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Lahore ( ) Modern technology is considered as backbone for socio-economic development of any country. Government is taking measures to promote technical and high education through many effective projects. It was expressed by Provincial Minister for Higher Education Syed Raza Ali Gillani while speaking to the participants at inaugural ceremony of 2 day 10th IEEE International Conference on Open Source System and Technologies (ICOSST’16) with theme ’Smart Cities’ arranged by Al-Khawarizimi Institute of Computer Science (KICS), University of Engineering and Technology Lahore in collaboration with IEEE, Higher Education Commission Pakistan, IET and Government of Punjab was held at main campus. Minister said that research based planning is always efficient and productive for long term strategies and provides vivid way of progress. In this regards, varsities may play role to address the vision of development adequately. He further stated that engineering universities produce energetic and devoted minds to resolve the issues on scientific grounds. This approach always facilitates and updates the administration to deliver with the assistance of modern skilled techniques. In this way, public machinery is operating with its full available resources to provide bright Pakistan to youth. At the occasion, Vice Chancellor UET Lahore Prof. Dr. Fazal Ahmad Khalid spoke that the technology empowers the individuals to be productive cog of society to contribute in the stability of a nation. This approach leads to the best model of entrepreneurship which is need of the country to reduce the unemployment. In this connection a huge quality research work is being produced by the university. He mentioned that UET is providing technical assistance in many projects related energy and planning launched by Government of Punjab. But so many other areas have potential to be explored for effective deliverance. Because country needs innovative solutions based skilled workforce to coup up the challenges of upcoming era. He expressed his hope that this scientific venue will not only provide opportunity to participants to share ideas, strategies and policies for tackling the development, research and adaptation challenges related to Open Source tools and other applications but bring academia and industry close to each other. Member Finance PTA Tariq Sultan was also present in the event. In session, Director KICS UET Prof. Dr. Waqar Mehmood while briefing the audience about, objectives schedule and importance of conference explored that the idea of encouraging for open source is to push the individuals to mainstream of progress to boost up the micro and macroeconomic condition of the country and get benefits with exchange of knowledge and skills. It is also helping organizations both governmental and non-governmental to keep a control on the cost of development and deployment. Keeping in view, more than 200 national and international research papers received from 13 countries including USA, UK, Australia, Germany, Japan, Romania, Canada, India, Malaysia, UAE, Saudi Arabia and Italy out of which 27 top quality papers were selected by the technical committee comprising of experts from 49 countries to present in conference. The conference will have number of technical session headed by IT industry leaders and international delegates. The inaugural session was concluded on the presentation of shields to guests, winners of e-Gaming competition and participants. #

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