

CAP

THE CITIZENS ARCHIVE OF PAKISTAN

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WHAT IS CAP?



The Citizens Archive of Pakistan (CAP) is a non-profit organization dedicated to cultural and historic preservation, operating in Karachi, Lahore and Islamabad. We seek to educate the community, foster an awareness of our nation's history and instill pride in Pakistani citizens about their heritage.

CAP has focused its attention on the tradition of oral storytelling in Pakistan, emphasizing the importance of such narratives in a dialogue on national identity. Our organization has three main goals: to preserve and provide access to the archive, to build and support educational programs, and to develop educational products based on the testimonies collected.

We are passionate about sharing Pakistan's stories with the educational outreach programs and the thousands of visitors who attend our festivals, exhibitions. Our archives, exhibits and galleries change and grow as our understanding grows, and we strive to share our knowledge in original and exciting ways.

Our vision is to develop CAP as the foremost museum and heritage center of Pakistani history, photography, culture, literature and historical documentation demonstrating the strength and spirit of Pakistan from the perspective of a citizen. Each exhibit and gallery will tell important stories about the country and provide an engaging and thought-provoking window into the nation's past, present and future.

WHAT DOES CAP DO?

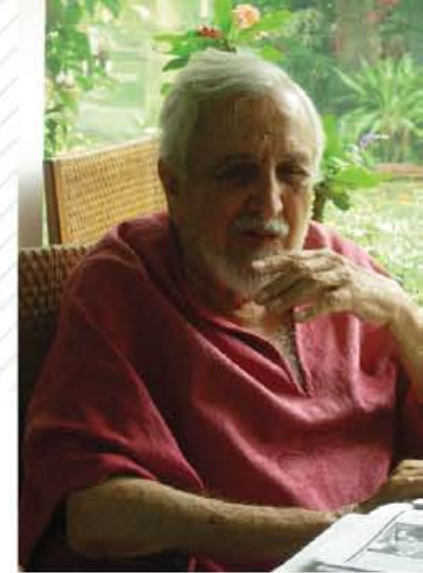


School Outreach Tours

The School Outreach Tours (SOT) program strives to inspire over 2500 children in Karachi and Lahore's most low-income neighborhoods. We aim to educate children with our carefully planned syllabi. CAP's lesson plans exceed the perimeter of basic knowledge and information. Our lesson plans focus on History, Geography, English Language, and more importantly on character building. Aside from motivating each individual child, our emphasis also lies in encouraging communities towards thinking logically and promoting equal gender parity through the use of film, spoken word and photography. With visual rendering as the foremost tool, we have designed various projects to incite the youth.

College Outreach Tours

Moving ahead after the heartening success of the SOT program, CAP is now reaching out to over 6400 first and second year college students in Lahore and Karachi. The College Outreach Tours utilizes material from CAP's archive to develop workshops. These workshops are based on civic sense, tolerance, democracy, constitutional rights, and invoke critical thinking as well as an understanding of the country's history and heritage. The program is bilingual and includes research-based interactive activities designed to inculcate a broader vision of Pakistan.



Exchange for Change

Exchange for Change is an exciting initiative by CAP that aims at improving relationships between school students in different countries. This program seeks to help students across borders realize that dialogue is not just possible but sustainable too. Through cross-culture communication we have realized that students can have a clearer understanding of their history, culture and lifestyles. CAP believes that such interaction will in turn lead to a positive change and eliminate cultural misconceptions and inter-generational conflict. A sustained exchange of letters, postcards, pictures, artwork and videos encourages children to form their own opinions. Currently this project is running in India and USA.

Photography Archive

CAP has digitized more than 45,000 photographs to date from private and public collections. Our photography archive is open to researchers, students and universities. Our archive contains comprehensive images of culture and social events of the Indian sub-continent from the beginning of 1930 till present times. Our archive is one of the most extensive in Pakistan and it offers one of the greatest selection of photography.



Oral History Project

The Oral History Project (OHP) lies at the heart of CAP. The stories emerging from the Project, the secrets behind old photographs and the personal experiences of our nation's rich and varied people feeds the material used in the SOT lessons, the Shanaakht Festival and several exhibitions. The OHP concentrates on people talking about significant events in their lives during the early days of Pakistan, providing an alternative perspective to historical literature. The OHP works with different communities in Pakistan under sub-projects such as the Minority Project and Lollywood through the Ages. The Project also aims to archive and preserve various records such as letters, newspapers, refugee cards, official correspondences and passports.

