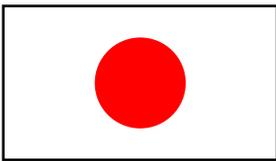




The Kaghan Flame

A Newsletter of The Kaghan Memorial Trust

The Kaghan Memorial School gets a new Middle School for Girls courtesy of a grant from the Embassy of Japan in Islamabad



In early 2013, KMT approached the Embassy of Japan in Islamabad with a request to fund the construction and furnishing of the planned Middle School for Girls

on its Kaghan Memorial School (KMS) campus. This facility was envisaged to accommodate Grades 5, 6 and 7 for girls. The Junior School comprising of Grades Kindergarten to 5 is co-educational, but the Middle and Senior schools shall be segregated in line with local culture and sensibilities. The separate Middle School for Girls building was therefore critical for ensuring the continuing education of girls beyond grade 5.

Following a comprehensive review process spanning several months, the Japanese Embassy approved a grant of US\$ 115,733 for KMT in November 2013 and, as reported in our Winter 2013 newsletter, the Trust started construction of the building the very same month. This work was completed in around one and a half year in May 2015 when the Middle School for Girls was finally ready for commissioning. The formal inauguration of the building was done by the Ambassador of Japan, H.E. Mr. Hiroshi Inomata, on September 10, 2015.



All KMS students and a large number of parents attended the inauguration ceremony that featured several performances and speeches by the children.

The KMS Middle School for Girls is a beautiful facility in which 80 to 100 girls will receive schooling each year. Attitudes towards female education ranged from tentative to negative



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when KMT first opened the doors of its Kaghan Memorial School in 2008, but over the years the local communities have come to appreciate the services and the opportunities that the institution offers not only to their sons but also to their daughters. This has led to a surprisingly rapid and positive change in the perception of girls' education amongst the locals. Families now line up at the beginning of every new school year to try to get their girls enrolled in the school and the interest has increased to the extent that the school receives considerably more applications than the number of seats available.

Many of the applicants therefore have to be turned back, unfortunately. While KMS would like to take in every single child seeking a good education, and whereas it is a pity that so many children who want to enroll in the school cannot do so because of capacity limitations, the positive aspect of this situation is that the girls of the area and their families are now this eager for them to receive schooling at KMS. This indicates that the new Middle School for Girls will be running at full capacity in the years to come.

The parents and the girls are all excited and happy with the new facility that was so generously sponsored by the Government



and the people of Japan and, as one of the students mentioned in her speech at the inauguration ceremony, this middle school will provide hundreds and eventually thousands of girls from the area the opportunity to receive quality education and to go on to realise their dreams and aspirations, whatever they may be.



JAPAN

Official Development Assistance

Such an institution has never existed in this severely underdeveloped area and the value of the Kaghan Memorial School and its new Middle School for Girls can therefore not be overstated. The possibilities that this school offers



and the doors that it is opening for the children of the Kaghan Valley are unlimited. Having established this unique institution with the generous support of donors such as the Embassy of Japan, KMT is determined to ensure that the development of the campus continues over the coming years as planned and that the Kaghan Memorial School delivers on the promise of a better future that it is committed to providing to its students. Having built and constructed the new facility through the Japanese grant, KMT shall cover the running and maintenance costs of the Middle School for Girls through its regular fundraising programme.

On a lighter note, the KMS boys are understandably envious of the shining new facility that has been delivered for the girls and many of them have been asking their teachers when they will get their own building. The Trust is now constructing that new facility as fast as it can so that the boys don't feel left out or ignored. They will hopefully get their middle school by the end of 2016. More details on this can be found on page 4.

Update from the Managing Trustee



This quarter has seen a significant improvement in fundraising for KMT. Both Pakistan State Oil and the Embassy of Poland have generously sponsored new facilities at the Kaghhan Memorial School – the former the Middle School for Boys and the latter our Central Library and Resource Centre. Further details of these

donations can be found in the following pages.

As reported in our front page story our Middle School for Girls was formally inaugurated and commissioned by the Japanese Ambassador to Pakistan in September. Once work on the new Middle School for Boys and the Library is successfully concluded in 2016, we will have completed construction of more than 60% of the campus. Following that, we will focus on building the Senior Schools for Boys and Girls respectively. We also need to construct 3 remaining classrooms in the Junior School, our administrative offices, a toilet block for the Junior School, 3 to 4 new teacher residences to accommodate Senior School teachers and a few allied facilities such as guard rooms and stores. We hope, ideally, to have all those remaining facilities ready for use by the end of 2019, but that will all depend upon the level of funding that we can secure over the coming three years.

