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Aziz seeks UNDP help for Tsunami early warning system

ISLAMABAD Feb 25: Prime Minister Shaukat Aziz has sought assistance of United Nations Development Programme for establishing Tsunami early warning system in South Asia.

The Prime Minister formally requested here Friday in a meeting with Under Secretary of UNDP, Zephirin Diated who called on him at PM Secretariat. Zephirin is also associate administration to Pakistan.

"Please accept my thanks o providing technical assistance for setting up early warning system in this region," Shaukat Aziz said. The Pm also formally requested him for UNDP help to establish this warning system.

The Prime Minister welcome Zephirin Diabre and appreciated the assistance being extended by United Nations development programme to Pakistan.

He apprised the UN under Secretary of the policies being pursued by his government and said that his government was a great believer in micro finance as it could be instrumental in changing the lives of rural population which mainly relies on agriculture. The Prime Minister further said that his government was concentrating on providing clean drinking water, sanitation and agriculture with emphasis on vocational training.

Aziz expressed satisfaction over the fact that Paksitan enjoyed excellent relations with the United Nations and requested Zephirin Diabre, to convey his best regard for Kofi Annan, Secretary General, United Nations.

Zephirin Diabre, appreciated the economic policies being pursued by the government of Pakistan and stressed on the need for south-south dialogue.

The UNDP delegation included Zephirin Diabre, UN under Secretary, Shoka Noda, Programme specialist, Onder Yucer Resident Representative UNDP office, Haoliang Xu, Deputy Resident Representative, UNDP Office, Muhammad Zafar Iqbal, Assistant resident Representative UNDP Islamabad.

Hina Rabbani Khar, Minister of State for Economic Affairs, Akram Sheikh, Deputy Chairman, Planning Commission, Shuja Shah, Secretary, Economic affairs division and Zia ul Haq

additional secretary (UN), Economic affairs division, were also present on the occasion

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