

## **NOWPDP Art Competition 2011**

After a highly successful 2009's 'Meri Duniya k Rang' (Colors of My World) in March 2009, NOWPDP held the second art competition on 9 December 2011 with an attendance of 165 students from 21 special education schools, along with help from 20 volunteers, at Noor e Ali Trust Park in Clifton.

The five judging categories were: Hearing, Intellectual, Physical, PDD and, Visual disabilities. The two main art mediums were illustration and painting. Children with mental and visual disabilities were given brown paper bags that they had to reach into and draw the different textured objects they could feel. Children with hearing disabilities were taught how to draw portraits of each other while children with physical disabilities painted with the crayon resist technique. For children with intellectual disabilities, volunteers read out interesting stories and which the children drew on paper.

After the competition, the judges: Mr. Jimmy Engineer and Ms. Naheed Raza chose three outstanding works of art from each category. Mr. Engineer announced additional cash prizes for consolation positions from each category as well.

Mr. Imtiaz Ahmed Sheikh, Advisor on Special Education to the Chief Minister, was the chief guest and he, along with NOWPDP President, Mr. Amin Hashwani, distributed the prizes to the winners and participation certificates to the remaining children. The JS Academy interlaced the prize distribution with engaging performances for the Deaf and Karachi Association for the Welfare of Special Persons.