



## Press Release

### **Int'l tennis stars will also tour Pakistan in future: DG SBP Zulfiqar Ahmed Ghumman**

### **SBP's State of the Art Tennis Court a great boost for game of tennis: Aisam ul Haq**

LAHORE (Sept 19): Pakistan's tennis star Aisamul Haq has promised to play tennis and train the young players at Sports Board Punjab's State of the Art Tennis Court in Nishtar Park Sports Complex. "The game of tennis will get huge boost through this international level facility," he expressed these views during his visit of Sports Board Punjab's State of the Art Tennis Court on Tuesday.

Talking to media Director General Sports Punjab Zulfiqar Ahmed Ghumman, on this occasion said, the entire nation is proud of Aisam's great achievements in the field of tennis. He is our national hero. "International standard tennis academy will be inaugurated in the State of the Art Tennis Court shortly. International tennis stars will also tour Pakistan in future," he added.

Renowned tennis star Aisam expressed his pleasure over the presence of international level tennis court in Pakistan. "It's really incredible feeling to have an international level tennis court in our own country," he added. He congratulated Director General Sports Punjab Zulfiqar Ahmed Ghumman on the construction of such a great tennis facility.

To a question, Aisam, who also exhibited his game at State of the Art Tennis Court, said he didn't see a tennis court like this in his 20-year career in Pakistan. "I was literally unaware of such a top standard tennis court equipped with all top facilities when I was invited to visit the State of the Art Tennis Court. It's quite heartening that govt is also taking great measures for the promotion of tennis in Pakistan," he continued. "After having an international standard tennis court now we can invite top stars of the tennis world like Roger Federer, Rafael Nadal and Andy Murray". Aisam said he will take part in Sports Board Punjab's coaching programme whenever he gets free.

Director General Sports Punjab Zulfiqar Ahmed Ghumman said it will be a good luck for our young players to get training from a world class player like Aisam. "We will improve the facilities of State of the Art Tennis Court with the consultation of Aisamul Haq," he asserted.

"Sports Board Punjab is building top level sports infrastructure across the province. Sports gymnasiums and grounds are being built in every tehsil. 22 grounds are in the final stages of completion in Lahore. Punjab International Swimming Complex has also been completed and will be inaugurated shortly," he explained.

Aisam also visited Punjab International Swimming Complex and did some exercise there. "I never saw an International standard Swimming Complex in Pakistan before this one. DG

SBP Zulfiqar Ahmed Ghumman is doing wonderful job for the promotion of sports in the province,” he elaborated.

Earlier, Aisamul Haq along with his mother Nausheen Ehtasham had a meeting with DG SBP Zulfiqar Ahmed Ghumman at his office. Head of Cricket Academies Zaheer Abbas and Director Sports Muhammad Anees Sheikh were also present during the meeting. DG SBP Zulfiqar Ahmed Ghumman also presented a souvenir to Aisam on this occasion.