

PRESS RELEASE

Turkish Cooperation and Coordination Agency (TIKA) visited RDA

RAWALPINDI, November 27, 2019: A delegation of Turkish Cooperation and Coordination Agency (TIKA) lead by Country Head Mr. Gokhan UMUT and Program Officer Muhammad Anis Khan has visited Rawalpindi Development Authority (RDA) and Water and Sanitation Agency (WASA) on 27th November 2019 (Wednesday). Chairman RDA/WASA Tariq Mehmood Murtaza, Director General, MD WASA and officers of RDA/WASA attended the meeting. Chairman RDA welcomed the guests and said that Pakistan and Turkey are brotherly countries. Both nations are working very closely at people to people level to coordinate and cooperate in mutual benefiting sectors. He said that this cooperation will be very useful and long-lasting at TIKA and RDA/WASA forums to identify and execute the projects for welfare of the citizens of Rawalpindi City. Meeting started with briefing of WASA in which various project were identified to improve the water and sanitation facilities in Rawalpindi City. Major project are Rehabilitation of Rawal Lake Filtration Plant, Reduction in Non Revenue water, Up-gradation of pumping machineries and SCADA System, Operation and Maintenance of Mini Filtration Plants, Capacity Building, Rain Water Harvesting, Transmission Pipeline of 30" dia (Rawal Dam Water Purification Plant to Reservoir Tank) to augment water supply.

Mr. Gokhan UMUT Country Head TIKa thanks Chairman RDA for inviting them and showed his great interest in all the projects and said that TIKa was established in Pakistan at 2010. Since then TIKa has worked in various sector like Education, Health, Water and Sanitation and Agriculture. The main component of TIKa assistance is based on training and capacity building of human resource. He added that TIKa will work with RDA and projects of short term, mid terms and long term period will be identified. The memorandum of understating will be signed in December 2019. He also showed his interest in immediate projects like filtration plant will be installed, water harvesting and kitchen gardening and clean drinking water.

Director General RDA said that cooperation between two countries is very welcoming and this partnership will go long-way in people to people contact and development of both brotherly countries. MD WASA briefed the participants that twin cities are facing drinking water shortage and projects of reduction of non revenue water and water harvesting are very important to cater the immediate needs.

Mr. GOKHAN UMUT said that TIKa is already working in Islamabad for providing clean drinking water and mini filtration plants are being installed and same can be done in Rawalpindi. At the end Chairman RDA said that meeting was very useful and thanks the country head and his team.

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