

Sialkot

Sialkot is located near Chenab River which is the main source of water, hence wheat, barley, rice, corn, millet and sugarcane are found in abundance here. The city is renowned for being home of the world famous, legendary philosopher and poet Allama Muhammad Iqbal (Late), also known as 'Shaer-e-Mashriq'. It is populated by thousands of small and medium-scale entrepreneurs engaged mainly in export oriented productions. It is amongst Pakistan's largest foreign exchange earning cities through its exports and remittances from overseas manpower. Sialkot is famous for hand-sewn footballs, with local factories manufacturing 40~60 million footballs a year, amounting to roughly 70% of world production. Other industries include surgical instruments, leather products, sports goods, garments, hosiery and gloves which generate export reserve for the country.

In 1976, as per the aspirations of the exporters of Sialkot, SBP decided to establish an office in the city. Initially only Foreign Exchange operations were launched which were converted to a full fledged office in the year 1991.