



Dr. Syed Babar Ali



As an entrepreneur and industrialist, Syed Babar Ali envisioned and set up Packages Limited (Pakistan's largest paper & board mill), Milkpak Limited – now Nestle Milkpak Limited - (one of the largest food processing companies in Pakistan especially liquid milk in Tetra Pak containers); Tetra Pak Pakistan Limited, International General Insurance Company of Pakistan Limited, Tri-Pack Films Limited, First International Investment Bank and Systems Private Limited. He is Chairman of Aventis Pakistan Limited, Bayer CropScience Pakistan Limited, Siemens Pakistan Engineering Company Limited, Coca-Cola Beverages Pakistan Limited and Director of Unilever Pakistan Limited and Mitchell's Fruit Farms Limited. He believes in the joint venture philosophy and most of his businesses are joint ventures with major multinationals.

As an educationist, he envisioned and established Lahore University of Management Sciences (LUMS) in 1985 of which he is the first Pro-Chancellor. LUMS is Pakistan's premier management education institution. He also founded Ali Institute of Education for training of primary and secondary school teachers.

He promoted the cause of the World Wide Fund for Nature where he served in various capacities, both in Pakistan and internationally, from 1972 to 1996. He was International President of WWF from 1996 to 1999 succeeding HRH The Duke of Edinburgh. He is now Vice President Emeritus, WWF International.

He served as Pakistan's Minister of Finance, Economic Affairs & Planning in 1993.

He received honours and awards from the Government of Sweden, the Netherlands, an OBE from Britain (1997), and was awarded an Honorary Doctorate Degree of Laws from McGill University, Montreal, Canada (1997).