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The Directorate General of Trade Organizations (DGTO) Ministry of Commerce & Textile Division, in collaboration with Licensed Trade Organizations of Pakistan will organize DGTO Consultative Session on “Capacity Building of Secretary Generals and Office Bearers on March 6, 2018 at PRGMEA House Karachi. The event is aimed at enhancing awareness on Trade Organizations Act 2013 and Trade Organisations Rules, 2013 of Pakistan under which trade bodies in Pakistan are issued license to undertake activities in their specified area of jurisdiction.

Pakistan Readymade Garments Manufacturers Exporters Association, placed in the category of “Coordinating Trade Organizations” (CTOs) by Regulator Trade Organizations will be the lead trade body for the first event to be participated by Licensed Associations from Southern Region (Sindh and Balochistan).

Directorate General of Trade Organizations selected 16 trade bodies for participation through Secretary Generals and Office Bearers. Merchandise sector will be represented by Associations including Garments, Knitwear, Towels, Gloves, Furniture, Packaging, Pharmaceutical, Auto Parts and Chemicals. From the Agriculture sector, Associations representing business communities engaged in Fisheries, Fruits, Halal Products and Crops have been invited for the Consultative Session.

The Services sectors representative bodies contacted for participation comprise of Advertising, Builders/ Developers, Overseas Employment Promoters and information Technologies fields. Petroleum and Chemicals sector will also nominate their office bearers / Secretary Generals for the event. In addition, leading Corporate Lawyers and Trade Journalists will also attend as special guests invited by the organizers.

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Legal aspects for TOs to function as legitimate trade bodies particularly, the provisions on licensing, post-licensing, renewals and conduct of annual elections will be shared with participants during the technical sessions.
