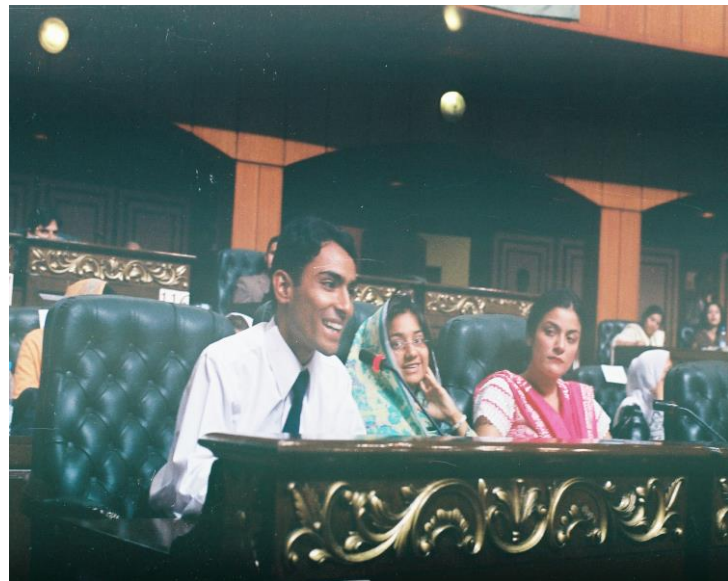




SUPPORTING LEARNERS

Over the past five years, a large number of organizations have indicated that Higher Education is not meeting the needs of industry in a few significant areas and students, lack skills in many areas which limits in their progression into employment, It is proposed that programs to support student learning may also be targeted towards student in higher education. This will not enhance their skills but also increase the likelihood of employability after graduation. A tentative list of programs with duration of two hours to six days is currently being planned

Students' convention is yet another new initiative by the Government of Pakistan to engage students of the nation in dialogue on pertinent issues. The philosophy behind students' convention is to understand how the youth of Pakistan can play a constructive role in the development of Pakistan and prepare prospective leaders that in future are a valuable asset to the country.



In year 2004 the first National Student Convention was held at Convention Centre, Islamabad where one hundred and eighteen delegates from universities and religious institution across Pakistan participated. This event was followed by a state delegation comprising 100 young students with the Director General, Learning Innovation as deputy leader. In addition, while the National convention became a regular event, regional conventions at provincial level also are now providing opportunities to engage youth of Pakistan.

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