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GRADUATION CEREMONY HELD AT PAF ACADEMY, RISALPUR

RISALPUR 25 MARCH, 2016:- The graduation ceremony of 135 GD (P), 80 & 81 Engineering Course, and 15, 16 & 16 (A) A&SD courses was held at PAF Academy, Risalpur today. General Abidin Unal, Commander Turkish Air Force was the chief guest of the ceremony. Air Chief Marshal Sohail Aman, Chief of the Air Staff, Pakistan Air Force was also present at the occasion.

While addressing the graduating officers, the Chief Guest said that relationship between Pakistan and Turkey goes beyond the level of governments and permeates to all sections of our respective societies. He said that both air forces are maintaining close collaboration in areas of operations, maintenance and training. He also acknowledged the outstanding role being played by the PAF towards achieving the goals of national security. He hoped that the relationship between two air forces would continue to flourish with the same vigour in times to come.

Air Chief Marshal Sohail Aman, Chief of the Air Staff, Pakistan Air Force also addressed during the ceremony. Pakistan and Turkey enjoys cordial and brotherly relations which are spanned over decades. Conduct of regular Joint

Exercises and sharing of professional knowledge and combat experiences are true manifestation of these relations. He thanked Commander Turkish Air Force for providing 34 T-37 aircraft as a gift to PAF for ab-initio jet training of PAF pilots.

A total of 164 Under Training Officers including 12 lady officers graduated at the occasion. The Chief Guest awarded branch insignias to the graduating officers and also gave away trophies to the distinction holders. The chief guest awarded Quaid-e-Azam Banner to No 1 Squadron, the new Champion Squadron of the Academy.

In College of Flying Training, Chief of the Air Staff Trophy for best performance in Flying Training was clinched by Pilot Officer Bilal Hussain while, Chairman Joint Chiefs of Staff Committee Trophy for Best Performance in General Service Training was won by Pilot Officer Bilal Bin Ilyas. The coveted Sword of Honour for Overall Best Performance in College of Flying Training was awarded to **Pilot Officer** Faisal Shahzad. Pilot Officer Rab Nawaz won the trophy for overall best performance in 15 A&SD course.

In College of Aeronautical Engineering, Chief of the Air Staff Trophy for best performance in Engineering was clinched by Pilot Officer Aquib Zulfiqar whereas; Chairman Joint Chiefs of Staff Committee Trophy for Best Performance in General Service Training was won by Pilot Officer Hassan Siddique. The coveted Sword of Honour for Overall Best Performance in College of Aeronautical Engineering was awarded to **Pilot Officer Jamal Ur Rasool**.

The ceremony was followed by a thrilling performance by “**Eaglets**”- the Para Motor Glider team of the Academy. “**Sherdils**”, the PAF Academy Aerobatics team also displayed an exhilarating aerial display at the occasion. The icing on the cake was a scintillating aerial display by the Pride of Pakistan, JF-17 Thunder aircraft.

Earlier, on his arrival at the Academy, the Chief Guest was received by Air Chief Marshal Sohail Aman, Chief of the Air Staff, Pakistan Air Force and Air Vice Marshal Asim Zaheer, Air Officer Commanding PAF Academy, Risalpur. The ceremony was witnessed by **high-ranking Military & Civil Officials, Diplomats, foreign dignitaries** and a large number of guests of graduating Under Training Officers.