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Shahid Kardar awards Rs one million to SBP Cricket team

Mr. Shahid H. Kardar, Governor State Bank of Pakistan has awarded Rs one million to SBP Cricket Team and its officials for winning the Quaid-e-Azam Trophy (Division II) Cricket Tournament. He gave Rs 40,000/- each to the players and officials of the team.

Speaking at an impressive ceremony held at SBP, Karachi today to honour the SBP cricket team, Mr. Kardar said that it's an historic achievement for the young SBP team which won the final of one of the top domestic leagues in such a short span of time.

"This achievement is because of the extra-ordinary performance, discipline and hard work of both the cricket team and its management and they deserve all the praise for what has been achieved," Mr. Kardar added.

It may be pointed out here that the State Bank cricket team had qualified to participate in the Quaid-e-Azam Trophy (Division II) Tournament after 27 years and carved out a victory for itself in its first appearance after a very long time.

Mr. Kardar announced that the State Bank would also build a Sports Complex in Lahore on the same pattern as in Karachi to promote cricket at the grass root level. "This will be our humble contribution towards the promotion of this game which is followed widely by the nation," he added.

He said that the State Bank was also planning to raise an SBP Colts team (under-19 Cricket Team) and assured that the State Bank would do whatever it could do reasonably and practically for the promotion of cricket in the country.

Mr. Qasim Nawaz, Managing Director, SBP Banking Services Corporation, in his welcome address, also lauded the performance of the cricket team.

Earlier, ex-test cricketer Mr. Iqbal Qasim, who was the guest of honour at the ceremony, congratulated the SBP cricket team and its management for this historic achievement. He said the SBP Cricket Team achieved this victory because the team was selected on pure merit and there was no interference from the management in the selection of the team.

The ceremony was attended, among others, by Mr. Muhammad Kamran Shehzad, Deputy Governor SBP and Chairman of the SBP Sports Committee, besides senior officials and staff of the State Bank and SBP Banking Services Corporation.
