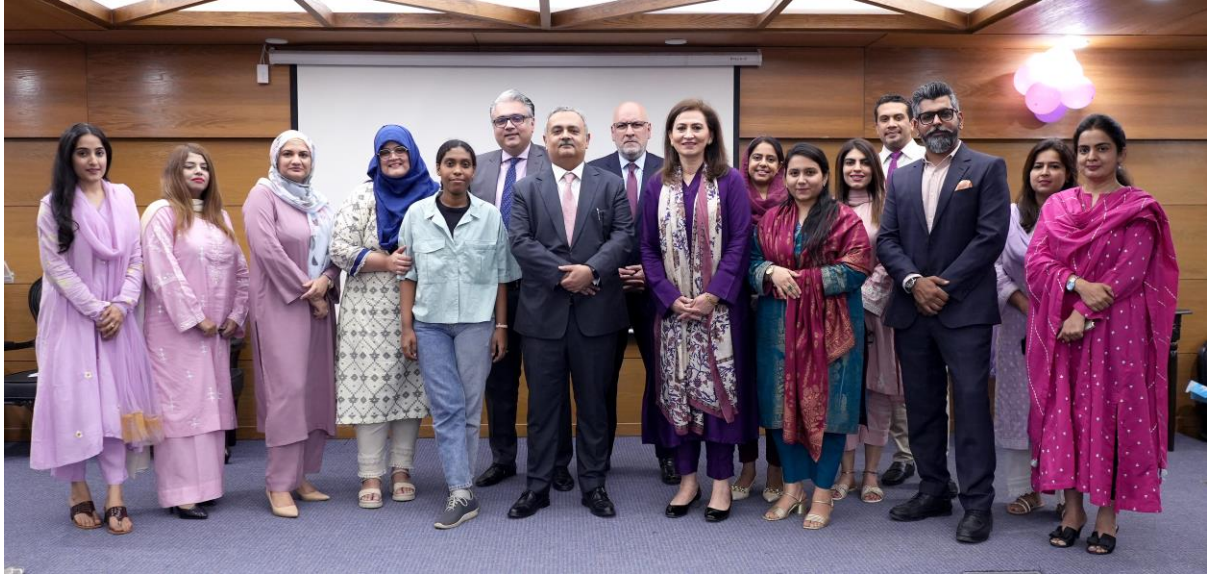


NBP Pledges to Accelerate Action on Gender Equality on International Women's Day

Karachi (Mar 07, 2025): National Bank of Pakistan commemorated International Women's Day by inviting Dr. Shehla Najeeb Sidiki, Dean of Faculty of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences Ziauddin University, Karachi and Muqaddas Abdul Rasheed, a young football player from Lyari to a session at NBP Head Office, Karachi.

The session was attended by female staff of the Bank, including many who are part of the senior management. Mr. Rehmat Ali Hasnie, President & CEO NBP, Mr. Asim Baig, Group Head HRMG NBP, and the senior leadership team of the Bank were also present on the occasion.

Dr. Shehla Najeeb spoke at length about her life journey, breaking biases in the professional field, and the unwavering support she received from the family. She underscored the growing role of women in leadership across various sectors and emphasized the need for equal opportunities in educational institutions. Her professional advice to all women was to work hard towards their dreams and believe in themselves.

National football player Muqaddas Abdul Rasheed shared her journey of struggles and achievements in the sports field, encouraging young women to pursue their dreams with determination. She stands as a beacon of hope, proving no matter where you come from or how impossible your dreams may seem, with enough perseverance, you can turn them into reality.



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Commenting on the occasion, Mr. Rehmat Ali Hasnie, President & CEO, National Bank of Pakistan, highlighted the importance of providing a conducive environment where women can thrive professionally. He emphasized that women are integral to society and the national workforce.

Mr. Mirza Asim Baig, Group Head Human Resource Group, reiterated the bank's commitment to promoting women's advancement in the banking sector and increasing their inclusion within the institution. He stressed that efforts for women's rights must continue at individual, institutional, and governmental levels.

The session concluded with a collective thought of fostering a collaborative work environment, and promoting gender partnership through equity and inclusion within workplaces across Pakistan. NBP remains committed to empowering women, enhancing their participation in the workforce, and strengthening their role in a progressive society.