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Karachi 8th October 2017: PDMA Sindh in collaboration with HANDS Pakistan celebrated National Disaster Awareness Day today at DHA Park near Sea View, Karachi. The day is celebrated in commemorate of the victims of Earthquake 2005.

The Honourable Minister for Population Welfare and Rehabilitation Department, Mir Mumtaz Hussain Jakhrani graced the occasion as Chief Guest and highlighted the importance of awareness towards saving the human lives from different disasters. He stressed on the importance of educating the people for rampant catastrophes like heat waves, droughts and floods. The Honorable Minister emphasized on adopting modern/ international best practices for mitigation, rescue, relief & rehabilitation. He further viewed that the world must take concrete steps towards reducing the global warming effects, which has brought an existential threat to the survival of mankind on the planet.

Ms. Shahida Rahmani, Member National Assembly (PPPP), Mr. Danish Saeed Secretary Rehabilitation / Director General PDMA, other high officials from Government of Sindh and a number of representatives of civil society, NGOs/INGOs, electronic and print media participated in the event.

The Secretary Rehabilitation/DG PDMA, Mr. Danish Saeed highlighting the importance of the day in his speech said that the government of Sindh is well aware of its responsibilities and is taking all out efforts to deal with the natural as well as human-made disasters. He highlighting about the damages of recent disasters said that the 8th October is celebrated as National Disaster Awareness Day. He further said that this day not only reminds us of those who lost their lives in the earthquake of 2005 but also unites us to help each other during disasters. He told that PDMA has served as the apex coordinating body during series of recent disasters like Cyclone Phet 2010, super floods 2010, cloud burst in 2011, excessive rainfall in Jacobabad and adjoining districts in 2012, urban flooding in Karachi - 2013, drought in Tharparkar - 2014, floods 2015, heat-wave of 2015 as well as recent heavy rains in Karachi 2017. He also appreciated the role of civil society, NGOs and humanitarian organizations.

The participants of the event observed Candlelight Vigil, and 2 minute silence in commemoration of the victims of past disasters at Seaview.

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