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Award distribution

Tribute to role models

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To celebrate the International Women's Day and pay tribute to women who have achieved excellence in various fields, Aurat Foundation held an awards distribution ceremony at Islamabad Hotel on Thursday.

The awards were distrib-

uted among those who have played an active role in empowering women at a very young age. In addition to that, the foundation also paid a tribute to the late Arfa Karim, the youngest Microsoft specialist, by observing a one-minute silence and giving details of her achievements.

“Education is must for all girls and without it a woman cannot be empowered

Marium Hote Malhar is a social worker who has organised a successful campaign to raise awareness on dengue virus. Hailing from Seraiki area, she says she wasn't given admission in any school in Islamabad as she could not speak English.



“If a girl can climb a mountain she can do anything

Samina Baig, 21, belongs to Shimshal valley in the Karakoram mountain range. She is the first Pakistani woman to adopt mountaineering as a career and has embarked on a high-altitude winter climbing expedition. She conquered many mountains and made her mark in this sport



“In Japan, I saw women working alongside men. When I returned I tried to give voice to our women through art

Shahroo Malik, 20, is a young artist who depicts women's issues through her brush. In 2006, she won a competition held by the Japanese embassy, which allowed her to visit Japan



“Everyday should be women's day so we can acknowledge the role of women in society and raise our voice against brutalities

Malala Yousafzai, 14, won the National Peace Award for Youth. During the militant rule in Swat, she wrote on kids' rights to education on BBC website



“My gold medal gives a clear message that our women are strong and can make their mark in any field

Sara Nasir, 21, is the only girl from Pakistan to achieve a gold medal in karate in a recognised martial arts competition such as the South Asian Games in Dhaka in February 2010. She earned her black belt at the age of eight.

