Offering Education to Girls shortest way to empower them

ISLAMABAD, Oct 11 (APP): State Minister for Education, Training and Standards in Higher Education, Baligh Ur Rehman, here on Friday said offering quality education to girls is the shortest way to empower them. He said the government is committed to work hard to improve the education statistics in the country and budget for education particularly for girls education would be increased. He was addressing as chief guest at the inaugural Education Expo, “Innovating for Girls’ Education” as part of celebrations for the International Day of the Girl Child 2013, jointly organized by United Nations Educational Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) and United Nations Children’s Fund (UNICEF).

Representatives and officials of the government, UNICEF, UNESCO, representatives of the civil society organizations, media and students of the various educational institutes including students of the Islamabad College for Girls attended the expo.

The minister also extend his gratitude to UNESCO and UNICEF for organizing the event and said Pakistan lag behinds in the education sector but the government is focusing on girls education to bridge this gap.

Country Director UNESCO, Kozeu Kay Nagata congratulates all the participants for Malala Yousafzai win of the European Union’s Annual Human Rights Award and said it is a moment of great pride for all Pakistanis, especially all girls of this country.

Dr. Kay Nagata said UNESCO is committed to promoting girls education agenda to achieve the efforts towards Education for All (EFA) which will focus on addressing the importance of new technology and also innovation in partnerships, policies, resource utilization, community mobilization and most of all -the engagement of young people themselves.

UNICEF Representative and OIC, Miriam de Figueroa while speaking on the occasion said this day will provide a platform to highlight examples around Pakistan of ongoing work and what has been achieved as well as to raise the importance of innovation in advancing girls education in Pakistan.

The International Day of the Girl Child recognizes girl’s rights and the unique challenges girls face around the world. The United Nations adopted this day through Resolution 66/170 to declare 11 October as the International Day of the Girl Child.