

**MESSAGE FROM PROFESSOR DR. HANS LOEFFLER,  
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In 1979, the German Agency for Technical Cooperation (GTZ) requested the Faculty of Forestry, University of Munich, to participate in the evaluation of a project entitled "Development of training and research facilities in Forest Products Engineering and Logging (Forest Engineering)" at Pakistan Forest Institute, Peshawar, and later on, i.e. from 1981 onwards, to give advice to this project. The faculty conveyed this honourable and interesting task to my institute. Besides this, the Institute for Silviculture and Forest Management (Prof. Dr. P. Burschel and Prof. Dr. J. Huss) and the Institute for Wood Research (Prof. Dr. H. Schulz and Dr. G. Wegener) were also involved.

From my point of view the cooperation between the PFI and our faculty, running since 1981 for a period of 9 years has been very successful and efficient. We were able to assist our counterparts at the Pakistan Forest Institute to improve teaching and research in several disciplines, in planning of access development, road construction, timber harvesting and transport, wood anatomy, forest products engineering as well as silviculture and forest management. A Field Station and research and training activities initiated in it count as the most successful outcome of the project. Many universities in different countries would consider themselves fortunate to have such favourable training and research facilities at their disposal.

One can also consider personal friendships that have developed since 1981 as an exceptionally beneficial aspect of the project. The cooperation has with certainty contributed to a better mutual understanding between our two countries, Federal Republic of Germany and Pakistan.

Training and research are investments for the future that in the long run strongly influence welfare and stability of a society and a nation. This holds true in particular for forestry. I sincerely hope and wish, that the PFI-project would contribute to sustain the forests of Pakistan as an indispensable ecological and economically viable natural resource and to make wise use of it in coming years.

The project will terminate in June 1990. However, the scientific contacts that have developed during the past nine years between the Pakistan Forest Institute and Faculty of Forestry in Munich will continue. On behalf of the Faculty of Forestry, University of Munich, I offer our colleagues in Pakistan, at the

Pakistan Forest Institute and also the Forest Departments and Forest Development Corporations, continued cooperation in the future.

At this point I would like to express my warm thanks to all scientists and forest officers from Pakistan, the Federal Republic of Germany, Austria and Switzerland, who were involved in the project and who have contributed to its success.