

from China.

Windmills are installed at the places where there is a steady wind blowing at least at the speed of 20-25 kilometer per hour. Coastal areas and hilltops are considered highly suitable for wind turbine installation. According to the experts, a wind turbine of 100-megawatt power could be set up by an investment of \$ 50 million with no concurrence cost. The wind turbines work on the principle of conservation of energy through which

the wind energy is converted into electrical energy.

The coastal areas of Balochistan like Gwadar and Pasni in Makran district provide good conditions and climate for installation and working of the wind turbines. The wind power stations will control the power shortage problems in Balochistan and help provide educational and entertainment services through TV sets, which are dependent upon electricity supply in the rural ar-

reas. Wind turbine must be located in the highest wind speed regime. Windmills can be set up on the top of the hills against the fast blowing wind in Balochistan. According to an estimate a 300-watt wind turbine is sufficient to run about two or three lines of black and white television and probably a radio. The renewable resources of generating electric power are highly desirable to overcome the acute power crisis in the province. ■

CIS ISLAMIC BANKING & FINANCE AWARDS TO BE HELD IN TASHKENT, UZBEKISTAN

AIHuda Centre of Islamic Banking and Economics (CIBE) is going to organize CIS Islamic Banking & Finance Awards at Tashkent, Uzbekistan on May 02, 2019. The awards will be given to the prominent stakeholders of CIS Islamic banking and financial industry. 15 awards categories include Best Islamic Bank, Best Takaful Institution, Best Islamic Microfinance Bank, Best Shariah Advisor and Life Time Achievement Award.

While talking about CIS Islamic Banking & Finance Awards, organizer of the awards, CEO AIHuda CIBE Mr. Muhammad Zubair Mughal said that Islamic banking and finance industry is rapidly growing all over the world and total volume is exceeding from 2.6 trillion dollars. Commonwealth Independent States (CIS) are the prominent growing market of Islamic banking and finance. He said that according to a credible source, Islamic finance is rapidly grow-



ing in CIS countries with all zeal and zest. Many CIS countries have made or going to make specific Islamic laws to implement Islamic banking and finance and to grow Islamic banking and finance accurately. This initiative can attract Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) specifically from Gulf countries and can help in poverty alleviation and socio-economic development.

He further added that more than 50 Islamic financial institutions had applied in various award categories and 15 institutions have been finalized in various categories after a strict process. The award ceremony is the part of CIS Islamic Banking & Finance Forum to be held on May 02, 2019 in which delegates from various countries will take part. It is important to note that AIHuda CIBE is working globally for the promotion of Islamic banking, finance, advisory, consultancy, product development, distance learning, and training and workshops. ●

CEJ—IBA HOSTS CERTIFICATE DISTRIBUTION CEREMONY

Center for Excellence in Journalism (CEJ) at IBA, Karachi organized a certificate distribution ceremony where 93 journalists and media students received certificates for participating in reporting and editing classes, and qualifying in the standardized test, both in English and Urdu, respectively.

The trainers of these courses were edition in-charge at the main desk of the Dawn newsroom Nizamuddin Siddiqui and columnist at Daily Express, Professor at the University of Karachi, Tauseef Ahmad Khan. In his opening remarks, Director CEJ-IBA, Kamal Siddiqi said that this initiative had been taken to bring some standardization in the profession. "In Pakistan, anyone can become a journalist regardless of their educational qualifications and work experience. We need to introduce standards in the industry," he mentioned. He informed the participants that this initiative had been supported by the British High Commission.

The event started with a panel discussion on free speech, hate speech and regulation; panelists included Lahore-based lawyer Waqas Mir, journalist Ramsha Jahangir, and was moderated by digital rights activist Fariha Aziz.

The panelists spoke in length about the kind of environ-



ment, prevalent in Pakistan right now with regards to freedom of speech and legal rights that the citizens are entitled to. They also discussed the government's efforts to crackdown on the content of Twitter, Facebook and Google.

"As citizens, lawyers and media houses, we should talk about the importance of counter speech. We, as citizens should realize that, solutions can be achieved through talks and debates, and we shouldn't turn our faces to the problems. Unless we get involved in the push back, we won't be able to bring about positive change," said Mir. ●