Keeping in line with CAP's belief that history and culture belongs to everyone and should be accessible to all citizens, various free of cost, bilingual, multi-media exhibitions are organized every year in order to accommodate people from all walks of life. Some of these exhibitions include:

- Shanaakht Festival
- Birth of Pakistan
- Dekho Pakistan
- This is My Story; Dialogue with Pakistan
- State of Being so Divided
- Exchange for Change Exhibition

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

1

Donate

CAP welcomes financial donations to help run our projects. Donation details are mentioned below.

Donation Details

Bank **Standard Chartered Bank**
Beneficiary Name **The Citizens Archive of Pakistan**
Beneficiary A/c # **01038280203**

Citizens Archive of Pakistan is certified by the Pakistan Centre for Philanthropy.

Citizens Archive of Pakistan is a nonprofit, tax-exempt, publicly supported organization and is incorporated and registered in Pakistan under section 2(36)(c) of the Income Tax Ordinance, 2001.

All donations in Pakistan are tax deductible and you will receive a Certificate of Donation.

We are also registered in North America and our under 501(c)(3) tax-exempt status is pending.

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Volunteer

Are you a photographer or a student with some time off, generally interested in history, journalism, social work, film editing or looking for a way to get involved in your country and community?

The Citizens Archive of Pakistan is currently welcoming applicants for its internship cycle and we might just be the place you have been looking for!

2

Become a Corporate Sponsor

Show your organization's commitment to social change and a brighter future for Pakistan by becoming a corporate sponsor.

Corporate sponsors can help CAP in various ways:

- Adopting a school for the School Outreach Tour.
- Co-hosting various exhibitions and festivals.
- Your company can also provide CAP with support 'in-kind'. Get in touch with the CAP team and see how you can help out.

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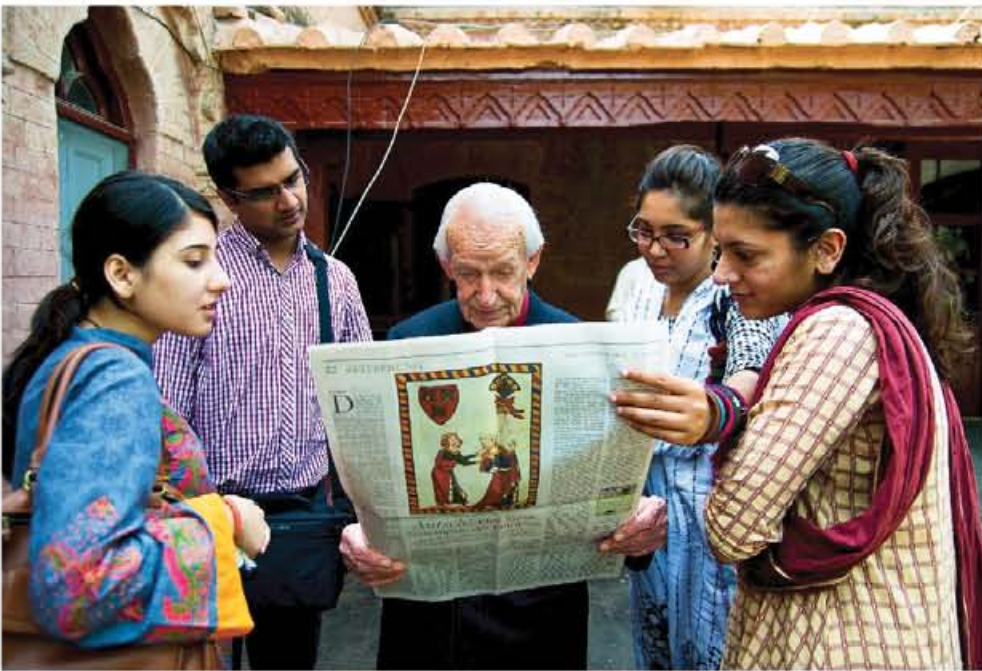
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