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'Textile backbone of country economy'

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FAISALABAD: Textile is a big manufacturing industry of the country and the backbone of its economy, which provides ample job opportunities to millions of people, said Federal Secretary for Commerce and Textile Hassan Iqbal.

Inaugurating a two-day international conference on technical textiles (ICT-2017) at the National Textile University here on Thursday, he said that we were very much proud that Pakistan had become the fourth biggest country in terms of cotton production while it stood at eighth number in the comity of Asian countries in terms of export of textile goods. He added that a large number of the country's population was attached with home textiles, directly or indirectly.

Hassan said that the government, educational institutions and industry were three big pillars of the national economy, which were playing a vital role in boosting the country's economy. The presence of these three pillars in the conference was a significant moment and indicative of the fact that that we were determined to bring the textile industry in the forefront in boosting the economy. He said: "We cannot achieve the objective without the collaborated efforts of educational institutions, textile industry and business tycoons."

Earlier, in his welcome address, NTU Rector Dr Tanvir Hussain thanked the distinguished foreign and local delegates for gracing the occasion with their presence. He especially thanked the NTU Board of Governor members Shahzad Sheikh and Mian Naveed Gulzar. Eminent foreign scientists and researchers also spoke on the occasion. They called for collaborated efforts in accelerating our research, especially in technical textiles to cope with international challenges in the field.