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## **International Code Council partners with the Pakistan Engineering Council to develop the Building Code of Pakistan**

*Building code provides resources to help establish the production of standardized construction materials for a more sustainable economy*

**Washington, D.C.** – The International Code Council, the world’s largest developer of model building codes and standards, and the Pakistan Engineering Council (PEC), a regulatory body of engineering profession and engineering education, jointly announce the successful development of the Building Code of Pakistan (BCP 2021). Based on the 2021 International Building Code, BCP 2021 will provide minimum benchmarks for the structural safety of building design, construction, operation, practices, and installation of allied building systems in Pakistan.

The Code Council and PEC’s Think Tank Department share a history of holding various international development agreements since July 2017, working towards the overall development of the Building Code of Pakistan to be based on the 2021 International Building Code. PEC’s Think Tank Department plays a significant role in developing building codes, engineering standards, national policies and development plans for the country. In a span of two years, the PEC Task Force completed the BCP 2021. The Code Council and PEC officially signed the international publishing agreement on BCP 2021 this past August.

Professor Sarosh Hashmat Lodi, Convener, PEC Task Force on Development of BCP 2021, said, “ICC’s and PEC’s long-term partnership since 2005 now has opened new avenues for development of BCP 2021, which ensures advanced construction practices in Pakistan”.

Engineer Muhammad Najeeb Haroon MNA, Chairman, PEC said “Professor Lodi and his team has played a vital role in development of BCP (2021). He also recognized the importance of professional working relationship between ICC and PEC during last five years, which involved dedicated hard work of Mr. Mark Johnson, Executive Vice President/ Director of Business Development at the International Code Council, Dr. Ashfaq Ahmed Sheikh, Additional Registrar, and Mr. Faiz ul Sibtain, Project Coordinator, PEC, in development of BCP 2021”. Engr. Dr. Nasir Mahmood Khan, Secretary PEC added that PEC would further strengthen the professional working relationship with ICC.

“We are pleased to continue our long-standing global partnership with the Pakistan Engineering Council,” says Mark Johnson, Executive Vice President & Director of Business Development, International Code Council. “The BCP 2021 contains significant advancements in building safety and is a landmark achievement that reflects Pakistan’s commitment in furthering the advancement of building safety in the country.”

A ceremony celebrating the launch of the BCP 2021 will take place in December 2021. PEC has planned to arrange a national level workshop for successful launching of BCP (2021) in collaboration with the World Bank (Pakistan). In addition, PEC also planned to organize professional training courses on design, practice, application and implementation of BCP-2021 for capacity building of Authorities Having Jurisdictions (AHJs) for effective implementation of the Code in Pakistan.

For more information on BCP 2021, please visit <http://www.pec.org.pk>.

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#### **About the Pakistan Engineering Council:**

The Pakistan Engineering Council (<http://www.pec.org.pk>) is a statutory body, constituted under the PEC Act 1976 (V of 1976) amended up to 1<sup>st</sup> December 2016, to regulate the engineering profession in the country such that it shall function as key driving force for achieving rapid and sustainable growth in all national, economic and social fields. The council shall as its mission set and maintain realistic and internationally relevant standards of professional competence and ethics for engineers, and license engineers, and engineering institutions to competently and professionally promote and uphold the standards. Think Tank Department of PEC is playing significant role in development of various codes and standards in collaborations of reputed international partner organizations.

#### **About the International Code Council**

The [International Code Council](#) is the leading global source of model codes and standards and building safety solutions. Code Council codes, standards and solutions are used to ensure safe, affordable and sustainable communities and buildings worldwide.