

Seminar on "Literacy for Peace"

NCHD organized a seminar organized on 15th September 2011 in Islamabad with the collaboration of UNESCO to commemorate the International Literacy Day. Minister of Professional and Technical Training (P&TT) Mian Riaz Hussain Pirzada, who was the chief guest at



the occasion, said that the feeder schools and literacy centers of the NCHD can play vital role in providing education to the ignorant masses of the country.

The event was attended by teachers, policy makers, various government officials, and members of civil society.

Talking at the occasion, the minister said that there are about 55 million illiterate people in the country. Around 7 million children of primary school age are out of schools and about 30 million children never enrolled in the schools. Pakistan stands at the second place in the list of countries having maximum number of children out of school.

Mr. Pirzada said, "Despite the fact that female education is an important investment in any country, more than half of the female population in the country never went to school."

