The program was started by reciting of Holy Quran, and then Afghanistan national anthem.

About 150 people from different governmental, and non-governmental organizations participated in this celebration, which started according to prepared agendas as bellow:

**Speech of AAPT President Ms. Del Afroze:**

First of she said welcome to all participants, and congratulated the World PT Day to all PTs.

She spoke about the history of Physiotherapy in Afghanistan and world. She also mentioned that WCPT was established in year 1951, and World PT Day was celebrated in 1996 for first time by WCPT.

She talk more about Physiotherapy situation in Afghanistan that Physical Therapy Institute established in 1982, and AAPT was established in 1998, and in 2007 AAPT got membership of WCPT, and in 2009 got AWP membership.

She passed details about the latest press release of WCPT regarding World PT Day.

The World PT Day was also celebrated in our Regions as well.

**Speech of Razi Khan Ministry of Public Health Representative:**

First of all he said congratulation to all participants, and spoke about value of physiotherapy services for persons with disabilities.

Now Ministry of Public Health knows the importance of PT profession, and promised to support.

The National law of disability approved and PT services are included in.

International convention designed in the year 2006, which 156 countries have membership, and Afghanistan got membership last year.
Speech of Director of Institute of Health and Science Ms. Kimia Azizi:

First of all congratulation the World PT Day to all physiotherapists, and mentioned that Physiotherapy profession is one of the most of important and considerable program in our Institute. She added since she came to Institute as director she knew the importance of Physiotherapy profession. Also mentioned that people will be know the importance the PT profession, while the become patient, and refer to physiotherapy, and receive physiotherapy services.

At the end she said that everybody will need to Physiotherapy services, so be aware of.

Speech of Handicap International country director Mr. Gregory Le Blanc:

We are very happy that today we are together with you to mention the challenges, first of all let me say something about Handicap International (HI). HI is a non-governmental organization, and work for disability in Afghanistan, and also has Physiotherapy services in Herat province, and orthopedic workshop in Kandahar. HI also has awareness program regarding Physiotherapy profession for school students. HI support AAPT and ANSOP financially through European Union.

HI has capacity building program for physiotherapists, and provide continue education program, and HI has provide some opportunity for some Afghan Physiotherapists to join training outside the country.

HI requested Ministery of Public Health to support Physiotherapy Profession and expand it to regional institution of Afghanistan.

At the end said congratulation the World PT Day to all Physiotherapists.

Speech of Dr. Abdul. Malik Halim Representative of Swedish Committee for Afghanistan(SCA):

As a representative of SCA he congratulate the World PT Day to all Physiotherapists. He added that by celebration of this day we can raise awareness regarding PT profession. Physiotherapists are expert that how to
maintain people active in their daily living.

Swedish Committee for Afghanistan (SCA) has 80 Physiotherapists in several provinces, and also has orthopedic workshop. SCA support AAPT financially.

**Afghanistan famous actors:**

This drama was a kind of awareness for introduction of Physiotherapy profession.

**Speech of Mr. Aziz Ahmad Adel**

Head of Physical Therapy Institute:

First of all said welcome to all participants, and congratulate the World PT Day to all.

He explained the importance of this celebration with more details, and mentioned movement for health, and said the sport is an important part of life. Daily Activities of human body is evaluated by expert physiotherapists. specifically we can say that only Physiotherapists can manage the physical problems.

Physical Therapy Institute (PTI) the only institution all over the country, and this would be proud of PTI, AAPT, and Institute of Health and Science (IHS).

Almost Physiotherapy services are running in 16 provinces of the country, and most of PTI graduated PTs working in different parts of the country. So we don’t have enough PTs to provide services all over the country. MoPH tries to solve this problem for next year.

For capacity building of 17 PT lecturers we could conduct upgrading course for 2 years, and invited experienced lecturers from all over the countries, this is the largest achievement for PTI.

**Speech of Dr. Muhib Rahman**

Representative of Doctor’s Union:

First of all he said “as a representative of Doctors and Health workers Union said congratulation to all Physiotherapists of the country.
And explained about the value of Physiotherapy profession with more details. As he accomplished survey program in 13 provinces of the country, so finally he found the importance of profession, and he also visited Physiotherapy clinics of the mentioned provinces, and mentioned that PTs are really appreciable for their hard working. The Doctor’s Union will provide appreciation letter for AAPT.

**video spots show**: this film was about disability, it was also a type of awareness for people with disability, and it shows that a disable person can solve his /her daily problems independently without any help.

**Speech of Najiba Rahmani**
**Representative of Ministry of Martyr**

She said congratulation on behalf of Ministry of martyrs and Disabled, and also mentioned the benefit of Physiotherapy profession for disability.

**End of Celebration program by Dr. Razi Khan Disability Advisor MoPH:**

He mentioned just some main point as bellow:

- PT profession needs to be more considerable at the government level
- AAPT needs to be stronger, and build more relationship with internal and external networking.
- Long term Training program should be developed.
- Job opportunity should be increased.
- PT curriculum should be revised and developed.
- PTs Diploma issue should be solved
- Coordination, and cooperation should be increased with other health sector.
- Awareness raising should be increased through media.
- PTs should work hard in prevention of disability.
- Creation of relation with Olympic.
- Coordination, and cooperation with NGO’s and Governmental authorities should be

Finally the program was ended by praying.

Regards,
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