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LHCBA HOLD FAREWELL FOR CJ LHC

LAHORE, JUNE 6, 2014:

Chief Justice of Lahore High Court, Mr. Justice Umar Ata Bandial was accorded a red carpet and standing ovation farewell hosted by Lahore High Court Bar Association at the Karachi Shuhada Hall. Speaking on the occasion, Hon'ble Chief Justice said that Almighty Allah has bestowed the obligation upon legal fraternity to hold accountable any one on violating the Constitution and law of the land and this power should be used judiciously as a sacred trust reposed in the Bench and Bar. Judges of the Lahore High Court and full jam packed Karachi Shuhada Hall with the Senior Advocates attended the function.

Hon'ble Chief Justice said that law should be applied with the great sense of morality and wisdom in order to create an equilibrium and stabilization in the society. Hon'ble Chief Justice asked the advocates to act like gladiators (swords men of Rome) for providing justice to the litigant public. Gladiators had entertained audiences in violent confrontations risking their social values and earned acclaim. Hon'ble Chief Justice said that lawyers are required to point out wrongs and had to play a role in eliminating the imbalances, insecurity and discrimination from the society. "Judges are accountable to Almighty Allah, Supreme Judicial Council of Pakistan as well as lawyers and litigant public", CJ concluded.

Mr. Justice Khawaja Imtiaz, Senior Puisne Judge, speaking on the occasion said that Bar and the Bench are two wheels of chariot and inseparable. No body can cast evil eye if Bar and Bench stand united and play their role within their domains. He further said that there are a large number of lawyers and like wise number of judges is also equally great. Therefore, difference of opinion cannot be ruled out. There is a need to maintain harmony among our ranks. Justice Imtiaz cited an example that if two brothers quarrel with each other, they don't set their house on fire. Therefore, we have to evolve solutions to our problems in an amicable fashion. He also appreciated the developmental and re-organizational measures adopted by the Chief Justice Umar Ata Bandial and vowed to carry on these resulted oriented steps.

President Lahore High Court Bar Association, Mr. Shafqat Mehmood Chohan asked the advocates to respect the Bench in all circumstances and it will reciprocate from the Bench and the litigant public will benefit from this gesture. He recalled that black coats have steered the country out of crises in 2009 in the wake of Lawyers Movement and assured that every Bar member is ready to sacrifice in case of any need arises. Mr. Shafqat Mehmood also resolved to continue the support and cooperation with the would be Chief Justice, Mr. Justice Khawaja Imtiaz Ahmad. **(MEDIA CELL)**