

President confers Hilal-i-Pakistan on UNESCO DG

ISLAMABAD: President Mamnoon Hussain Thursday conferred the award of Hilal-i-Pakistan upon Ms. Irina Bokova, Director General, United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) during a special investiture ceremony at Aiwan-e-Sadr.

President conferred the award on Irina Bokova in recognition of her services for the people of Pakistan, supporting Pakistan in various UNESCO fora and activities, promoting Pakistan's cultural heritage and Indus valley civilisation and assisting the country during natural disasters.

Later, Ms Irina Bokova also called on the president and discussed matters related to various activities and projects being undertaken in Pakistan with the help of UNESCO. He thanked Irina Bokova for setting up 'Malala Fund' for the promotion of girl's education under the umbrella of UNESCO and for taking personal interest in arranging a high level advocacy event on girl's right to education with the Government of Pakistan.

Irina Bokova assured continued support of UNESCO in the fields of education, science and culture and, thanked the president and government of Pakistan for decorating her with the award of Hilal-i-Pakistan. The investiture ceremony was attended among others by Zahid Hamid, Minister for Science and Technology, Baleeghur Rehman, Minister of state for Education, Training and Standards in Higher Education and other senior officials.

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