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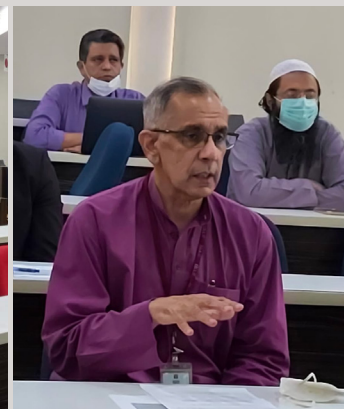
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IBA kicks-off EU funded cyber security ReCyP:HER project

March 25, 2021: The ReCyP:HER IBA team, comprising of faculty members from the Computer Science and SSLA departments, held a virtual meeting for the joint project. Funded by the European Union within the Erasmus+ programme, ReCyP:HER is a project designed to create a comprehensive capacity building in Pakistan in cybersecurity and psychology.

Other than the IBA, project partners include Erasmus+, Saarland University, Boğaziçi University, LUMS, NUST and Air University. The event was attended by national and international participants as well as esteemed guests including Ambassador of the Federal Republic of Germany in Islamabad, Bernhard Schlagheck, Chairman, Higher Education Commission Pakistan, Dr. Tariq Banuri and Vice-Chancellors, Rectors and Presidents of partner universities. Addressing the audience, the speakers spoke about the significance of strengthening the cybersecurity environment in Pakistan.



In The News

SBS leads EEG test for consumer research

March 26, 2021: The School of Business Studies became the first business school in the country to lead the Electroencephalogram (EEG) test. Compared to other brain imaging techniques, EEG is a non-expensive, non-invasive and completely passive recording technique compared to other brain imaging techniques.



Over 6,000 students and alumni attend Virtual Career Fair

March 17, 2021: The first-ever Virtual Career Fair was organized by the Career Development Department and the IBA Alumni & Placement Society. The career fair featured 53 employers with over 9,000 students and alumni registering for the event, with an on-day footfall of more than 6,000. The event was held using a custom built Vfair platform.



SMCS hosts workshops

March 26, 2021: The Department of Mathematics, School of Mathematics and Computer (SMCS), organized the 'General Relativity at Work: Web Workshop on Methods and Applications of General Relativity'. The 4-day workshop trained the participants on fundamental techniques and applications of Einstein's General Theory of Relativity.

March 20, 2021: The Computer Science Department of the SMCS collaborated with the Flutter Karachi to host the 'Flutter Engage Extended Karachi' at City Campus, featuring talks from various experts.

Dr. Miftah Ismail gives guest lecture

March 18, 2021: Former Minister of Finance, Dr. Miftah Ismail, gave a lecture to the students, where he shared his thoughts on 'Debts and Deficits related to Pakistan's Economy'. He highlighted the importance of savings in society and emphasized that debt, if utilized properly, can lead to higher growth.



Groundwork of solar project launched

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March 25, 2021: With the aim to play its part in protecting the environment and reduce carbon, the IBA conducted the groundbreaking ceremony of the IBA Solar Project at the main campus. The solar project will have an output capacity of 802 kilowatt of renewable energy.



Indus Hospital network signs MoU with IBA

March, 2021: The Indus Hospital and Health Network signed an MoU with the IBA to develop a bridge for medical experts, academics, researchers and students of both the institutions to collaborate on projects of mutual interest.



Awareness sessions for undergraduate admissions

March, 2021: The IBA's Marketing team participated in three career fairs and conducted an information session to interact and brief future candidates. The sessions were a great platform to interact with potential applicants on the undergraduate programs at the IBA.



Time to give back
Help deserving IBA students



ED engagements

Meeting with Spanish delegation

March 4, 2021: The Consul of Spain, Karachi, Mr. Ghouse Akbar, along with the Deputy Head of Mission, Islamabad, Ms. Elena Gomez met the ED Dr. S Akbar Zaidi. The meeting focused on enhancing academic collaboration between both the countries.



Tea Talks with Consul General of Turkey

March 30, 2021: Consul General of Turkey Mr. Tolga Ucak met with the ED and conducted a session with the IBA students and faculty, where he discussed the Pakistan-Turkey relations, consular affairs, educational and career opportunities for students in Turkey.



UNRC Provincial Team meets the ED

March 9, 2021: The ED met the Head of United Nation's Resident Coordinator's Office & Senior Strategic Planner for the UN system in Pakistan, Mr. Shah Nasir, and Head of Provincial office and Chairperson UN Provincial Team Sindh, Dr. Aftab Ahmed Bhatti. They discussed engagement opportunities for academia, research, mentoring and evaluation in Sindh with the collaboration of the UNRC office.



Consul General of Italy visits IBA

March 30, 2021: The ED had a meeting with the Consul General of Italy in Karachi, Danilo Giurandella, where they discussed and explored possibilities of collaboration and exchange opportunities for students with Italian universities.

Giving back

Alumni contributes to scholarship funds

March, 2021: PKR 15.43 million were committed by the alumni donors of Class of 2000, 2007 and 1990 over the entire month. We thank our alumni for their generosity and contribution in setting up the scholarships and endowment funds.

