

FAISALABAD

Faisalabad, formerly known as Lyallpur, is one of the populous cities of the country. Usually referred to as the “Manchester of Pakistan”, it contributes over 20% to the country’s GDP predominantly through its textile-related products. Other industries include fertilizers, hosiery, industrial chemicals, dyes, pulp, paper and agricultural equipments. Famous places of the city include *Ghanta Ghar*, Jinnah Garden, Faisalabad Arts Council, Gatwala Forest Park and Sindbad Amusement Park.

Increasing strategic importance of the then city of Lyallpur and its share in the economic development of the country led to the inauguration of Central Bank in the area on 6th December, 1956 in the premises of the building of Imperial Bank India, by Mr. Mushtaq Ahmed Gurmani, the then Governor of former West Pakistan. Construction of the New Office Building started in 1985 and the office started its function in 1992 in the present beautiful multistoried building. Dr. Muhammad Yaqoob, the former Governor, State Bank of Pakistan formally inaugurated the building on 13th July, 1996.

