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PROFILE

Ms. Ava Ardeshir Cowasjee (born 14.03.1954) is a prominent person in the shipping industry of Pakistan. She did her schooling at Convent of Jesus and Mary, Karachi (1957-1966), and higher education at Roedean School, England (1966-1972). Thereafter she pursued Management training at Hyde Park Hotel, London, Intercontinental Hotel, Karachi (1973-1974), and got her diploma in Hotel Management from the Ecole Hotelier, Switzerland (1974-1977). She worked as Manager, Manpower Development at Intercontinental Hotel, Karachi, for four years (1980-1983) before joining the family business.

She joined the Cowasjee Group of Companies in 1984 and has served for 39 years:

Cowasjee & Sons (1961)

Ships Agents, Stevedores, Port Terminal Operators, Ship Chandlers, Bonded Warehousing.

Orbiter

Liner Agencies, Freight Forwarders.

Canstrans

Container & Heavy Equipment Transport Services.

Bay West

Off-dock Container Terminal Facilities.

She has been the Chairperson of Pakistan Ships Agents Association 'PSAA' having already served PSAA for ten years (2009-2010) as a Managing Committee Member. She has attended a number of conferences on shipping locally and abroad. She has participated in advanced courses offered by Pakistan Institute of Management Sciences.

She has been a Member on the Management Committee of Pakistan International Freight Forwarders Association.

She was the Vice Chairman of SOS Children's Village of Sindh (2004) for the last ten years.

She was on the Board of Governors of SOS Pakistan.

She was a Member, Managing Committee Hermann Gmeiner School.

She is the Trustee of Cowasjee Foundation.

She was nominated as a director on the PNSC Board by the Federal Government on May 21, 2014 for 3 years.

Attended Pakistan Institute of Corporate Governance, Director Education in requirements of the Corporate Governance Leadership Skills and having passed all assessment tests in June 2015.

Attended program for Karachi Stock Exchange Ltd. and Centre for International Private Enterprise for Awareness Session on Corporate Governance for Female Directors of Listed Companies held on October 15, 2015.

Director of General Shipping Agencies (Pvt.) Ltd.

Member of the Syndicate and Senate of NED University of Science and Technology.

She is also multilingual, including French.
