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CJ LHC RE-OPENS EASTERN **WING OF LHC**

Lahore, May 31, 2014:

Chief Justice of Lahore High Court, Mr. Justice Umar Ata Bandial thanked the advocate community for giving up the culture of strikes and boycott of Courts even on trivial issues in vogue in the past. Hon'ble Chief Justice also thanked the Judges for working long hours and making every effort for disposal of cases. This has resulted in disposal of greater number of cases ultimately benefiting the litigant public. Hon'ble Chief Justice further said that disposal of cases does not matter, we believe in quality of judgments. "Adal alone is not sufficient and we must strive for Adal o Ehsan", Chief Justice added. He said the nations who forget their past cannot survive. "We have been able to restore the eastern wing of Lahore High Court to its original grandeur and likewise we must adhere to the golden principles of integrity, commitment and impartiality by our senior judges", CJ concluded.

Senior Puisne Judge and Designate Chief Justice of Lahore High Court, Mr. Justice Khawaja Imtiaz Ahmad lauded the efforts of the Hon'ble Justice Sheikh Azmat Saeed for undertaking this momentous task of preservation of this historic building and for completion by the Hon'ble Chief Justice Umar Ata Bandial with dedication and commitment in a short span of time. He also appreciated the immense interest of the Hon'ble Chief Justice for sprucing up the environment with greenery and beautifying the premises of Lahore High Court.

Speaking on the occasion, Mr. Justice Anwarul Haq told brief history of the building and lamented for neglect and lack of attention in the up keep of the most beautiful building of the South Asia and resultantly let the building decay. Senior Architect Kamil Mumtaz also spoke on the occasion and said that the restoration of building was a complicated and delicate issue. He thanked Almighty Allah for restoring the building as per international laws and parameters. Registrar Mehboob Qadir Shah conducted the proceeding of the re-opening ceremony of the Eastern Wing of Lahore High Court. The function was also attended by Hon'ble Judge of Supreme Court of Pakistan, Mr. Justice Jawad S. Khawaja & Mr. Justice Sheikh Azmat Saeed, former Chief Justice Syed Zahid Hussain, Falak Sher, Irshad Hassan Khan, Khalil Rehman Ramday, Retired and Sitting Judges of Lahore High Court, Senior Advocate S.M.Zafar, President Lahore High Court Bar Association, Shafqat Mehmood Chohan as well as other officer bearers and senior lawyers. **(MEDIA CELL)**