FIELD VISIT REPORT ON FOUR-DAY TRAINING UNDER "PROFESSIONAL EXCHANGE PROGRAMME" FOR SENIOR CIVIL JUDGES / A'ALA ILLAQA QAZIS FROM KHYBER PAKHTUNKHWA AT FEDERAL JUDICIAL ACADEMY, ISLAMABAD

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on'ble Chief Justice of Pakistan in a group photograph with a delegation of 24 Senior Civil Judges from Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, who are unde
training at the Federal Judicial Academy Pakistan under Professional Exchange Program

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Four-Day Training under "Professional, exchange Programme" For Senior civil judges / A'Ala Illaqa Qazis from Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (March 30 - April 02, 2026).

Participants of The Pre Promotion Statutory Ttraining (PPST), under the "Professional Exchange Programme" joined the scheduled Four days Training (March 30-april 02, 2026) at the Federal judicial Academy on March 29, 2026. The presence of the Worthy Director General KPJA and greeting the participants in the evening reflected institutional commitment and administrative co-operation and coordination.

Day 1

At FJA the course/ Training commenced with the registration of participants under the co coordinators **M. Mahmood Azam and Ms.Nadia Syed** (both faculty members at FJA). Mr. Hayat Ali Shah the worthy Director General, Federal Judicial Academy and Mr. Jehanzeb Shinwari Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Judicial Academy, Peshawar presided over inaugural session. In Inaugural speech, Mr. Hayat Ali Shah formally welcomed the participants. He while highlighting the need and significance of the course, emphasized that its core purpose is to instill analytical acumen and refine judicial skills

The day then kicked of with the comprehensive session on ***medico legal reports -Evidentiary Value***, presented by ***Prof. Dr. Shaukat Ali***, forensic Medicine Expert. He at the outset explained that medico legal evidence is to provide unbiased support to the court in determination of the nature and kinds of injuries, causes of death and effecting passing of judgements in criminal cases and determination of compensation in criminal and civil cases. He elaborated and highlighted distinction between mode, cause and manner of death by illustrating practical examples. He also focused on its evidentiary context.



Next was the important activity i.e, syndicate discussion and group presentations. Participants were divided into four groups and assigned with specific topics from different subjects. They were asked to define the roles by appointing one member as chairman, one is rapporteur and one or two as presenters. The groups then held group discussions, discussing the topics threadbare and formulated presentations and paper in the supervisions of coordinators (from faculty members). The topics were discussed analytically noting the flaws and shortcomings and came up with suggestions and proposals for changes/ addition in the statutes. In the last session the group presentations were held in presence of the worthy DG and Faculty members.

Day 2

Day two commenced with book review by **Ms. Nadia Syed,** faculty member. She exquisitely reviewed the book **"the power of now, a guide to spiritual enlightenment by Eckhart Tolle"**. The next session was held on "Critical thinking" by Mr. Fakhar Zaman, Secretary, Law and justice commission of Pakistan/Director General (Reforms) Pakistan. It was like re awakening of participants from deep slumber and of the traditional stereotype approach and thinking.

The last session of the day was on the topic of "**Evidence -the judge's perspective**. The learned resource person has effectively bridged the law of evidence (academic) with the murder trial by referring to the kinds of evidence, its relevancy, cogency and credibility. He said that relevancy and admissibility and its principles are determined by statutes. While testing the cogency is the art of appreciation of evidence and it has 4 degrees and to be evaluated by the Judge.

Day 3

The day commenced with recitation of Holy Quran and a book review by Mr. Syed Mansoor Shah Bukhari, a Trainee Judge, who presented a compelling and thorough analysis of “Long walk to freedom” by Nilson Mandela. He narrated the author’s protracted struggle against oppression. He highlighted the author’s long struggle, sacrifices and unwavering commitment to justice on one hand and profound empathy for family and nation on the other hand.



In next session, Ms. Nadia Syed conducted case study. The landmark case of “Price Waterhouse V. Ann Hopkins” was shared with the participants along with formulated questions one day prior to the study. Rigorous analytical discourse took place where the discussion was steered and guided by the formulated questions, enabling the participants to form and give their critical opinion. Participants were deeply engaged and encouraged to apply legal principles by holding judicial norms in reasoning. The exercise was very productive.

The next session was on “Summary Trial” under Order-XXXVII of the Code of Civil Procedure anchored by Mr. Syed Muhammad Haroon. He exhaustibly addressed the object, scope and statutory frame work of summary trial. He elucidated the legislature intent of ensuring expeditious but inexpensive justice by minimizing delay in conclusion of trials and ensuring financial transparency.

The final session of the day was on Civil Appeals and Revisions. Ms. Bushra Kokab, the learned faculty member delivered an extensive lecture. It was full of text and context, encompassing the legal foundations regarding appellate and revisional jurisdiction, she focused on judicial skills pre-

requisite of an appellate court and shared personal experience by practical illustrations and case-based explanations.

