



"Good leaders must first become good servants"

Dear fellows,

The preparations for the upcoming PALPA elections are underway and everybody (including myself) is looking forward with positive expectations. Under the light of the contemporary issues being faced by our organization, it is our responsibility as its patrons to take the command and select a contestant, rather a 'servant' from amongst us who had experience with the organization, a long-standing track record, & community devotion that prevails him to foresee the patrons' issues and present viable solutions that are mutually beneficial; for the organization and its patrons.

Rhetorically speaking, personal associations as opposed to the qualification characteristics tend to influence the electoral process. This may result in electing a popular individual, but not necessarily the most capable one. The way supporters stand by their leader in better times, extra support is needed on a rainy day too which is seldom the case. This now needs to be adjusted by the seniors to ensure that newcomers cast their vote by properly acquainting themselves with the career challenges lying in front of them. This is why I feel I must introduce myself and this is our tradition too. Therefore, as a patron of PALPA, I urge you to recognize your role as a voter, and realize that by fairly exercising this right would ensure integration of your visions with PALPA's policies as an organization.

My deep rooted inclination towards PALPA stems from my decades long association with the organization, and this election excites me in particular as I offer my 35 years of volunteer and field experience for the privilege of assuming the role of PALPA's next Executive Committee Member. Working independently and in coordination with Multinational companies to develop housing projects in Pakistan has produced transferrable skills in administering & directing projects, evaluating & executing plans, overseeing and producing results; skills that I can effectively utilize to do justice for the role of your next Elected Executive Committee Member.

My agenda is simple enough: Work selflessly for the Pilots' community. I believe that the only power we have is our Unity. My mandate comprises not just secured working conditions, but better career plans, fighting for competitive perks, your taken away rights to secure atmosphere, a trained and qualified committee to look after your interests and proper legal guidance when required. We are from airline and airline is from us, we must take care of our airline first. Ice should be broken between PALPA and management by showing that PALPA is not only a negotiating body for pilots but is equally faithful to PIA too.

I have faith and confidence that together we can, and together we will.

LONG LIVE THE UNITY OF PILOTS

Yours truly,

Capt. Hamid Arif

For PALPA Executive Committee Member (2010-2012)