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Aurat Foundation's "Give to Gain" Gala Marks 40 Years of Empowerment and National Service

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In a magnificent celebration of compassion, resilience, and collective responsibility, the Aurat Foundation commemorated its historic 40th Anniversary with a prestigious fundraising gala titled "Give to Gain" at the luxurious Pearl Continental Hotel. The grand event emerged as a shining symbol of national solidarity, social consciousness, and a renewed commitment to inclusive development in Pakistan.

The evening was dedicated to highlighting the importance of social capital and its transformative role in building a just, democratic, and gender-sensitive society. One of the most emotional and symbolic moments of the ceremony was the cutting of the magnificent 40th Anniversary cake by the Chief Guest and the leadership of the Foundation, representing four decades of courage, empowerment, and the enduring success of women across Pakistan.

The ceremony was presided over by Anis Haroon, while



renowned business leader Hamza Tabani attended as the Chief Guest. Adding intellectual depth to the evening, Mumsa Hasan eloquently narrated the inspiring history, achievements, and struggles of the Aurat Foundation over the last forty years.

The proceedings were gracefully moderated by Muneezah Khan, whose elegant presentation style and thoughtful engagement with the audience created an atmosphere of purpose, dignity, and inspiration. Her professionalism and articulate moderation received immense appreciation from guests and participants alike.

A defining highlight of the evening was the keynote address delivered by Naeem Mirza on the subject of Social Capital. His passionate and vi-

sionary speech received a standing ovation from the audience. Widely respected for his tireless dedication to women's rights and social justice, Naeem Mirza reflected on the Foundation's long and challenging journey through complex socio-political realities while ensuring that the organization remained a beacon of hope for marginalized communities and women across Pakistan.

Chief Guest Hamza Tabani praised the Foundation's unwavering efforts and emphasized that the corporate sector must actively invest in social equity and human development. He stated that organizations like the Aurat Foundation have laid the groundwork for a stronger and more compassionate Pakistan. The event also featured insightful addresses by distin-



guished guest speakers who shed light on various dimensions of social development and empowerment.

Asma Zeshan highlighted the importance of digital inclusion, emphasizing that technological access and digital literacy for women are among the most effective tools for economic empowerment in the modern era.

Renowned cardiologist Akram Sultan spoke passionately about the direct relationship between women's social status and community health. He advocated for specialized healthcare systems and preventative medical support designed specifically to improve the well-being of women.

Meanwhile, Syed Zeshan Hashmi emphasized the signif-



icance of a "Whole-of-Nation" approach, stressing that sustainable social capital can only flourish when industries, corporations, and humanitarian organizations work together under a unified national vision.

The fundraising gala attracted an impressive gathering of influential personalities from the corporate, academic, health-

care, legal, and social sectors. Among the distinguished attendees were Simi Kamal, Noman Saigal, Khalid Shaikh, and Munawar Ali Mithani.

The audience also included leading professionals and entrepreneurs such as Kabeer Ahmed, Sarfaraz Ahmed Khan, Salman Adil, and Shaher Bano Walajahi, alongside respected members of the legal and academic communities