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FROM THE DESK OF CEO

Dear Readers,

I wish you all a very blessed Easter. The great sacrifice of our Lord Jesus Christ has paved the way for our salvation. I hope that the season of Lent and Holy Week, culminating in the Resurrection of our Lord, has been a time of deep reflection and abundant blessings for you. May this sacred period have brought spiritual renewal and refreshment to you and your families.

As we look back on the period from January to March 2026, I am proud of the significant progress we have made together across our offices and schools. As we begin a new academic year following the successful completion of our annual examinations, I extend my warmest greetings to each one of you. The conclusion of the examination period marks not only the end of one chapter but also the beginning of new opportunities for growth, learning, and achievement. I would like to commend all teachers and principals of schools for their dedication, hard work, and professionalism. As we step into this new academic year, we do so with renewed purpose and commitment. This is a time to set fresh goals, strengthen our academic standards, and continue nurturing an environment where our students can thrive both intellectually and personally.

We also pray for our students appearing in Secondary School Certificate (SSC) examination. May Lord bless them so that their hard work may bring fruit in the form of shining marks.

As we continue our work during a time of significant global uncertainty, our thoughts are with all those affected by the ongoing conflicts in different parts of the world. Recent developments, particularly involving tensions and hostilities across regions, remind us of the fragility of peace and the profound impact that conflict has on communities, families, and especially children.

Let us continue to foster environments where hope prevails over fear, and knowledge becomes a tool for building a more peaceful and just world. Through our collective efforts, we can help shape a generation that values dialogue over conflict and unity over division.

Thank you for your hard work, resilience, and ongoing commitment.

Sincerely,

Asher Javaid

FROM THE DESK OF CEO

SESSION BY MR. ASHER JAVAID AT MANILA, PHILIPPINES

Mr. Asher Javaid, CEO of NCEC, facilitated a session in a conference at Manila, Philippines on 15th March 2026. The session of the OIEC Asia and Oceania Regional Meeting focused on the theme “Learning to Live Together: Education for Peace.”

During the session, participants reflected on how Catholic schools can become spaces that nurture dialogue, understanding, and solidarity, forming young people who will become builders of peace within their communities and nations.

Among the key highlights discussed were the meaning and foundations of peace, emphasizing that peace begins with each person. Mr. Asher Javaid underscored that personal or inner peace is the most essential form of peace, reminding participants that peace begins with me and shapes how individuals relate to others and to society.

A central insight emphasized during the discussion was that peace begins with listening, a genuine openness to understand the experiences, perspectives, and realities of others. The session also echoed the call of Pope Francis to move away from a throwaway culture and instead foster a culture of encounter, where dialogue, respect, and mutual understanding become the foundation of education and social life.

Through these reflections, the session reaffirmed the vital role of Catholic education in forming young people who are committed to peace, dialogue, and the building of a more just and compassionate world.



FROM THE FINANCE DESK

FINANCIAL LITERACY DRIVE

In a proactive step toward enhancing institutional financial management, the National Catholic Education Commission (NCEC) partnered with MCB Islamic Bank to host a comprehensive Financial Literacy Awareness Session on March 26, 2026. Facilitated by Mr. Afzal Aftab and Mr. Usman Malik, the session brought together the entire staff of NCEC and the Catholic Board of Education (CBE) Lahore to explore essential fiscal concepts. The training was grounded in the National Financial Literacy Program (NFLP) course booklet, which covers critical areas such as effective money management, understanding banking rights, and the strategic use of financial tools to ensure long-term stability.



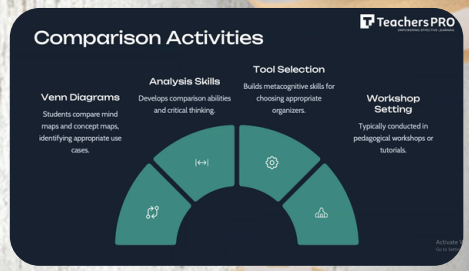
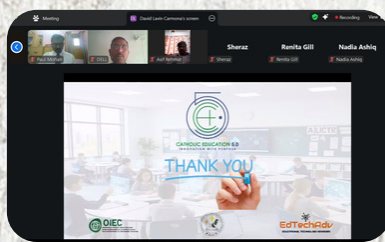
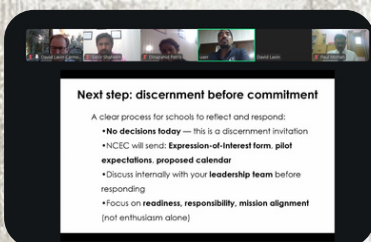
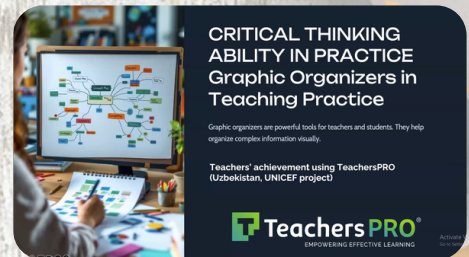
FROM THE ACADEMICS DESK

THE CATHOLIC EDUCATION 5.0 FROM REFLECTION TO PRACTICE

The digital tide is rising in Pakistan, and for the National Catholic Education Commission (NCEC), the question is no longer if we should adapt, but how we lead with purpose. Catholic Education 5.0 is our institutional answer—a journey that moves beyond simply buying devices to fundamentally reimagining the "Human-AI Nexus" in our schools.



