

Message from the Health Minister, Balochistan

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It is with great pride and pleasure that I extend my heartfelt greetings to all of you gathered for the 5th Annual Conference of BBMT-Pakistan, being held at the beautiful Dayang Bay Resort in Langkawi, Malaysia.

This conference stands as a testament to the firm commitment of BBMT-Pakistan toward advancing the science and practice of blood transfusion medicine and addressing the critical challenge of managing thalassaemia and associated disorders.

The efforts of BBMT-Pakistan over the past few years have demonstrated that progress in transfusion medicine is not just about science but about promoting collaboration, education, and innovation. I applaud the leadership of Patron, Prof. Samina Amanat, President, Dr. Dur-e-Naaz Jamal, Secretary, Dr. Usman Waheed, and Vice President Balochistan, Prof. Hanif Mengal, for their vision and dedication in aligning Pakistan's efforts with global standards. I am confident that this event will catalyze new ideas, partnerships, and practices that will strengthen both national and international collaborations in the field.

This year's focus on safe blood transfusion practices and the management of thalassaemia is of particular importance to Balochistan. Our province faces unique challenges in ensuring access to safe blood and raising awareness about voluntary blood donations. Over the past decade, the provincial government has implemented blood transfusion reform agenda by establishing regional blood centres in Quetta, Turbat, and Loralai.

Conferences like these provide invaluable opportunities to share insights, develop innovative solutions, and bring together brilliant minds to address these pressing issues. I am especially encouraged by the commitment BBMT-Pakistan has shown in building bridges with international organizations like the World Health Organization (WHO) and the International Society of Blood Transfusion (ISBT). These alliances will no doubt promote new research opportunities, better regulatory frameworks, and more effective education and training programmes across Pakistan.

I am pleased to learn that our representatives, Prof. Hanif Mengal, and Abdul Haleem, from the Quetta Regional Blood Centre are attending this conference and will be making a presentation on the regulation of blood transfusion services. This is a proud moment for all of us at the Health Department, Balochistan.

I extend my deepest appreciation to all the speakers, participants, and organizers who have come together to make this event a success. Your dedication is not only uplifting the standards of healthcare in Pakistan but also contributing to the betterment of global healthcare.

I wish BBMT-Pakistan continued success and look forward to the outcomes and resolutions that will emerge from this prestigious event. Together, let us work towards a future where safe and accessible blood transfusion services are a reality for all, and where thalassaemia management is met with hope and improved outcomes.

Warm regards,
Bakht Muhammad Kakar
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