SAARC CCI STARTUP BOOT CAMP

Strengthening The Startup Ecosystem In South Asia: Boot Camp For Innovative Entrepreneurs Of Pakistan

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ISLAMABAD: SAARC Chamber of Commerce and Industry (SCCI) Monday said Pakistan should focus on encouraging its youth towards entrepreneurship for improving livelihoods, expanding economy and promoting jobs.

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Startups driving society for better economy: SVP SAARC CCI

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While speaking on the occasion Malik outlined the importance of entrepreneurship and innovation and emphasised upon the importance of industry-academy collaboration for promotion of start-up culture in Pakistan. He said that that the government should provide enabling environment for the young entrepreneurs to grow. “We need a national and sub-national policy framework and develop institutions to assist these young entrepreneurs to grow”.

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He said there is dire need of starting a wave of entrepreneurial development, which is not limited to providing encouragement to potential entrepreneurs through technical assistance, mentoring and capacity building, but the same would ultimately lead to positive contribution to the overall economy by creating job opportunities and revenue businesses. “We need a national and sub-national policy framework and develop institutions to assist these young entrepreneurs to grow,” he added.

He said youth accounts for over 60 percent of Pakistan’s population and it is essential to encourage them in entrepreneurship so that they could become more productive and contribute positively to the growth of national economy. He called upon the government, private sector, academia and civil society to put efforts together to mentor, guide and support youth of Pakistan to unleash immense economic and social potential.
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