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Observing Kashmir Hour



August 30, 2019: Kashmir hour was observed at the IBA on account of the recent events of violation of human rights by the Indian Government in Occupied Jammu and Kashmir as declared by the Prime Minister of Pakistan, Imran Khan.

ED Dr. Farrukh Iqbal, AD Dr. Huma Baqai, IBA staff, faculty and students attended the session. The session started with the national anthem of Pakistan followed by the Kashmir anthem.

Dr. Baqai appreciated the enthusiasm and participation of students for showing support for the Kashmiris. She analyzed the current situation of Kashmir; Pakistan's position; and the global stance on Kashmir. "There is a consensus that the largest prison on earth is Kashmir because it is the region under militarized curfew for three weeks now." She highlighted the violation of human rights in the region and emphasized on the need for Pakistan to consolidate its diplomatic support.

IBA Karachi welcomes Class of 2023

August 20, 2019: The IBA, Karachi welcomed its batches of undergraduate, graduate, and postgraduate programs in an orientation ceremony. The Institute has admitted more than 1,200 undergraduate students in 6 undergraduate programs and more than 600 graduate students in 8 graduate programs, while 5 students were enrolled in 2 postgraduate programs.

Head CRCD Ms. Malahat Awan welcomed the student body by giving them an overview of the IBA experience.

AD Dr. Sayeed Ghani and ED Dr. Farrukh Iqbal were among those who addressed the freshmen. As they welcomed the new batches, they emphasized on the Institute's core values and highlighted the diverse nature of IBA's curriculum.

In his speech Dr. Iqbal cited the competitive nature of various programs by highlighting how only 15% of more than 10,000 applicants were selected. He spoke about the increasing competitiveness at IBA and said, "You should immerse yourself in a culture that may be different from the ones that you have been used to, as the IBA's culture is conducive to broadening your educational and intellectual capacities".

Program Directors then talked about the features and interdisciplinary nature of their respective programs, which allow students to diversify and broaden their skillset.



Alumna Achievement

IBA alumna becomes first female Pakistani badminton player to reach top 150 world rankings

August 1, 2019: The IBA is proud to announce that its alumna, Mahoor Shahzad has achieved a milestone by becoming the first female badminton player from Pakistan to make it to the top 150 in global rankings. Moreover, her participation in several international tournaments such as 2018 Commonwealth Games in Australia, and the recently held tournaments in Benin and Ivory Coast has made the nation proud. Ms. Shahzad aims to represent Pakistan in the **Published by Repository 2022** for the future.



Marketing Department Roundup

Bridging gaps through networking

August 29, 2019: As part of IBA's marketing campaign to create awareness about the Institute's academic programs, information sessions and campus tours, the marketing team visited The City School, Darakshan Campus, to meet with the student counsellor, Ms. Sonal Arshad Siraj. Some of the ideas discussed during the visit included dedicated IBA faculty speaker sessions at Darakshan Campus for students, campus tour at the IBA Main Campus for A2 students and the IBA Karachi participation in an upcoming Education Expo hosted by City School at Darakshan Campus.



Edwin Mellen Press publishes a book by IBA faculty

The Edwin Mellen Press has published Assistant Professor SSLA Dr. Nadya Qamar Chishty-Mujahid's book titled, *Twins in Literature and Fiction: Bonding, Individuation, and Identity*. The book examines a dozen British and American novels that focus on identical (monozygotic) twins and attempts to determine how the complex relationships between twin siblings are perceived via the lens of modern English fiction.



IBA faculty receives international recognition

Congratulations to IBA faculty member, Dr. Irum Saba for being recognized in the top 20 most influential women in Islamic Finance at WOMANi Awards Ceremony and Gala Dinner held on June 17, 2019 in Dubai, UAE.

Cambridge Independent Financial Advisers (IFA), hosted the second Woman in Islamic Business and Finance (WOMANi) Awards ceremony and gala dinner to celebrate and honor influential women in Islamic Finance who are leading change, breaking barriers and creating new possibilities in the world of Islamic Finance globally. Dr. Saba has the honor to be the first Pakistani female to be part of an International Shariah Advisory Board in South East Asia and the Middle East. She is also a member of Grand Council of the Chartered Institute of Islamic Finance Professionals (CIIF), Malaysia.

Previously she received recognition in the top 50 most influential women in Islamic Finance at the 1st WOMANi 2018 Awards Ceremony. She also has the honor to be the first international female to receive the Women on Board Distinction and Award for Best Young Women Professional in 2016 by the First Lady of Maldives.

The IBA Karachi recognizes Dr. Saba's valuable contributions in the field of Islamic Finance and wishes her all the best for her future endeavors.



