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**PAKISTAN INSTITUTE OF DEVELOPMENT  
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**Topic: *“IS RESOURCE BASE OF AGRICULTURE  
LIMITLESS?”***

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Agriculture is the mainstay of Pakistan's economy. Nearly twenty-two percent of total output (GDP) and 44.8 percent of total employment is generated in agriculture. It also contributes substantially to Pakistan's exports. Agriculture also contributes to growth as a supplier of raw materials to industry as well as market for industrial products. Not only that 44.8 percent of country's work force is employed in agriculture but 65.9 percent of country's population living in rural areas is directly or indirectly linked with agriculture for their livelihood. Whatever happens to agriculture is bound to affect not only the country's growth performance but to a large segment of the country's population as well.

The presentation, hereby, would focus on the important issues of this important sector.

**Date: October 18, 2006  
Wednesday**

**Time: 11:00 am**

**Location Details**  
**Seminar Hall**  
**Pakistan Institute of**  
**Development Economics**  
**Quaid-e-Azam University**  
**Campus**  
**Islamabad.**

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**About the Speaker...**

Dr. Zafar Altaf is currently the chairman, Idara-e-Kissan Society (Halla). During his career as economist he has held various key positions both at national and international level. These include secretary, ministry of food, agriculture and livestock, chairman PARC, chairman and member board of governors, IIMI Sri Lanka etc. He did his PhD from University of Birmingham, UK.

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