

Sustainable school in Shigar

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ISLAMABAD—A long time dream of the people of Shigar came true with inauguration of the first environmentally sustainable school Abruzzi Higher Secondary School in Shigar by his Vincenzo Prati, the Italian Ambassador in Pakistan. The school result of a visionary community leadership of Shigar Town Management and Development Society, technical expertise of Aga Khan Cultural Services Pakistan (AKCSP) and management support of the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN). The construction of school was part of a larger project, funded by the Italian Government aimed at strengthening capacities of the people of Shigar to plan better and improve their lives. The project including the school concluded in 2009.

The school for which the community itself donated land is spread over an area of 39,200 square feet with a covered area of 13,000 sq. feet. The building comprises 7 classrooms, a laboratory, a library, storage area an administrative and faculty block, space for community gatherings and sanitation facilities. The external space consists of playground and a green area used for vegetation and planting of local species.