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World symposium on contemporary physics starts



* Pakistan, Italy enjoy good relations in field of science: Italian envoy

Staff Report

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan and Italy enjoy good relations in the fields of culture, art and science, said Roberto Mozzatta, the Italian

ambassador.

He was addressing the inaugural ceremony of a five-day international symposium on Contemporary Physics at the Quaid-i-Azam University here on Monday.

Mozzatta said the Italian government and the International Centre for Theoretical Physics (ICTP), Trieste, Italy, were supporting scientific research in developing countries.

He said the Italian government was committed to making the world scientific research-friendly. "The Italian government offered 500 scholarships to Pakistani students for high level research in 2005," said the ambassador, adding that physics students could get scholarships to increase their knowledge in their relevant areas of study.

Mozzatta said the setting up of the National Centre for Physics (NCP) in Pakistan would provide opportunities to local physicists to exchange views with physicists from other countries.

NCP Director General Dr Riazuddin said the NCP would facilitate young scientists and physicists in enhancing their abilities to serve the nation by exploring new scientific horizons.

"It is an honour for the NCP to host 20 delegates from across the world at the symposium," said Riazuddin who is also the American Physical Society's elected fellow. He said the institution would hold more seminars and conferences to provide opportunities to local physicists to share their experiences with foreign delegates.

ICTP Director General Professor Sreenivasan lauded NCP's role in promoting science and assured his cooperation in all research activities at the NCP.

Students and scientists participated in the symposium's inaugural ceremony.

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