Student, faculty and alumni achievements

The IBA takes great pride in the achievements of its students, faculty and alumni. Read on the links below about how the IBA community is excelling and contributing to the society:



Students



Faculty



Alumni

International Women's Day

IBA community celebrates women

March 7, 2021: A webinar titled 'From Self-surveillance to Self-leadership' was held featuring a wide range of panelists who spoke about the obstacles that at times women impose on their own self and discussed ways to construct newer versions of women leadership.

March 8, 2020: Communications Department set up Women Appreciation Stations to pay tribute to its female community. The Human Resources Department also distributed goodies amongst the female staff and faculty members, to acknowledge their contribution in helping the Institute prosper.

March 8, 2021: Academic Director, PGD HRM and Assistant Professor Dr. Nyla Aleem Ansari, spoke at a Women's Day event held by the Imitiaz Supermarket. The event focused on women empowerment and overcoming stereotypical cultural as well as workplace mentality.

March 9, 2021: The CED and Oxfam Pakistan organized an event to celebrate the day and acknowledge the contribution of women in our society. Participants included women from Government Vocational and Technical Institute, entrepreneurs, civil society women and IBA staff members.



CED: Empowering entrepreneurs

Startup Competitions Program concludes

March, 2021: The CED, in collaboration with Oxfam Pakistan, organized Startup Competitions Program in Karachi, Lahore, Islamabad and Layyah. The winners of the competition were given seed money prizes as token of appreciation and to invest in the growth of their startups.



Program launched on 'Personal and Professional Development'

March 10, 2021: The Vocational Training Institute for Women (VTIW) and the CED collaborated to launch a four-month-long 'Personal and Professional Development Program'. Under this program, 160 female students from VTIW will be trained on entrepreneurial and life skills.

CEIF: Promoting Islamic Finance

Certificate distribution ceremony for academicians

March 11, 2021: A certificate distribution ceremony was held for academicians who attended the one-month online course for the private and public universities of Sindh. The course helped the participants learn how Islamic Banking and Finance is applicable in modern day financial system.

Executive learning program launched

March 28, 2021: CEIF and Alif Technologies initiated a one-month certificate course on 'Introduction to Islamic Fintech' - an executive learning program. Founder, Alif Technologies, Dr. Farukh Habib is the trainer of the course.

Webinars

'Understanding Islamic Housing Finance': CEIF collaborated with Meezan Bank Ltd. for a webinar conducted by Director, CEIF, Mr. Ahmed Ali Siddiqui and Group Head, Consumer Finance, Meezan Bank Ltd. Mr. Arshad Majeed.

'Islamic Fintech, Blockchain Technology & Its Role In Financial Inclusion': CEIF conducted the webinar in collaboration with Securities and Exchange Commission of Pakistan (SECP). Chief Executive Officer, Aion Digital, Mr. Ashar Nazim and Head of Islamic Finance Department, SECP, Mr. Bilal Rasul were speakers in the webinar.

CEJ gazette

Online Sessions

'OICCI's Capacity-Building Workshop for Business Journalists': Over 20 journalists learnt reporting on the federal budget and IMF documents at the second part of the workshop organized by the CEJ and Overseas Investors Chamber of Commerce & Industry.

'Water...Priceless or Worthless?': On World Water Day, a webinar was held featuring environmental experts, who discussed water management, hydro politics, and the value of water in Pakistan.

Data journalism: 17 journalists participated in the fourth online session of the data journalism courses, held in collaboration with DW Akademie. The course covered topics on data sourcing, scraping, data analysis and visualization.

'Journalist Training Program': Online roundtables were organized for senior editors and bureau chiefs from media, which were aimed at seeking the input of media professionals in designing training modules to serve the industry better.

Donate books to IBA



CEE: Encouraging learning

Workshops and trainings

Polishing professional speaking skills: Business English and Skill Development Program at IBA conducted a two-day hybrid workshop on 'How to Become a Professional Speaker'.

Directors Training Program 2021: Approved by the Securities and Exchange Commission of Pakistan, the program provides guidance on targeted areas to ensure that directors of listed companies with specific requirements remain up to date.

'Finance for Non-Finance Executives': The two-day workshop, conducted by visiting faculty Mr. Abdul Rahim Suriya, provided requisite basic concepts of finance and accounting.

'Negotiation and Conflict Resolution Skills': Led by Associate Professor Dr. Huma Baqai, the workshop equipped the candidates with faster decision making, handling difficult situations and advanced understanding of negotiation.



CICT Roundup

500 youth to get free training for skills development

March, 2021: 500 youth from Sindh will train free-of-cost under Youth Skills Development Program, designed and conducted by the CICT and Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit. The purpose of the training is to impart workplace-based training using cooperative vocational training approach.

IRC News Bytes

Global Relations and Opportunities Week held

March 19-26, 2021: IRC organized a Global Relations and Opportunities Week 1.0 in which different universities from UK, USA, Australia, Malaysia, China, Italy, and France participated. The universities also conducted webinars to elaborate about requirements and procedures of applying for Semester Exchange Program.

Interactive session for international opportunities

March 12, 2021: A hybrid interactive session for available international opportunities was conducted, in which the exchange programs, summer programs and international scholarships were discussed with the students who wish to pursue their education abroad.



ISC and societies take oaths

March 19, 2021: The IBA Students' Council, Student Societies along with all office bearers took the oaths at a ceremony held at Main Campus. The EC members joined the ceremony virtually.



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