

Wafaqi Mohtasib addresses Seminar on "Threats of Cybercrime: Growing Vulnerabilities of Societies" at COMSATS University

TIMES REPORT

ISLAMABAD: Wafaqi Mohtasib Ejaz Ahmad Qureshi addressed a well-attended seminar on "Threat of Cybercrime: Growing Vulnerabilities of Societies" held yesterday at COMSATS University, Islamabad. Besides, participation by the representatives of federal ministries and the relevant agencies, special arrangements were made for online participation by the members of Asian Ombudsman Association (AOA), the OIC Ombudsman Association (ICOA) and the Forum of Pakistan Ombudsman (FPO). Mr. Qureshi stated that the Seminar was being held in the backdrop of the Universal Children's Day which was observed last week and provided an opportunity to renew our



commitment towards promotion and protection of child rights. He emphasized that the Constitution of Pakistan recognized special rights of protection for children due to their vulnerabilities and Pakistan was among the first few countries who ratified the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC) on November 12, 1990. Mr. Ejaz Ahmad

Qureshi stated that the exploitation of children including the growing cases of cybercrime was a common feature across the globe and Pakistan was no exception. He added that the Wafaqi Mohtasib Institution has been deeply conscious of its role in pursuing the child rights issues in Pakistan. He further stated that the Office

Commissioner for Children Mohtasib has been set up in the Secretariat. Wafaqi Mohtasib Ejaz Ahmad Qureshi stated that safeguarding the rights and wellbeing of children was an important facet of ombudsman's role and various institutions were operating globally under different names. He said that in line with the mandate of the Wafaqi Mohtasib Institution, i.e. to diagnose, investigate, redress and rectify injustice done to a person through maladministration, several initiatives have been taken to raise the profile of child rights. Mr. Qureshi added that addressing maladministration is a means to ensuring sanctity of human rights, achieving ultimate goals of good governance, the rule of law and safeguarding against exploitation of all including children.

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Wafaqi Mohtasib Mr. Ejaz Ahmad Qureshi invited all stakeholders to work together for developing effective mechanism to protect our children against the growing menace of cybercrimes and other vulnerabilities rampant in various societies. In this regard, has assured

the international ombuds community of Pakistan's readiness to share its knowledge, experiences and best practices in this field in terms of its commitment to the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child and the objectives of Asian Ombudsman Association (AOA).

The seminar was also addressed by Chairman Higher Education Commission, Islamabad Dr. Mukhtar Ahmad and panelists which included Amb(Rtd) Fauzia Nasreen , Senior Advisor and Grievances Commissioner for Child Rights Wafaqi Mohtasib , Major (Rtd)Dr. M. Qasim Security Consultants for Cybercrimes , M. Ayaz khan , Director (Ops), Cybercrime Wing FIA

Hqrs , Dr. Shabana Fayaz Chairperson Quaid e Azam University , Mr. M. Farooq Director Child Online Protection Committee ,Pakistan Telecom Authority(PTA) , Mr. Ammar Jafri former director FIA , National response Centre for Cybercrimes and Dr. Sohail Asghar Incharge Islamabad campus , CUI . Vote of thanks was presented by Dr. S.M.Junaid Zaidi, Founding Rector of COMSATS University Islamabad.