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**Invitation / Guidelines for School Participation
at the Children's Literature Festival Karachi February 21-22, 2014
and the Teachers' Literature Festival on February 20, 2014
Venue: Arts Council Pakistan Karachi**

Dear Sir/Madam,

Idara-e-Taleem-o-Aagahi (ITA), Oxford University Press (OUP) in collaboration with Open Society Foundations (OSF) Pakistan, are delighted to host the 9th Children's Literature Festival (CLF) at the Arts Council of Pakistan Karachi.

The Children's Literature Festival (CLF) in Karachi will be held on the 21st and 22nd of February 2014. For the first time, Teachers' Literature Festival (TLF) will also be held on the 20th of February.

Children's Literature Festival Karachi is a free public event to be attended by thousands of children and teachers from all over Pakistan. This is in itself a social movement. An equalizer for all school systems - government and private sector, non-formal and special needs schools. CLF addresses the challenges of learning, reviving a culture of reading and generating innovative content for textbooks and supplementary materials in classrooms. CLF is a campaign for promoting reading habits through multi-sensory experiences beyond textbooks and tests. CLF promotes critical thinking and imagination.

CLF Karachi is going to present celebrities, authors, publishers and well-known personalities. The event will feature interactive readings, discussions, workshops, theatres and art experiences by famous children's writers, poets, artists and other resource persons.

We are delighted to invite your students and teachers to participate in this event. We are holding a range of workshops and sessions so that students and teachers not only enjoy but also replicate these initiatives in classrooms and schools.

Guidelines

As space and time is limited, we are pre-registering participating schools. For this we want to share with you some practical **guidelines** on participation and informing in advance some award based activities that your school can avail. These guidelines for CLF attendance are as follows:

- As per school convenience a maximum number of 50 children per session could participate from each school (each session will be 1-2 hours); please divide them according to primary, and secondary levels, with accompanying teachers.

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- In order to ensure smooth mobilization and coordination and maximum participation opportunities, we have two time slots available between 9:00 am-1:30pm and 1:30-6: 00 p.m. Please select date and one slot for your school in the registration form as per your convenience.

You are responsible to arrange your own transport; parking is available at the premises.

- A group of 40-50 children should be accompanied by 4 -5 teachers rotating as chaperones and attendees at important workshops and plenary sessions; teachers are expected to participate actively.
- School Banner competitions shall be held at the festival; your school group should prepare a banner and walk to the festival entry with their distinguished school banner. The theme of the CLF Banners is “Promoting the Reading Culture and the Joys of Reading Books.” The statements can be in any language: Urdu, Sindhi, Pashto, Hindko, Balochi, Punjabi, Saraiki, and English etc. Please note that the banner size should be 3ft x 8ft on bamboo poles. It shall be placed in a special open area. The prize announcements will be on both days of the Festival in the last segment of the day.
- Bol kay lub azad hain terey, or “speak for your lips are free” is a creative expression segment in which children can participate. They can read / recite in either Urdu, Sindhi or English prose or poetry written by themselves. Certificates will be distributed to all the participating students. for two age groups: a) 5-11 and b) 12-17 years.
- Students can bring their own lunch boxes if they so wish; however food/drink stalls will be available at the festival to buy food /drinks at reasonable rates .

We look forward to welcoming you all to an unforgettable experience for your students and your teachers and trust you will replicate this in your schools when you return. We enclose for you registration and PLEDGE forms. The Pledge Form will be returned to our PLEDGE desk teams at the end of the CLF session sharing just 4-5 things/ideas you will introduce in your schools as good classroom practices. **Please note that our team is going to visit your school within 2 months of the CLF to see whether CLF activities are being implemented in your respective schools.**

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Teachers' Literature Festival

Under the aegis of the Children's Literature Festival, the **Teachers' Literature Festival** will also be held in Karachi for the first time at the Arts Council of Pakistan Karachi on the **20th of February 2014**.

Eminent educators and writers as well as other prominent practitioners will facilitate the sessions for a full day.

There are going to be 5 **main strands** of the Teachers' Literature Festival which are:

- a) Workshops on **Creative Writing**
- b) Workshops on **Creative Expression**
- c) **Use of new media in the classrooms**
- d) **Book Launches**
- e) **Teachers voices on what facilitates and hampers promotion of reading for creativity and imagination**

Similar to the CLF, the TLF (Teachers' Literature Festival) too is inclusive and free for all teachers from private and public schools across the city.

The TLF will register a maximum of 500 teachers for the morning sessions (9.00 am to 12.00 midday), and 500 for the afternoon sessions (2.00 pm to 5.00 pm). The teachers are requested to reach the venue at least 15 minutes in advance.

The confirmation letter of Teachers' Literature Festival is given below.

Good luck; we as co-founders of CLF eagerly await your participation. For any query please contact CLF Coordinator, Maham Ali on 0300 8541130, email on maham.ali@itacec.org or call on 051- 2824838, 021-35295030

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School Confirmation Letter for CLF Karachi

Name of School: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Number of Participants (approximately): _____

Primary

Class Level /Grades:

No of Students:

Middle/Secondary

Class Level /Grades:

No of Students:

No. of Teachers Attending: _____

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Children's Literature Festival (CLF) Karachi 2014 Implementation Pledge to Promote Reading & Creativity in Our School

We, from _____ (name of school) _____

Address:

Pledge to implement the following 4-5 Ideas learnt at the CLF (for example, a quarterly writing competition, making books by students and teachers, debating) within 3 months

	Ideas to be implemented	Time Frame (Within 3 Months)
1		
2		
3		
4		
5		

CLF Representative and Researchers are most welcome to come and see us in action at our school (in the next two-three months)

Our Focal Teacher for contact will be:

Name: _____

Designation: _____

Cell or Telephone No.: _____

Email: _____

Sign: _____

In charge School Teacher at CLF/ Principal: _____

Date: _____

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TEACHER CONFIRMATION LETTER FOR TEACHERS' LITERATURE FESTIVAL

KARACHI ON FEBRUARY 20, 2014

Name of Teachers _____

Name of School _____

Grade _____

Address _____

Focal Person's Name _____

Phone _____

Email _____

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