

General News: World Bank Parliamentarians Working in Vietnam

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Members of the Parliamentary Network on the World Bank (**PNoWB**) are paying a visit to Vietnam from March 21 to 24 with an aim to address development issues and promote understanding of economic activities in the country.

The delegates are members from the parliaments of 13 countries: the US, France, Belgium, Italy, India, Egypt, Jordan, Kenya, Greece, Sweden, the Philippines, Kazakhstan and Canada.

During the four-day trip, the guests will visit development projects in Vietnam, meeting with managers and local staff. They will also exchange experiences and ideas with deputies of the Vietnam National Assembly (NA) about development.

The delegation is slated to work with the Ministry of Planning and Investment on hunger and poverty issues, discussing progress on Vietnam's accession to the World Trade Organisation (WTO) with Vietnamese NA and the Prime Minister's Research Committee.

Delegates will also journey to the central province of Ninh Thuan to survey poverty alleviation and survey the WB's projects there, meeting with poor families and visiting the coral protection project in Hon Mun, Nha Trang City, Khanh Hoa province, working with Ho Chi Minh City officials.

The **PNoWB** was established five years ago. It began as an informal network of parliamentarians interested in the work of the World Bank and development. Today the **PNoWB** is a non-profit association under French law, which gathers together over 140 parliamentarians from 60 countries.

The purpose of the **PNoWB** is both to increase parliamentary involvement and effectiveness in the field of international development and to encourage dialogue between MPs and the World Bank.

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Talpur leaves for Vietnam on World Bank invitation

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Karachi, March 21 (PPI): PPP MNA and former Federal Minister Nawab Muhammad Yousuf Talpur flew to Vietnam Sunday on a World Bank invitation to visit Vietnam and assess the World Bank activities there. Parliamentarians from six countries of Europe, Asia and Africa have been invited to a five-day field visit to Vietnam and the visit is being coordinated by Parliamentary Network on the World Bank (**PNoWB**), which is a global action-oriented organization of parliamentarians advocating for transparency and accountability in international development.

The mission of the **PNoWB** is Accountability: to facilitate and encourage direct dialogue between parliamentarians and multilateral development institutions in order to promote greater transparency of the policies and practices in particular of the World Bank, and to also encourage collective accountability; Advocacy: to provide the **PNoWB** Members with a platform for coordinated parliamentary advocacy on international development issues; Networking: to encourage concerted action, early debate and exchange of information among parliamentarians on major issues of international development, finance and poverty eradication; Partnerships: to take initiatives to further cooperate and encourage partnerships among parliamentarians and policymakers, the academic community, the business sector and non-governmental organizations on development issues; Progress Review: to promote the development of parliamentary mechanisms and practices for the effective democratic control of development assistance in all its phases.

The Field Visits program, "Parliamentarians in the Field", is a one of the key activities of the **PNoWB**, organized jointly with the World Bank and supported by a grant from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Finland. The purpose of the Field Visits is to contribute to a well-informed public debate on the role of international financial institutions, particularly the World Bank, with a focus on improving the transparency and accountability of these institutions. The purpose of the visit is to apprise the parliamentarians to know the way the World Bank operates in the field. During such visits the Parliamentarians from donor countries who vote the allocation of development aid budgets are given the chance to see for themselves how projects are implemented in order to better evaluate how funds are actually used in the field. While the parliamentarians from recipient countries use the program as a benchmarking exercise and an opportunity to exchange views and experiences with their colleagues.

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