

Press Release

The Sindh Chief Minister Syed Qaim Ali Shah inaugurated Khairpur Special Economic Zone (KSEZ), the first agro-industrial zone being developed on 140 acres in Tando Nazar Ali. This industrial zone will have three main sectors which include agro food processing, agro non-food processing and light engineering.

Speaking at the launching ceremony the Chief Minister said that establishment of this zone would go a long way in the history of economic development and poverty reduction in the province of Sindh, as about 30,000 people would get employment and the growers of dates would get an internationally competitive price for their product from this project.

He appreciated the efforts of the CEO of National Industrial Parks Mr. Mohsin Syed for taking special interest in this project and turning the dreams of the downtrodden people of the rural Sindh in to a reality. His vision would help in changing the rural economy of Sindh, He remarked.

Earlier welcoming the Chief Guest, Mohsin Syed envisioned that Khairpur would become world class producer and exporter of dates by providing finest quality of seeds, superlative training to farmers and exceptional assistance to the producers. He believed with the joint efforts of the agriculturists and the date growers and farmers, Pakistan could export value added agri products of international standards.

MOU has been signed between NIP and KSEZ for energy, security, and operation & maintenance of the Zone. The Board of Management will be formed of resident industrialists of the zone to look after the management of KSEZ.

In accordance with the Revised Economic Zone Act 2012, KSEZ will have exemption from custom duties and taxes for all capital goods imported in to Pakistan for the development, operations and maintenance of the zone. Moreover, it will have exemption from all taxes on income accruable in relation to its development and operations for a period of ten years, commencing from the date of signing of the development agreement.

NIP will also offer foreign and local entrepreneurs with guaranteed uninterrupted power supply through a 20MW power plant to be constructed on site for uninterrupted supply of electricity, advanced fibre optic telecommunication facility for telephone and internet, reliable water, power and gas connections to each plot, effluent treatment plant and cold storage facility to the industries and all essential utilities like water, gas and telecommunication. The hallmark of this industrial zone is perimeter wall with controlled entry and exit to the zone.

It will also provide infrastructure at par with international standards and will cater to the business need of medium and large enterprises. Besides focusing on improving the skills of our labour-force and this zone will have the facility for improving the skills of workers through the technical training centre within its premises. By getting the training, a worker will have chance to improve his pay scale and get higher salaries besides it will help in improving the quality of locally produced goods as well as improving the standard of workers' life.