

FPCCI elections being held today

KARACHI: Federation of Pakistan Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FPCCI), an apex body of chambers, has made all arrangements to hold its annual election on December 27 (today) for the year of 2020.

Voting will take place for the posts of president and senior vice president. Four vice presidents representing the chamber of commerce and industries from Sindh, Balochistan, Khyber-Pakhtunkhwa and Punjab will also be elected in addition to four vice presidents representing the associations of trade and industry.

Voting will start at 9.30 am and continue till 5.30 pm with a break for prayer and lunch from 12.30 pm to 2.30 pm.

Nominees of chambers of commerce and industries including women chambers, chamber for small traders, national level associations representing industry, trade and services will cast votes in the annual election of the FPCCI.

Two major groups namely Businessmen Panel (BMP) led by Anjum Nisar and United Business Group (UBG) led by Iftikhar Ali Malik and S M Muneer are actively participating in the elections.

Both the groups - BMP and UBG - are claiming being in a comfortable position to get victories in the annual election of FPCCI.

This year as per turn a candidate from Punjab will be elected as President of FPCCI for the term.

There is one to one contest for the seat of president. For which Dr Nouman Idris Butt from UBG and Anjum Nisar from BMP are in the run.

On Senior Vice President seat, the election commission received four nomination papers from Muhammad Hanif (UBG), Liaquat Ali Sultan, Asim Ghani Usman (BMP) and Saqib Fayaz.

However, Liaquat Ali Sultan and Saqib Fayaz have withdrawn their names, therefore there is one to one contest between Muhammad Hanif (UBG) and Asim Ghani Usman (BMP) on this seat.

Abdul Khaliq Khan from UBG and Abdul Qayoom Qureshi from BMP are contesting for the seat of vice president from Sindh. Zahid Iqbal from UBG and Malik Muhammad Sarfaraz Nazan Awan from BMP are in the run for the slot of vice president from Punjab. Adnan Ali from UBG and Qaisar Khan from BMP while Niaz Muhammad and Juma Khan from BMP are contesting for the seats of vice presidents from Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and Balochistan respectively.

However, from federal area only one nomination of Muhammad Ali Quaid (UBG) was received for the vice president seat and he has been declared elected unopposed unofficially.

There are two candidates, who are in the run for one seat of vice president of chambers of small traders and small industry - Nadeem Sheikh (UBG) and Muhammad Rafiq.

There are nine candidates against four vacant seats of vice presidents of associations of trade and industry including Malik Sohail Hussain (UBG), Rizwan Ashraf, Zubair Baweja (UBG), Shabab Ahmed (UBG), Aslam Pakhali (UBG), Col ® Tauqir Ul Islam (BMP), Khurram Ijaz (BMP), Sultan Rehman (BMP), Muhammad Sajid and Shabbir Hussain.

Ms Samina Faizil (UBG), Ms Roohi Rizwan (BMP) are contesting for the seat of vice President of women chamber of commerce and industry.