

BMP announces candidates for top slots of FPCCI

Businessmen Panel (BMP) has nominated former president Sahiwal Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Ch Muhammad Hussain Zahid as a senior vice-president (SVP) candidate for the FPCCI upcoming polls. While Khamis Saeed, nominee of All Pakistan Papers Merchant Association and Shaikl Ahmad, nominee of All Pakistan International Freight forwarders Association are nominated as vice-president candidates for the upcoming polls of the Federation of Pakistan Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FPCCI) which will be held on December 28th.

These announcements were made by Chairman BMP, Mian Anjum Nisar in a core committee meeting of the BMP. He said that FPCCI elections are on way and this year we have nominated an upright candidate for the SVP for Federation so that grievances of the South Punjab, including Sahiwal division business community, may be equally addressed after winning the elections.

He said that it is unfortunate that Federation of Pakistan Chambers of Commerce and Industry has regrettably distanced itself from its national duty of projecting Pakistan's potential at international trade, investment, and economic events.

"All over the world the responsibility of economic diplomacy and development has largely been shifted from governments to private sector institutions," he added.

The apex trade bodies used to promote economic diplomacy and it has become a global trend to utilise the strength and capacity of such private sector representative bodies for economic and political diplomacy.

He said that he believes in Naya Pakistan and FPCCI should learn from its counterpart organisation FICCI (Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry) and added that Turkish Chamber of Commerce has played a significant role in the success of the respective country foreign policy as well as used its vital role in their Planning Commissions.

However, the ruling group of the apex trade body did serious blunders and put aside the responsibilities of the apex trade body and protect their own interests and always highlight the slogan of "sab accha ha" in front of the government, which was a joke, and every year they made false commitments in front of the business community only to win the elections and nothing else.

BMP Senior Vice President Candidate Chaudhry Muhammad Hussain said, "I am obliged by the confidence and trust which the leadership reposed on me, I ensure after winning the FPCCI elections my doors are open for all EC and GB members of the FPCCI as well as for all Chambers and trade bodies." "You will see the Naya FPCCI from January onwards," he added. He said our economy is in bad shape and we have to work with the government side by side to put our economy back on track.

He said that the government should also focus on resolving the economic crisis in addition to curbing corruption and money laundering and better environment for business trade and industry should be developed in the country by offering required incentives to the business community.

Ch Hussain further assured to visit all chambers and put his agenda in front of them in order to re-flourish the sanctity of the FPCCI which was badly damaged in the last four years. "I know it's a challenging task but with support of the business community I will restructure the Federation on professional lines which is needed for the country," he said.