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## **ABBAS, MAKES PAKISTANIS PROUD**

**Whistler, Canada 24 February, 2010:-** The sole member of Pakistan's Winter Olympics team, Muhammad Abbas, an employee of Pakistan Air Force, professionally completed his Ski run on the slopes of Whistler, Canada today. With this Abbas, became the first ever proud Pakistani to represent the nation in the Alpine Skiing Category of Winter Olympics 2010. In Tuesday's event, 103 athletes from 60 countries participated in the giant Slalom event, which is considered to be maximum participation in any of the events of the Winter Olympics. Abbas secured 79<sup>th</sup> position out of 103, with a total time of 3 min and 20.58 sec, which is 42.75 sec behind the leader. It is pertinent to mention that Abbas finished 15 sec ahead of Indian athlete in the same run.

Ski Federation of Pakistan (SFP), with Air Marshal Hifazat Ullah Khan, Vice Chief of the Air Staff, PAF as its president made all efforts for Abbas to qualify for the Winter Olympics 2010. SFP has given requisite exposure of training to Mr. Muhammad Abbas by providing him Advanced Ski Training in Austria twice as well as facilitating his participation in Asian Ski Championships and international ski competitions. Under the aegis of PAF and Ski Federation of Pakistan (SFP), the athlete had previously participated in a number of international events and had performed well.

Pakistan Air Force is the pioneer of Skiing in the country and is making all efforts in promoting the sport in the nation. Air Chief Marshal Rao Qamar Suleman, Chief of the Air Staff, Pakistan Air Force is Patron-in-Chief of the Ski Federation.