Day 4

The final day commenced with a book summary. Mr. Muhammad Wali, a Trainee Judge, presented book summary. He chooses “Thus Spoke Zarathustra” by “Friedrich Nietzsche”. He presented insightful thoughts and wisdoms of the author in coherent manner. The presenter sketched the author’s thoughts in very reflective and distilling manner.

Thereafter, very fruitful and highly practical session on handling appeals and family cases conducted by a distinguished faculty member. Relevant statutory provision pertaining to family appeals and the legal propositions occurring frequently in the courts were thoroughly examined. The session was highly participatory because the resource person while using diverse and distinct case scenario adeptly engaged the participants.

Concluding ceremony

On completion of course, concluding ceremony held. Certificates were distributed amongst the participants. Worthy Director General in concluding speech congratulated all the participants and advised that let the promotion shall not let you become arrogant and proud rather let it be the source of self-utilization for the masses.

Object of the training

The Training program was structured with multifaceted objectives intended to improve the professional capabilities of the participants. Primarily it was aimed to pursue enhancing legal acumen, analytical thinking, and critical reasoning skills of participants. It also destined to equip the participants' to understand legal challenges, achieve clarity and uniformity in judicial approaches, and acquaint them with rapidly evolving jurisprudential trends. Yet another prime

object was too able the participants to grasp best practices through exposure and to encourage them to counter the overwhelming challenges.

Training Methodology

The FJA followed comprehensive methodology i.e., focusing on both theoretical aspects and participatory and practical endeavors. It was blend of interactive sessions, case study, group & syndicate discussions and presentations.

Visit to the Supreme Court and meeting with the Hon'ble Chief Justice

A scheduled meeting with the Hon'ble Chief Justice Mr. Yahya Afridi, took place at the Supreme Court Building. Meeting was pleasantly held. Hon'ble the Chief Justice warmly welcome the participants. Introduction was carried out. He greeted all the participants and briefly interacted with each and every participant and asked about respective stations of posting and problems of public importance. He also asked the participants for proactive roles on the stations particularly regarding the issues of women, children and issues of environment. The meeting ended on the cup of tea followed by exchange of shields and group photo.



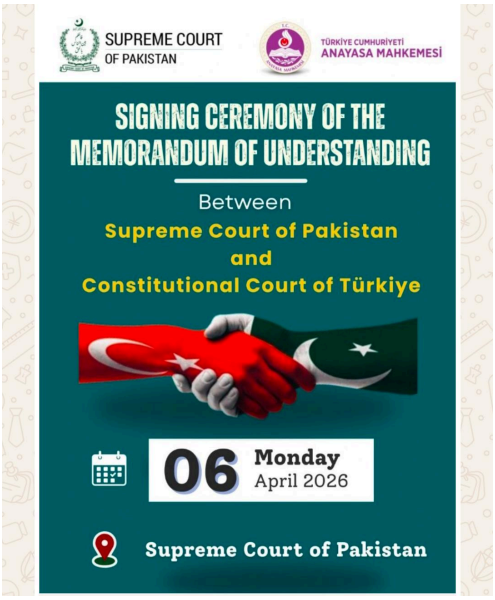


Excursion to Murree

The participants availed offer of the Hon'ble Chief Justice for a tea at Hill Station Murree. The FJA arranged for one day excursion to Murree on Friday April 3, 2026. Indeed it yielded to be a very pleasant day. The participant's trip on a rainy day was a pleasant surprise. All the participants enjoyed it very well.

Signing Ceremony of the Memorandum of Understanding

In the meeting with the Hon'ble Chief Justice, he decided that let the participants shall be attendees to the signing ceremony on Monday, 06 April 2026. Accordingly, Federal Judicial Academy arranged the visit to the Supreme Court of Pakistan. The participants attended the signing ceremony of the memorandum of understanding between the Supreme Court of Pakistan and Constitutional Court of Turkiye. A high level delegation from the Constitutional Court of Republic of Turkiye led by its Hon'ble President, Kadir Ozkaya, accompanied by distinguish Judges and senior officials received by the Hon'ble Chief Justice of Supreme Court of Pakistan.



A central highlight of the visit was the sighing of MoU on Judicial Cooperation between the two Judiciaries. It establishes a defined and structured forward looking frame work for mutual cooperation, encompassing judicial exchange, capacity building, professional training and the sharing of best practices in adjudication and judicial administration.

Conclusion

The four days training program under the professional exchange program was very enriching, highly intellectual, practical and intellectually stimulating experience. To me, it not only pursued its objects rather achieved it successfully. It proved to be a ladder towards high objectives of capacity building, improvements of skills and enhancing intellectual standards. It was an opportunity of exposure to modern and advanced learned methodology, new and innovative practices which contributed at large scale to the judicial acuemenship of the participant. The program successfully concluded with the commendable efforts and cooperation of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Judicial Academy and Federal Judicial Academy, Islamabad.