This is not a top-down mandate; it is a global-local synergy. By partnering with David Lavín (Ed Tech Advisors), the NCEC is merging international technical strategy with the specific mission and values of Pakistani Catholic schools. We are building a model where technology doesn't drive the classroom, it serves the teacher. For pedagogical leaders, the heart of this project is a robust "train-the-trainers" framework. We are empowering a vanguard of 25 Master Teachers (Principals only), Teacher Educators to act as the catalysts for change.



FROM THE ACADEMICS DESK

STRENGTHENING EDUCATIONAL STANDARDS AND NON-FORMAL PATHWAYS ADVANCING ALTERNATIVE EDUCATION THE JICA-CBE HYDERABAD PARTNERSHIP

In a significant stride toward educational excellence, the National Catholic Education Commission (NCEC) and the Catholic Board of Education (CBE) spearheaded two pivotal initiatives in early 2026. These programs were designed to address the dual challenges of providing quality,

standardized assessments for secondary students and expanding inclusive educational access for out-of-school children through non-formal multi-grade schooling

The journey began in Hyderabad from January 27th to 30th, 2026, where six dedicated trainers from the Catholic Board of Education, Hyderabad, attended a specialized "Training of Trainers" (ToT) session. Organized by the Directorate of Literacy & Non-formal Education in collaboration with JICA, the training focused on the Accelerated Learning Program (ALP) specifically for Multi-Grade Schools.

The delegation from CBE Hyderabad, led by Ms. Teresa D'Souza and including Mr. Sheraz Mark, Mr. Paul Mohan, Mr. Kheemchand Dharmoon, Mr. Wishram Bharu, and Mr. Mulchand Chando, gained critical insights into fast-tracking primary education for marginalized youth.

This initiative underscores a commitment to bridging the literacy gap for children who have previously been excluded from the formal school system.



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STRATEGIC PLANNING FOR CENTRALIZED ASSESSMENTS (2026-27)

Under the leadership of Mr. Asher Javaid, the CEO of NCEC, a meeting was held on February 2-3, 2026, at the NCEC office. The session brought together Teacher Educators (TEs) and the Academic Desk of the NECC to finalize the Centralized Assessment Plan for Classes IX and X.

The gathering brought together key personnel, including Mr. Saimon Robin and Mr. Sabir Shaheen from NCEC, as well as expert Teacher Educators from CBE Lahore (Shahida Iqbal, Nadia Shahbaz, Steve John), DBE Islamabad (Amir Dean, Erum Zafar, Rubina Pervaiz), and CBE Multan (Haroon Raphael, Uzma Aziz). Participants engaged in a transparent review of the 2025 pilot phase. While identifying areas for growth, particularly regarding the need for subject specialists and increased management engagement. The discussions moved beyond statistics to address practical hurdles such as syllabus disruptions due to holidays and logistical issues in paper checking.



FROM THE ACADEMICS DESK

PARTICIPATION IN CRESCENT ACADEMIA MOOT 2.0 NAVIGATING EDVENTURE

The Crescent Academia Moot 2.0, held from February 13–15, 2026, served as a premier platform for academic exchange and innovation under the theme "Navigating Edventure". The event, hosted at the Crescent Model Higher Secondary School (Girls Campus) organized by , Kifayat Publishers, brought together a distinguished delegation from the National Catholic Education Commission (NCEC) and the Catholic Board of Education (CBE). Key attendees included Mr. Saimon Robin (Education Officer - NCEC) and Mr. Sabir Shaheen (Assistant Education Officer).

The conference was characterized by its intellectually stimulating environment, featuring inspiring keynote addresses by distinguished educationists and thought-provoking panel discussions on contemporary academic challenges. The delegation actively engaged in interactive workshops and research presentations designed to enhance professional practices and institutional management. These sessions provided the NCEC and CBE team with valuable insights into the latest educational trends and innovations, offering a great collaborative venture to learn from and alongside other leading educational institutions.



FROM THE ACADEMICS DESK

TRAINING AT ST. PAUL'S HIGH SCHOOL, GREEN TOWN, LAHORE ENHANCING ACADEMIC STANDARDS

On Saturday, 31 January 2026, the National Catholic Education Commission (NCEC) continued its mission of academic empowerment by conducting a specialized Teacher Development Session at St. Paul's English High School, Green Town. Led by Mr. Sabir Shaheen, the Assistant Education Officer at NCEC, the workshop focused on the critical theme of "Effective Copy Checking and Constructive Feedback". The session, which ran from 9:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., provided 15 dedicated educators with practical tools to transform routine grading into a meaningful learning dialogue.



This initiative reflects NCEC's ongoing commitment to professional excellence, ensuring that our teachers are equipped with the best practices necessary to foster an environment of academic rigor and constructive encouragement.

As you reach the end of this edition, the NCEC Office extends its heartiest greetings to you for the Easter season. Just as Easter signifies renewal and new beginnings, we remain committed to the continuous growth and transformation of our educational landscape.

May this time of reflection bring peace to your heart and fresh inspiration to your work.

**WISHING YOU A
BLESSED AND JOYFUL
EASTER!**



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