Malala Yousafzai wins Roots education scholarship

**ISLAMABAD:** The second day of Sixth Annual Teacher Development Conference, organised by Roots National Institute of Teacher Training and Education and in collaboration with Change in Education, took place on Friday.

The theme of the conference focused on connecting teachers to the world of collaboration, innovation and communication.

Malala Yousafzai, the children’s rights activist, and many leading national and international speakers like Abbas Hussain, Dr Cusrow Dubash and Dr Moiz Hussain attended the conference.

Also in attendance were RSS directors, head mistresses, branch heads, academic coordinators and the teaching faculty.

Many of the delegates were deeply moved by speeches given by the speakers.

The executive director, Roots School System, the founder RNIITTE and Change in Education were so touched by Malala Yousafzai’s speech that they honoured her with an education scholarship at Roots School System.

Yousafzai is an eighth-grade Pakistani student from the town of Mingora in Swat and is known for being a children’s rights activist.

At 13 years of age she gained notability for championing the cause of the people of Swat by blogging for the BBC under a pseudonym about the atrocities committed by the Tehreek-e-Taliban. The international children’s advocacy group KidsRights Foundation included Yousafzai among the nominees for the International Children’s Peace Prize, making her the first Pakistani girl nominated for the award. PR