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PAKISTANI SKIERS QUALIFY FOR OLYMPIC WINTER GAMES-2014

ISLAMABAD 07 APRIL, 2013: - After participating in International Ski Federation (FIS) races held in Europe and Asia, Pakistan has attained the required FIS points for participation in the Olympic Winter Games (OWG) scheduled to be held in Sochi, Russia in February 2014. The SFP contingent returned from Turkey to Pakistan on 24 March, 2013.

The Pakistani contingent comprising 01 coach and 03 athletes participated in the FIS races held from 17 February to 18 March, 2013. The races were held in Italy, Lebanon and Turkey. The contingent was sent for participation in the events in order to achieve the qualification points for OWG 2014. Mr Mir Nawaz, Mr Karim and Mr Muhammad Abbas of Pakistan Ski Team have achieved 137, 130 and 122 FIS points respectively.

In a momentous run of the FIS race (Slalom discipline) held in Lebanon Mr Mir Nawaz has won a Silver Medal, qualifying for the OWG 2014 with flying colours. It is worth mentioning that the National Flag was hoisted in the Winter Olympics for the first time when Muhammad Abbas of PAF participated in the Giant Slalom discipline of Alpine Skiing during the Olympic Winter Games 2010, held in Vancouver, Canada. SFP after achieving this milestone is making continuous efforts to uphold the country's name in succeeding Olympics and with the same aim the Pakistani contingent was sent to participate in the FIS races. Moreover, SFP has a large number of talented athletes who have the ability to qualify for the Olympics.

The contingent on return from abroad called on Air Marshal Farhat Hussain Khan, Vice Chief of the Air Staff, who is also the President of SFP. Speaking on the occasion, he commended the performance of athletes in the FIS races and advised them to concentrate on their physical fitness in summers for performing even better in the next ski season.