addressing to the participants



Guests in closing ceremony



Participants during an activity



Guests attending the camp



A session with guests



Participants play a pose for a group photo with CEO AFAQ



A group photo with Dr. Rafiq Ahmad and Shuaib Mirza at Nazria Pakistan Foundation





Regional Activities at a Glance



Programme: Talent Award, Karachi **Activity:** A speech competition **Schools Participated:** 26 **Guest:** Khalid Shah, Chairman All Private Schools Association



Programme: AFAQ Teacher Day **Activity:** Best Teacher Award **Guest:** Ahsan Ahmed Soomro
Schools Participated: 60

Programme: Student Gala organized by INT Karachi
Schools Participated: 500 school



Pro. Anayat Ali Khan observing a competition

Waji-ud-Din Ex-Chief Justice of Pakistan Visits AFAQ Stall

Children taking interest in a competition

Programme: 5th Karachi International Bookfair 2009
Activities: AFAQ displayed stall and organized maths, drawing and other competitions
Guests: Wajih-ud-Din and Prof. Anayat Ali Khan



EDO Sukkur addresses at AFAQ inter school cricket league

Winning team holds the trophy

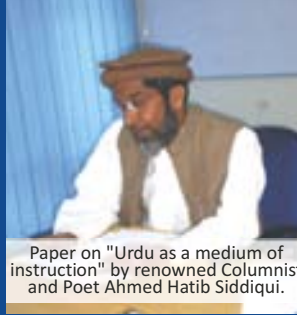
Programme: Inter School Cricket League, Sukkur **Activities:** Cricket tournament between different schools of Sukkur **Guests:** Abdul Hameed Pathan, EDO Sukkur **School Participated:** 10

Programme: Art Competition **Schools Participated:** 150

AFAQ Forum



ED AFAQ conducting a session with teachers from Balochistan at Islamabad office.



Paper on "Urdu as a medium of instruction" by renowned Columnist and Poet Ahmed Hatib Siddiqui.



Our Education System: Some new trends by Dr. Zafar Iqbal (Ex. Dean Department of Education AIOU Islamabad.)



ED AFAQ, Shahid Warsi addressing the closing ceremony of 3 days orientation workshop for female master trainers, while Director WISH, Dr. M.N. Qazi on the stage.



Programme: A Training Orientation for Master Trainers on English & Social Studies, Islamabad **Facilitator:** Iqbal Shahnavi



Programme: A Training Orientation for Master Trainers on Maths & Science, Islamabad **Facilitators:** Zafar-ul-Islam **Schools:** 16 **Participants:** 20



Programme: Training session on "School Development Plan" in collaboration with Pvt. School Association, MBD. **Facilitators:** Shahid Warsi **Schools:** 75 **Participants:** 80



Book stall at National Book Foundation's book fair on world children day on 20th Nov 2009.

Mir Hazar Khan Bajarani visiting AFAQ book stall at NBF

The Best Teacher Award Ceremonies

AFAQ organized its 3 Best Teacher Award Ceremonies in recognition of the good efforts and practices of its members in the provision of quality education in NWFP. More than 150 teachers from 80 schools participated in these ceremonies.

Muhammad Iqbal, Chairman BISE Sawat, **Syed Bashir Hussain Shah**, EDO Abbottabad and **Saeed Swati** were the chief guests of the ceremonies.



A guest talking to the participants

Guest at AFAQ



Muhammad Khaleeq, Director HR Siemens, U.A.E



Zia Hameed, CEO Motif



Tanzeem Wasti & Khubaib Ahmad Vahidi
from Muslim Aid



Programme: Principal Convention **Trainer:** Shahid Warsi **Guest:** Abrar Ahmad, CEO



Abrar Ahmad addressing



Asif Khan from SKAIS conducting a session on Art of achieving sales target and effective Communication Skills organized by AFAQ HR Department



Programme: A three day workshop on Certificate in Educational Assessment, Lahore and Sialkot



Programme: A one day workshop on Data Driven Decision Making Model, Children Library Complex Lahore **Trainer:** Shahid Warsi



Six day training course, Peshawar



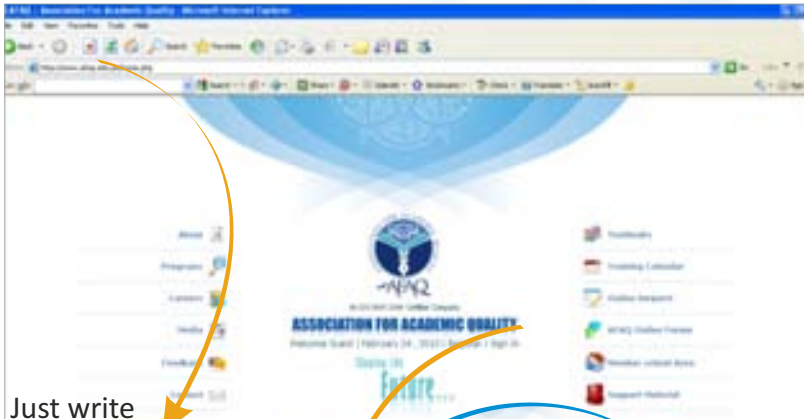
Ameer Zeb delivering his lecture at Gilgit Hotel



Programme: Seminar on Data Driven Decision Making Model, Peshawar **Facilitator:** Shahid Warsi
Schools Participated : 115



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Feed backs



AFAQ is committed to recognize its member schools for their outstanding efforts in raising the literacy level of Pakistani society. In this regards, AFAQ awards "Certificate of Acknowledgment" to Member Schools throughout Pakistan.

Apart from this, there are many more facilities provided to Member Schools such as **Educational Articles, Training Manuals, Assessment Sheets, Lesson Plans, Flash Cards, Online Forum** and many more through this area.

Terms and Conditions

These facilities are only dedicated to AFAQ Member Schools which have been awarded the "Certificate of Acknowledgment" in recognition of adopting AFAQ Curriculum and their efforts towards character education.

The New Member Schools are invited to adopt our Curriculum (Minimum one title) and Training facilities. Consequently, they will be entitled to above mentioned facilities.

So join AFAQ and get entitled to these services!!!

For Certificate Holders:

If your Email and certificate number are confirmed by Marketing Department of AFAQ to **Sign In** Member School Area, you are requested to follow these steps:

- 1- Click on button of 'Sign In'.
- 2- Write only your *E-mail address* and *Certificate Number* and now you can have access to unlimited knowledge.

If you have been awarded "**Certificate of Acknowledgment**", however, the certificate number is not been registered in Member School Area. Please follow the steps below:

- 1- Click on button "**Already Have Certificate Number**".
- 2- After clicking you will get few more information required by Marketing Department of AFAQ for confirmation of your certificate number. In this page you will put some more information i.e. Principal Name, School Name, Certificate No. and Email Address. These all are necessary to fill.
- 3- After filling this form you will get an email for confirmation of your given information within 3 Days. By this E-mail our Marketing Team will allot login in Member School Area for your school.
- 4- After receiving the confirmation by E-mail, please click on button of "**Sign In**".

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