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ISLAMABAD: MARCH 14, 2019: President Dr. Arif Alvi has said that Pakistan has lagged behind in software exports due to lack of focus and proper specialised training.

The President said this during a video conference with a group of leading Pakistani IT experts from Silicon Valley to discuss Pakistan Software Business Initiative and training programmes for information technology students of the country. Federal Minister for Information Technology and Telecommunication Dr. Khalid Maqbool Siddiqui was also present on the occasion.

The President emphasized that if executed as proposed Pakistan can generate foreign exchange and have a world class software workforce. He added that it will also check the drainage of technical specialists to the other countries.

Under this programme, initially 250 software graduates will be trained by overseas trainers. The basic objective of this initiative is to train the students and prepare them for software development jobs, especially relating to Artificial Intelligence, Block Chain and Mobile Application, in the highly competitive global market. This proposal outlines the technical areas that Pakistani engineers need to be trained in order to meet the industry standards. Moreover, this programme aims to create market relevance for the IT graduates and improve the quality of IT education in the country. Likewise, it will also lead towards the promotion of IT research in relation to industrial and agricultural sectors. The trained software experts will further train other developers and students in the country.

The President will also present these proposals in the forthcoming conference of Vice Chancellors in order to incorporate these measures in our educational structure.