For the time being, completion of most of our Junior School and our two Middle Schools is a significant milestone that we look forward to achieving next year now that the funds have

been secured for the remaining work on these facilities.

In addition to all the ongoing development work, the academic programme at the school has been continuing apace over the past three months. We concluded our first term in early August and our second term is now in session following a 3 week break. Mid-term exams for the autumn term were conducted in September and the students are well on their way towards completing their schooling goals for the year. The School's annual sports days were also organized on 19th and 21st of September. We have been doing two sports days since last year because local cultural customs dictate that the older girls from the Middle School have their own separate segregated competitions. The older girls' events are therefore organised on the first day, followed by a separate larger combined sports day for the Junior School and Middle School for Boys. More details on the sports days are provided on page 6.

We have also been updating our Facebook page – you can now find all of our past newsletters saved as a separate album in the 'Photos' section of the page. We intend to start keeping this updated more regularly with photos, newsletters and other activities going on at the School and as part of the wider Trust – please do 'like' the page and share it with your friends – www.facebook.com/TheKaghhanMemorialTrust

Khurram Khan

Managing Trustee, The Kaghhan Memorial Trust

Update from the Deputy Head Teacher



This term saw a lot of changes for me. In August, my colleague Elli Grien, our Head Teacher, had to return home to Australia for three months due to a family emergency. As Deputy Head Teacher and the most senior member of the teaching faculty, I had to step in as acting Head Teacher during her absence. Having been part of KMS since 2009, I was

well versed in the running of the school academics and its day-to-day operations. However, this was the first time that I was also in charge of all coordination with the head office, the administration team and overall management of the academic team. What a challenge and indeed an opportunity for me!

I am glad to say that the second term of the 2015 academic year has been progressing well. We managed to move the middle school girls efficiently (and very happily) into their new academic block. This gave more space for us to accommodate the middle school boys more comfortably in the older classrooms, albeit only on a temporary basis till their own middle school is ready. We welcomed the Ambassador of Japan with a specially arranged set of performances for the inauguration of the new block. This gave some of our

middle school girls their first opportunity at formal public speaking – quite a nerve wracking event but one that ended with a lot of happy faces. We also had our sports days in the third week of September and, as always, these were two days of fun and exciting completion for the children. The school's academic and administrative teams are now well experienced with organizing such programmes and this year's sports days were the best managed edition of this annual event to date.

In the coming months, we will be organizing our annual

day in October and we shall look forward to completing the academic year successfully. At the end of term, following the final exams, we shall be conducting interviews for new admissions for 2016 and we shall also be selecting new teachers for the next year. We also look forward to Elli's to return in November to help us wrap up the year.

Faiza Shah

Deputy Head Teacher, Kaghan Memorial School

Pakistan State Oil funds the Middle School for Boys at KMS



Pakistan State Oil

Starting with our Tour of Islamabad International Cycle race in March 2007, which was organized to raise funds for KMT and to which event Pakistan State Oil (PSO) contributed as our main Title Sponsor, PSO has been a consistent supporter of KMT in one form or another. Over the years, PSO has financed our events and it has also regularly sponsored the education of children in our school through our Sponsor a Child Programme. Given our long-standing association with the company, KMT approached PSO at the end of 2014 to request financing for our planned new Middle School for Boys. This was the biggest grant request that we had submitted to PSO and following their internal review of our proposal, a grant of Rs. 10 million was approved by the company for the construction of the Middle School for Boys in July, 2015.

The facility that will house our Grades 6, 7 & 8 classes for boys, is a beautiful purpose-designed building that will contain three classrooms, a general-purpose activity room (or computer room), a staff room, storage spaces, and toilet facilities for students and teachers. The building is located in a separate part of the campus from the Middle school for Girls to ensure gender segregation from Grade 6 onwards. This separation is necessary in view of local sensitivities on the matter and this ensures that both girls and boys can comfortably continue with their studies on the Kaghan Memorial School campus while conforming to the customs and traditions of their communities. By having a separate facility for boys, we will also be able to start recruiting our first male academic faculty members, something which has not been possible with the combined facilities being used in the Junior School and the Middle School for Girls in which only female teachers are employed; again due to gender segregation



considerations. The block is expected to be completed by the end of 2016 and we plan to have it functional for the 2017 academic year. We will continue to keep you updated on its progress in upcoming editions of this newsletter.

With this latest grant, the total support received or pledged by PSO to our Trust now exceeds Rs. 18 million. Accounting for currency fluctuations over the years, this amounts to over US\$200,000 in event sponsorships, child sponsorships and now this construction grant. This makes the Pakistan State Oil our biggest donor to date and we are extremely grateful for their long-standing and continued support of our work. In recognition of their generosity and to demonstrate our most sincere appreciation, the building of the new Middle School for Boys shall be called the PSO Block once it is completed.

