

## Heavy turnout witnessed at PRGMEA elections

(Karachi, September 25, 2010): Elections for the office bearers of South Zone were held in central office of Pakistan Readymade Garments Manufacturers & Exporters Association (PRGMEA) in Karachi on September 25, 2010. Elections were held for the eight vacant seats of Zonal Managing Committee of PRGMEA. Almost all the members enthusiastically participated in the election process and a heavy turnout was witnessed. The day saw garment industry owners and leaders of the textile industry turning out in great numbers to cast their votes and to support their respective candidates.

Mohsin Ayub Mirza, outgoing central chairman of PRGMEA said on this occasion that Pakistan's textile industry is currently standing at a critical juncture and by witnessing such enthusiasm for the elections makes us all optimistic that the industry is in good hands. Shaikh Shafiq Rafiq, outgoing zonal chairman, said that we tried very hard throughout the year to highlight the plight of the value added garment industry amid ongoing cotton crisis and to see such a turnout is indeed a reward for our efforts.

Mohammad Naeem Suria, election commissioner, said that voting process was done under a cordial atmosphere and a healthy competition was witnessed amid heavy turnout. Ours is the only association where free and fair voting witnessed this year. This is a clear sign of healthy competition, he added.

The new office-bearers include Zubair Parekh, Bilal Mulla, Shehzad Salim, Razzak H. Paracha, Muhammad Yunus Khamisani, Amir Amin Kothawala, Muhammad Saud Elahi, Muhammad Aman, all of whom were elected with a landslide margin.