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ISLAMABAD: A one-day seminar on **Nanotechnology and Stakeholders in Pakistan** commenced here on Monday where Ministry of Science and Technology Secretary Akhlaq Ahmad Tarar emphasised on the importance of nanotechnology.

The secretary said Pakistan should seriously consider developing nanotechnology manpower in the country. He made these remarks during the inauguration session of seminar jointly organised by Preston Institute of Nano science and Technology (PINSAT) and International Development Research Centre (IDRC), Canada. He said that by the year 2015 the products of nanotechnology will have a market share of \$3 billion.

He said presently the government is spending only 0.6 percent of the gross domestic product (GDP) on science and technology and this is an extremely meagre amount. He expressed his hope that through the efforts of the ministry this amount would be increased to 2 percent of GDP by the year 2020.

Recently a Science and Technology Innovation Policy had been approved by the government. A task force has been formed to follow up on the recommendations contained in this policy. staff report

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