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Sports Days



KMS organized its annual sports days on September 19 for the Middle School girls and on September 21 for the rest of the school. The event is split over two separate days keeping in view local customs which dictate that the older girls cannot compete together with boys. This annual activity promotes extra-curricular activities and team building amongst the children. Each student, upon admission into KMS, is assigned to one of our four houses, which are Ibx (House Colours: Yellow and Black), Eagle (House Colours: Red and Black), Wolf (House Colours: Green and Black) and Bear (House Colours: Blue and Black). Allocation to houses is done through random selection to ensure impartiality, and like the children, all of the KMS staff and the KMT Trustees also represent one of the four houses. During the sports days, the children represent their houses in a broad range of athletic competitions that include running (several races, including relays), long jump and, the all-time favourite, tug-of-war. Separate events are organized for different age groups.



By the end of the first day, excellent performances by the eagle house girls meant that they were far in the lead with 29 points, followed by Bear on 15 points, Ibx on 9 points and Wolf on 1 point. On the second day, Wolf and Bear Houses rallied spectacularly in an effort to turn around the results, ending the day with Wolf leading with 48 points, Bear with 33, Ibx with 24 and Eagle with 21. The valiant regrouping by Wolf and Bear on the second day brought them tantalizingly close to the ultimate prize that is the Champion House Trophy, but not close enough. With the points for both days tallied, Eagle House emerged as the overall Champion House for the 4th consecutive year and the 5th year overall. Eagle has

only lost the trophy once in the 6 sports days that have been staged at the school so far; a big achievement by any standard. The contest was extremely close this year, however, with Wolf missing out on the Trophy by only one point and Bear House in third place, again with a one point difference. The first three house had 50, 49 and 48 points respectively. Sadly, Ibx House lagged behind a little with 33 points. This photofinish for the first three places demonstrates how exciting the competition was. Eagle House can thank their senior girls for their victory, as without their tremendous effort, the school would most certainly have had a new Champion house this year. This was maybe a good lesson for all the children about the importance of girls and boys working together to form a winning team!



The Middle School for Girls Tug of War Trophy was also won by Eagle whereas Wolf won the Junior School and Middle School for Boys combined Tug-of-War contest. Based on their outstanding performances, Fiza Batool (Grade 6), Shaheen (Grade 5), Shahzad Ahmed (Grade 7) and Ishtiaq Hussain (Grade 7) were declared the Best Athletes of Eagle, Bear, Wolf and Ibx Houses respectively, while Ishtiaq Hussain of Ibx house took home top honours as the overall Best Athlete of the Kaghan Memorial School for 2015. Having come last amongst the four houses, Ibx can take some consolation in counting the top athlete of the school amongst its ranks.

These sports days produce a positive competitive spirit amongst the students and encourage them to support the performances of both their teams and of their fellow students. The enthusiasm amongst the participants and spectators on both days is completely electric with the supporters of all four houses whole heartedly (and loudly) egging on their teams during each event. We hope that this enjoyment from sport and healthy activities will continue throughout the lives of these girls and boys.

The Embassy of the Republic of Poland supports the construction of the KMS Central Library and Resource Centre



Polish aid

As part of their 'Equal Chances' programme, the Embassy of the Republic of Poland has, for a second time, approved a donation to the Kaghan Memorial Trust. You may recall that in September 2013, the Ambassador of Poland, Mr. Andrzej Ananicz, along with Mrs. Ananicz, had visited the Kaghan Memorial School to see the classroom that the Embassy had financed the previous year following the Ambassador's first exploratory visit to the school in 2012. This summer, the Polish Embassy has agreed to continue their support of KMS by partially financing the construction of the school's Library and Resource Centre through a donation of 17,000 Euros. This grant will cover roughly half of the expected



construction expenses, with KMT arranging the remaining

portion through fundraising events and general donations.

The Library and Resource Centre is a vitally important facility in KMT's plans for the school to impart quality education and to provide access to information and training to its students and staff. This shall be the first library in the Kaghan Valley and, indeed, in the entire Balakot Tehsil (sub-district). The facility will cover the entire first floor of the School's central Administration and Library Block, with the ground floor consisting of the school's administrative offices.

When completed, the 2700 sq. ft. facility is expected to become a hub of information and knowledge dissemination for the students and staff of the school, providing its patrons not only with an extensive in-house collection of books and other publications, but also with online catalogues, electronic resources, and, in the future, contact with other libraries through inter-library arrangements. Teacher training workshops and programmes will also be organized in this centre. Once the school reaches its capacity, the LRC will be serving over 800 children and approximately 100 staff KMS every year.

