

Extrusion research centre grant awarded



Pakistan - Dr Mian N Riaz (pictured) head of the Extrusion Technology Program at the Food Protein Research and Development Centre, Texas A&M University and Dr Faqir M Anjum, director of the Institute of Food Science and Technology, University of Agriculture Faisalabad in Pakistan have received a grant of \$709,000 to establish an Extrusion Centre at the University of Agriculture, Faisalabad, Pakistan. The two yearly award is from the Pakistan-US Science and Technology Cooperative Program.

The selection process was highly competitive with only 11 awards out of

112 proposals.

Extruded food and feed products play a significant role in human and animal health in the US and other nations. To date this technology is absent in Pakistan, where it could have a major impact on food quality and utilisation. The present project will establish the Centre for Excellence in Extrusion Technology. This Centre will facilitate teaching, research and product development for students. Moreover, this project will strengthen cooperation between two nations in the field of research and development through close collaboration between scientists from both nations. The Extrusion Centre will also provide educational support to private and government entities.

Containership sinks after collision

Japan - A Philippine-registered containership sank after it collided with a freighter at the mouth of Tokyo Bay, forcing all 25 Filipino crewmen on it to evacuate in lifeboats, the Japan Coast Guard said. The 498-ton freighter Tsugaru Maru, with five crewmen on board, hit the port bow of the 6,182-ton containership Eastern Challenger. The containership stayed afloat for nearly seven hours before sinking. The containership, carrying steel, was heading to Yokohama from the Philippines via Osaka, while the freighter was transporting animal feed ingredients from Chiba to Tomakomai on the Hokkaido Island.



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