

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Letter from a retiring forest officer to his Colleagues

Dear Colleague:

There are two very important events in a man's life. The day he is born and the day he fades away into eternity. The period in-between is replete with vicissitudes. One goes through several charismatic experiences of an eventful life.

After spending 36 years in devising ways and means to grow, sustain and manage the renewable resource of Pakistan through research, training and field practices, when I look back at the long trial, I feel I have had a productive innings. On the human side too I have come out almost unscathed:

loved by most, disliked by some and hated by almost none. This is at-least what one likes to think inspite of one's inadequacies.

Retiring now on the fourth of February, 1990, I firmly believe that whatever little I was able to achieve, it was possible only because I was fortunate to have colleagues and well-wishers like you around me to keep me properly balanced on the right track. I am so grateful to you for your unstinted support and cooperation.

With best wishes and kind regards.

Sincerely,

MAHMOOD IQBAL SHEIKH