KMT sincerely appreciates this donation from the Polish development cooperation programme implemented by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Poland in the Islamic Republic of Pakistan. We will continue to keep you updated on the construction in upcoming newsletters.

United Transport Service Sponsors the Construction of a Classroom



KMT has always relied on the generosity of its friends and benefactors for building and running its school. Iqbal Khan, Managing Director of United Transport Service, is one such longtime friend of the KMT who has been a consistent child sponsor since 2009. Iqbal also regularly supports the Trust in its various fundraising events and by extending general donations to us each year. This year, following a visit to the school, Iqbal pledged to increase his contribution by sponsoring the construction of a new classroom through his company, United Transport Service (UTS).

UTS, with offices in Islamabad, Karachi, Lahore and

Faisalabad, is one of the larger transport companies in Pakistan that provides vehicles and services to corporate clients that include, amongst others, government organisations, telecommunication companies, oil exploration companies and educational institutions. In addition to conducting a very successful business, the company and its Managing Director are generous supporters of various charitable causes, amongst which KMT and its school are just one example.

We are indebted to Iqbal and to UTS for their patronage, especially in some of the more difficult times that we have faced over the years, where they have always come to our help. The new classroom, once it is ready in 2016, will be dedicated in the name of United Transport Service in appreciation of their support.

Student Profile



Hasmat Khameen is 14 years old. She is from the village of Kawai where she lives with her extended family. Her father is the cook in a local hotel in Shogran during the tourist season - from around May to October. He relies on his income from these six months to sustain his wife, 5 children, and his wider family for the entire year. Hasmat remembers clearly the earthquake of 2005 - she lost her brother and grandfather. She was injured and trapped inside her house for several hours until her eventual rescue and she is therefore well aware of the reason for her school being a memorial for all the other children who weren't that fortunate. She has

now spent 6 years in our school after her parents removed her from another school where she was previously enrolled to move her to KMS. In the words of Hasmat, 'if I didn't have KMS I wouldn't be going to school as the other school was not teaching me anything'. This is a common view amongst the our students and parents and one which emphasizes the importance of KMS.

Parent Profile

Shaheen Ahmad is a resident of Kawai village. He is the father of 3 children in KMS - Hashim Shaheen (age 10), Luqman Shaheen (age 6), and Shahbaz Shaheen (age 5). Shaheen benefits doubly from KMS as he works as a security guard at the school, which is the only private sector organisation in the Kaghan Valley that offers year-round employment to its staff. In addition to this, his three sons attend a good school for which, in his words, there are no alternatives as the education on offer is far superior to the other options. He also thinks that the focus on English in KMS will give his children a better opportunity in life. Shaheen is always encouraging his children to study and he ensures that they maintain regular attendance.



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Mission Statement

Supporting sustainable long-term development in the earthquake-affected Kaghan Valley in Northern Pakistan by establishing a school that provides free education of a high standard to children from the valley.

About the Trust

The Kaghan Memorial Trust (KMT) is a non-profit Charitable Trust registered in Islamabad in January 2006 in the aftermath of the 2005 earthquake in Northern Pakistan.

The sole immediate objective of the Trust is to develop and operate the Kaghan Memorial School in the Kaghan Valley. This School offers a first-class education to children of this underdeveloped region that was severely hit by the earthquake. Through the provision of quality education, KMT contributes towards sustainable long-term development in the valley.

About the School

The Kaghan Memorial School (KMS) is the first of its kind in Pakistan, in that the highest quality of education is being made freely available to some of the poorest children in the country. When fully built, the resources and facilities being provided and developed in this school will rival those at the best institutions in Pakistan.

The Kaghan Memorial School is dedicated to the memory of the thousands of children who lost their lives to the earthquake.

CHILD SPONSORSHIP for Quarter July to September 2015

Child Sponsorship (Renewal)

Mr. Wasim Din	11
Mr. Mohsin Mueen Raja	2
Dr. Natasha Khan	2
Mr. Khawar Saleem Aslam	1
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Mr. Yousaf Ghous	1
Ms. Lynette Ankrom	1
Mr. William Bewley and Friends	1
Ms. Julia Frances and Mr. William Bewley	1
Ms. Carrie Bewley	1

DONATIONS for Quarter July to September 2015

Specified/Reserved Donations (Construction)

Pakistan State Oil	Rs. 10,000,000
The Embassy of Poland	Rs. 1,903,150
Iqbal Ahmad Khan	Rs. 1,500,000

General Donations

Mr. Roger Dahlberg	Rs. 647,186
Arcadian Hotels & Resorts	Rs. 87,000
Dr. Bushra	Rs. 50,000
Mr. Muhammad Shoaib	Rs. 41,400

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