

## UNESCO's Director paid visit to the Flood Forecasting Division, Lahore

Lahore, 10 April 2014: As part of the official mission, the United Nations Educational Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) Country Director/ Representative, Dr. Kozue Kay Nagata paid special visit to the Flood Forecasting Division (FFD), Lahore. During the visit, she called upon Muhammad Riaz, Chief Meteorologist (FFD) Lahore who briefed her on the progress made on the Flood Project with support of UNESCO.



The Chief Meteorologist made a detailed presentation on the project components including Integrated Flood Analysis System (IFAS) Model, Flood Hazard Mapping and knowledge platform for hydro-meteorological data management.

The presentation also highlighted the latest data entry mechanism, hydrological analysis. In addition information were shared on Indus-IFAS which will be utilized in the upcoming monsoon season, flood hazard mapping for the flood prone districts and establishment of media centre for broadcasting flood early warning information for the targeted community in flood prone areas. The Director appreciated project activities regarding training and capacity building of the PMD Officials, ICHARAM and SUPARCO.

The Chief Meteorologist applauded UNESCO efforts and ensured his full support for implementation of project activities. Later on, Dr. Kozue Kay Nagata also visited the FFD GIS lab and media centre.

UNESCO in collaboration with various stakeholders initiated a major project for upgrading the flood forecasting and early warning systems and risk mapping of floodplains along the Indus River. This project includes major upgrades to the forecasting software models in connection to flood management decision making its inter-relationship to flood hazard assessment and planning.

