

Conversion of Clay Courts to Synthetic Courts at the PTF Complex

The Pakistan Tennis Federation (PTF) is pleased to announce the commencement of works on conversion of five (5) clay courts, including the Aqeel Khan Centre Court, to hard-synthetic surface at the PTF Complex, Islamabad, aimed to raise the standard of the courts to match the top international levels. The PTF, after a rigorous evaluation process, on offers from major vendors, by a special committee set up for the task, selected the world renowned Plexipave Cushion surface, exactly as is used in the Australian Open Grand Slam. The courts are expected to be completed by early to mid-October.

The project will be financed in most part by grants from the International Tennis Federation (ITF), the Federal Government of Pakistan, and sponsors. The PTF President, Salim Saifullah Khan, on the startup occasion, sought blessings of the Almighty, expressed his gratitude to the donors, and appealed to private and public sector corporations to join hands with the PTF and sponsor such development works. Conversion of these five (5) clay courts is part of the infrastructure development and up-gradation programme being undertaken by the PTF to meet future requirements of the sport, once again gaining nationwide popularity following return of international events to Pakistan.

The PTF Executive Committee (EC) has formed a Project Monitoring Committee to monitor and oversee the execution of the project to ensure quality and timely completion of works, with regular updates to the Executive Committee and the ITF. The ITF Development Officer for West & Central Asia will be visiting Pakistan in August to inspect the progress of the project and related development programmes of the PTF.