



Press Release

The Bank of Punjab signs MoU with Special talent exchange program (Step)



In line with its strategic vision and realigned policy, the Bank of Punjab recognizes the importance of supporting the special needs of the Differently Aabled persons, and their inclusion in the organizational setup. In pursuit of such a policy, where the focus is on mainstreaming disability in development through empowering individuals with special needs as well as sensitizing society about these, the Bank of Punjab entered into a partnership by signing an MOU with Special Talent Exchange Program (STEP), an organization conceived and set up, by persons with disabilities. The ceremony was held on December 28, 2020, at the National Library of Pakistan, in Islamabad, where the agreement was signed by Ms. Alia Zafar, Group Head People & Organizational Excellence, The Bank of Punjab and Mr. Muhammad Atif Sheikh, Executive Director, STEP. Through the agreement STEP would provide technical support to BOP in making banking services inclusive for persons with diverse disabilities in Pakistan. It further encompasses joint work by both the organizations, aiming at universal design & accessibility and assistive devices for persons with disabilities, as well as working together with the government to eradicate poverty through provision of interest free loans for employed persons with disabilities to support them in establishment of businesses and livelihood opportunities.