

LECTURES BY INTERNATIONAL AND NATIONAL HERITAGE EXPERTS

The Consul General of the Federal Republic of Germany, Dr. Tilo Klinner hosted Pakistan-German Friendship Cultural Heritage Day, a joint event by the Heritage Foundation of Pakistan, the Consulate General of the Federal Republic of Germany and the Sindh Government with Prof. Dr. Michael Jansen, Director of the German Research Center Mohenjo Daro, RWTH Aachen and UNESCO Senior Expert and Ar. Yasmeeen Lari, CEO, Heritage Foundation on the 25th October, 2014 at the National Museum, Karachi.

The event started at 6:30 pm with a welcome address by Mr. Bukhari, Director National Museum Karachi followed by a talk by Dr. Klinner himself. Dr. Jansen gave a lecture on “The 21st Century in inventory - A precondition for a modern cultural conservation policy” stressing on the necessity of preserving both tangible and intangible heritage, while Ar. Yasmeeen Lari spoke about the “Digitisation of Karachi’s paper heritage” and how old maps and sketches of famous historical landmarks of Sindh dating back to the 1870’s salvaged by HF from the Karachi Municipal Records and the Karachi e-library had been being kept in an extremely dilapidated state. She emphasized on having everything pertaining to our heritage be made an integral part of our schools’ syllabi in order to make our heritage known to the future generations. “We have to act now because ten years from now may be too late.” Lari suggested. Elisa Cortesi talked about the “Lost and found - Treasures of Baluchistan”, which was followed by a presentation on the “Inventory of Cultural Property in the Province of Sindh” a joint project between the Heritage Foundation of Pakistan, RWTH Aachen University and the Consulate General of the Federal Republic of Germany put together by HF Manager, Ar. Mariyam Nizam. It spoke about the project’s aim to explore the treasure house of Sindh in order to develop a digital archival database that will help consolidate information on its historic sites and monuments. The Director of Archaeology and Museum, Culture Department Government of Sindh, Mr. Qasim Ali Qasim also gave an overview of the archaeological landmarks and the cultural heritage of the province.

These lectures were followed by a panel discussion with all the speakers including Mr. Nisar Khuhro, Sindh Education Minister, along with an interactive session with the audience. The dinner was served at 9:30 pm.



Panel discussion on Pakistan’s cultural heritage and its immediate issues and potential, amongst Dr. Michael Jansen, Ar. Yasmeeen Lari, Ms. Elisa Cortesi, Mr. Nisar Khuhro, Dr. Tilo Klinner, Mr. Bukhari and Mr. Qasim Ali Qasim.



Presentation on the “Inventory of Cultural Property in the Province of Sindh” by Ar. Mariyam Nizam.



Ar. Yasmeeen Lari, CEO, Heritage Foundation of Pakistan speaking on the “Digitisation of Karachi paper heritage”.