

## PRESS RELEASE

**UBL holds the 5<sup>th</sup> UBL Literary Excellence Awards in Karachi**

Mr. Wajahat Husain, President & CEO UBL presenting the award for the Best Children's Literature in English to Ms. Hamida Khuhro at the 5<sup>th</sup> UBL Literary Excellence Awards 2015

**Karachi, 7 February, 2016:** The 5<sup>th</sup> UBL Literary Excellence Awards 2015 were held at the Beach Luxury Hotel in Karachi on Sunday, 7 February 2016. The awards were held in conjunction with the 7<sup>th</sup> Karachi Literature Festival. Celebrating the literary efforts of Pakistani writers, UBL Literary Excellence Awards were held for the fifth year running.

Over 123 entries were received as nominations for the seven categories of the awards. The books, which were written by Pakistani authors and published in Pakistan in the previous year, were shortlisted by an esteemed panel of judges which included the likes of (late) Mr. Intizar Hussain, Dr. Asghar Nadeem Syed, Dr. Asif Farrukhi Mr. Ghazi Salahuddin, Dr. Arfa Syeda, Ms. Kishwar Naheed, Dr. Anwaar Ahmad and Dr. Framji Minwalla.

The winners from each category are:

- Urdu Fiction: *Na-Tamaam* by Muhammad Asim Butt
- Urdu Non-Fiction: *Bazm-e-Ronaq-e-Jahan* by Aslam Farrukhi
- Urdu Poetry: *Dhoop Kiran* by Imdad Hussaini
- Urdu Translation: *Surkh Mera Naam* (Urdu Translation) by Huma Anwar
- Children's Urdu Literature: *Sunehri Kahaniyan* by Najma Parveen and *Dragon Ki Wapsi* by Akhtar Abbas.
- English Non-Fiction: *The Emergence of Socialist Thought Among North Indian Muslims* by Khizar Humayun Ansari
- Children's English Literature: *A Children's History of Balochistan* by Hamida Khuhro.

Mr. Wajahat Husain, President & CEO UBL, during his speech, said that UBL has a strong connection with literature and plays an active role in promoting literary activities in Pakistan. Through these awards the bank hopes to encourage future generations of Pakistan to develop a keen interest in literature and take up literary pursuits thus giving further impetus to excellence in poetry and prose in the country.

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