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SECP publishes guides for investor education

ISLAMABAD, November 23: The Securities and Exchange Commission Pakistan believes that a well-informed investor is a well-protected investor. In order to achieve this objective, the SECP has published a series of guide booklets under its Investor Education Programme (IEP). The IEP is aimed at educating investors to protect themselves, raising public awareness on various available investment options and at reinforcing good corporate governance.

The series of guide booklets broadly aim at giving investors insights into the capital market and its players, rights and responsibilities of investors, key characteristics of various investment products available in the market, role of the SECP as the apex regulator and avenues for redress available to investors in case their rights are infringed.

The guides cover the insurance sector, Modarbas, Voluntary Pension Funds, registration of companies, real estate investments trusts (REITs) and stock market. The SECP hopes that these guides would not only improve the corporate conduct and supplement legal know-how of the investors but would ultimately develop a culture of informed investment decision making in the country.

Guide booklets are available at the SECP head office and its regional offices. They can also be downloaded from the SECP website <u>www.secp.gov.pk</u> where they are available under the link of 'Investor Education'.

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