



ADVOCACY PROGRAM WITH SCHOOL OWNERS AND CHURCHES FOR INVOLVEMENT OF YOUTH IN INCREASING AWARENESS OF TB:



Group Photo of the STP official with the delegation of All Saints High School, Karachi



<u>Newsletter 25th April 2017, Stop TB Pakistan:</u> Stop TB Pakistan (National Partnership) has launched an advocacy program with school owners and Churches to involve students in increasing awareness on TB and raise funds for TB patients in Pakistan. The salient feature of the campaign is through a Stop TB Pakistan designed and printed "Stamp Ticket" of denomination Rupees 10/-Awareness on Tuberculosis was provided to the students along with information material on TB. The students were encouraged to deliver speeches to different classes and Stamp Tickets offered for sale to students. This exercise creates a sense of welfare among students and encourages them to volunteer for the national cause.

The first meeting of the campaign was held on 25th April 2017 at Lasania Hotel in Karachi. STP hosted All Saints High School led by Principal, Mr. Naveed Khan and accompanied by teachers and students. Dr. Syed Sharaf Ali Shah (Vice Chairman) accompanied by Dr. Sabir Michael (Coordinator Minorities and Human Rights, STP), Dr. Iqtidar Ahmed (Executive Secretary Hon., STP), Syed Arshad Raza (Administrator, STP) welcomed the school delegation. Dr. Shah briefed about the prevailing TB situation in Pakistan. He emphasized the positive role, which the youth of Pakistan can play in disseminating TB knowledge among their families, students and friends. He also explained that youth can help the national cause of eliminating TB through volunteering. Dr. Shah explained the campaign and responded to questions asked by the students. Mr. Naveed Khan, Principal in his brief talk said that they are excited to be first school participating in this campaign and that the students were motivated and thereby assuring the STP that they will try their best to meet expectations.