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Subject: **PUBLIC AND OPTIONAL HOLIDAYS FOR THE YEAR 2012**

As per previous practice, in consultation with Metrological Department, Karachi for expected dates of appearance of moon during the year 2012 and Ministry of Minorities for dates for festivals of minorities, following Public and Optional holidays for the calendar year 2012 have been prepared: -

**PUBLIC HOLIDAYS**

Sr.	Name of Occasion	Days	Dates during year 2012
1*	<b>Eid Milad-un-Nabi</b> (12 Rabi-ul-Awal 1433 A.H)	<b>Saturday</b>	<b>4<sup>th</sup> February 2012</b>
2	Kashmir Day	Sunday	5 <sup>th</sup> February 2012
3	Pakistan Day	Friday	23 <sup>rd</sup> March 2012
4	Labor Day	Tuesday	1 <sup>st</sup> May 2012
5	Independence Day	Tuesday	14 <sup>th</sup> August 2012
6*	Eid-ul-Fitr (10 <sup>th</sup> Zil Haj 1433 A.H)	Monday Tuesday Wednesday	<b>20<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup> &amp; 22<sup>nd</sup> August 2012</b>
7*	Eid-ul-Azha (10 <sup>th</sup> Zil Haj 1433 A.H)	Saturday & Sunday	27 <sup>th</sup> & 28 <sup>th</sup> October 2012
8	Iqbal Day	Friday	9 <sup>th</sup> November 2012
9*	Ashura (9 <sup>th</sup> & 10 <sup>th</sup> Moharrum 1433 A.H)	Monday & Tuesday	26 <sup>th</sup> & 27 <sup>th</sup> November 2012
10	Quaid-e-Azam Day/Christmas	Tuesday	25 <sup>th</sup> December 2012
11	Day after Christmas	Wednesday	26 <sup>th</sup> December 2012 (For Christian only)

2. the following will be Bank holidays. However, on these days the Banks will remain closed for public but NOT for their employees:-

- iv) 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2012 (Monday)
- v) 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2012 (Monday)
- vi) 21<sup>st</sup> July 2012 (Saturday) corresponding to 1<sup>st</sup> Ramzan 1433

(subject to appearance of moon).

\* **NOTE**

Holidays for Muslim Festivals are subject to appearance of moon for which a separate Notification will be issued.

### OPTIONAL HOLIDAYS

Sr.	Name of Occasion	Days	Dates during year 2012
1	New Year Day	Sunday	1 <sup>st</sup> January 2012
2*	Chelum (20 Safar 1433 A.H)	Sunday	15 <sup>th</sup> January 2012
3	Basant Purnami	Saturday	28 <sup>th</sup> January 2012
4	Shivaratri	Monday	20 <sup>th</sup> February 2012
5*	Giarhwin Sharief (11 Rabi-us-Sani 1433 A.H)	Monday	5 <sup>th</sup> March 2012
6	Holi	Wednesday	7 <sup>th</sup> March 2012
7	Dulhandi	Thursday	8 <sup>th</sup> March 2012
8	Baisakhi	Saturday	14 <sup>th</sup> April 2012
9	Good Friday	Friday	6 <sup>th</sup> April 2012
10	Easter	Sunday	8 <sup>th</sup> April 2012
11	Eid-e-Rizwan (Bahai;s Community only)	Saturday	21 <sup>st</sup> April 2012
12	Buddha Purnima	Sunday	6 <sup>th</sup> May 2012
13*	Shab-e-Meraj (27 Rajab 1433 A.H)	Tuesday	19 <sup>th</sup> June 2012
14*	Shab-e-Barat (15 Shaban 1433 A.H)	Friday	6 <sup>th</sup> July 2012
15	Janam Ashtami	Friday	10 <sup>th</sup> August 2012
16	Nauroze (Parsi's New Year Day)	Saturday	18 <sup>th</sup> August 2012
17	Birthday of Lord Zoroaster (Khordad Sal)	Thursday	23 <sup>rd</sup> August 2012
18	Durga Pooja	Tuesday	16 <sup>th</sup> October 2012
19	Dussehra	Wednesday	24 <sup>th</sup> October 2012
20	Birthday of Guru Valmik Sawami Ji	Monday	29 <sup>th</sup> October 2012
21	Diwali	Tuesday	13 <sup>th</sup> November 2012
22	Guru Nanak's Birthday	Wednesday	28 <sup>th</sup> November 2012

**NOTE:**

- In case of Muslim Festivals, the dates of Optional holidays are based on anticipated dates and are subject to appearance of moon.

3 Government servants desiring to avail themselves of Optional Holidays shall take prior permission of the Head of Office concerned and no Government Servant shall be granted more than one optional holiday in the case of Muslims and three optional holidays in the case of non-Muslims, in a calendar year.

4. The grant of this concession should not result in any dislocation of work. In the case of Muslim optional holidays, the number of persons permitted to avail optional holidays should be regulated in a manner so as to leave adequate staff for proper continuance of the work.

5. The optional holidays are denominational and may be allowed at the discretion of the Head of Office, provided the state of work permits.

6. A Government Servant should not ordinarily be refused an Optional Holiday that is of religious significance to him and the refusal is likely to decrease the number of such holidays to which he is entitled.

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