

Workshop on improving reporting and editing skills concluded

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ISLAMABAD: Reporting and editing skills were imparted to reporters and sub editors at a two-day media workshop concluded here Thursday. The workshop was organized by the Journalists for Democracy and Human Rights (JDHR) in collaboration with the Public Affairs Section of the US Embassy.

Twenty-three journalists hailing from various dailies and news agencies based in Islamabad and Rawalpindi were awarded certificates by Mr. Gregory Crouch, US Press Attaché. “Role of free press is incredibly important for keeping the government accountable towards the people,” said Mr. Crouch in his remarks at the concluding session.

The event was part of series of such workshops being held in the major cities of the country. A similar workshop was held in Lahore during 17-18 April. Another workshop will start in Peshawar on Friday. The journalists were given reporting and editing assignments and were trained to do stories differently so that they can create more space for the people’s issues. The participants were briefed on how to develop story ideas, do investigations and how to make good headlines after editing the news items.

Ms. Ana Arana, an investigative reporter and freelance media trainer from New York, and senior journalists and trainers from Pakistan Syed Talat Hussain and Shafqat Munir led the workshop. They said journalists should cater to the information needs of common people through their reports.

“Journalism in Pakistan needs to diversify issues to keep the government policies people-friendly,” said Ms Ana, who have extensively reported organized crimes in Latin America and was in South Asia for the first time.

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