Strategies and Frugal Innovations for Inclusive and Sustainable Growth

August 26, 2019: Chairperson Management Department Dr. Kamran Mumtaz invited Director of Strategy at Oxford Global Ventures and faculty at New College, Oxford University, Dr. Yasser Bhatti for a guest speaker session titled Strategies and Frugal Innovations for Inclusive and Sustainable Growth. Dr. Bhatti shed light on his research and work experiences regarding innovation and stressed on the need for novelty and experience for innovation.



CEE Happenings



IBA bids farewell to Dr. Izhar Hussain

August 26, 2019: The IBA organized a farewell for the outgoing Director CEE, Dr. Izhar Hussain, who has had a decade long association with the Institute. The farewell was attended by the ED, ADs, HoDs, faculty and staff members. Team member CEE, Academic Director Family Managed Business Ms. Aysha Anas Iftikhar spoke on behalf of the CEE family and credited Dr. Hussain as someone who empowers his employees, especially women to make empowered and independent decisions.

In his farewell speech, Dr. Hussain thanked the ED and former Dean Dr. Ishtat Husain for having faith in him. Shedding light on the CEE's achievements as well as the challenges, he said "IBA has an established place in the public sector but we now need to target the corporate sector and work more on the center's social media marketing front". He also thanked each member of the CEE team.

Dr. Iqbal praised the leadership of Dr. Hussain and said, "I always found Dr. Hussain open to new ideas and avenues, which resulted in CEE branching out and offering executive training in Family Managed Businesses and many other streams. It was the same spirit of open-mindedness which has brought CEE to its current successful state".

The ceremony culminated with tokens of appreciation being presented by the ED and the CEE team to Dr. Hussain.



CEIF Gazette

Executive Learning Program: Islamic Finance for Academicians



August 19-23, 2019: IBA-CEIF in collaboration with LUMS Center for Islamic Finance conducted an executive learning program titled Islamic Finance for Academicians. Program Director MS IBF, IBA Karachi, Dr. Irum Saba inaugurated and organized a five-day intensive program for full time faculty members and researchers of academic institutes.

The program was conducted by prominent Islamic Finance academicians such as Associate Dean School of Graduate and Professional Studies (SGPS) International Centre for Education in Islamic Finance (INCEIF), Malaysia Dr. Mohamed Eskandar Shah Mohd. Rasid; Program Director MS IBF, IBA Karachi, Dr. Saba; Chair Centre for Islamic Finance, LUMS Dr. Saad Azmat, and Director Curriculum Development Centre for Islamic Finance LUMS, Dr. Aun Raza Rizvi.

Moreover, Head of Shariah Compliance, Meezan Bank Mr. Ahmed Ali Siddiqui; Head of Policy, Islamic Banking Department State Bank of Pakistan, Mr. Muhammad Islam Ahmed, and the leading Shariah scholars including Executive Director International Shariah Research Academy for Islamic Finance (ISRA), Dr. Mohamad Akram Laldin and Chairman of the Shariah Supervisory Board State Bank of Pakistan, Mufti Irshad Ahmad Aijaz conducted the sessions.

Dr. Farrukh Iqbal delivered a keynote speech before certificate distribution ceremony to highlight the importance of Islamic Finance for academicians.

Launch of Islamic Finance Society

August 19, 2019: The launching ceremony of the Islamic Finance Society was held at the city campus. The vision of the society is to create awareness and knowledge about Islamic Finance amongst university students. The society is the brain child of Dr. Irum Saba who is also its patron. The ceremony was attended by IBA students of MS Islamic Banking & Finance, MBA and BBA program. The alumni of INCEIF, Malaysia also participated in the event and appreciated the initiative.

The chief guests of the launching ceremony were leading Shariah scholars such as Executive Director International Shariah Research Academy for Islamic Finance (ISRA) Malaysia, Dr. Mohamad Akram Laldin, Chairman of the Shariah Supervisory Board State Bank of Pakistan, Mufti Irshad Ahmad Aijaz; Resident Member of Dubai Islamic Bank Pakistan (DIBPL)'s Sharia Board and Country Head of Sharia, Mufti Muhammad Hassaan Kaleem.

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The society's activities and researches focused on the need of awareness and understanding of Islamic Finance among students. Moreover, they supported the initiative and acknowledged its impact in the field of Islamic Finance.

Building industry-academia linkages

August, 2019: Team CDC visited various companies to discuss multiple areas of possible collaboration and to enhance the working relationship with the existing corporate partners. These meetings were also intended to introduce the CDC services and programs such as Career Excursion, Career Counselling Clinics, Corporate Connect Series, IBA Job Portal etc. to the corporate partners including Learning Minds, M.M. Group of Companies and Pakistan Oxygen Limited (Formerly Linde Pakistan Limited).



Creation of a WhatsApp group for freshmen students

August, 2019: As part of the orientation week, the CDC created WhatsApp groups for the incoming batch to introduce freshmen students about CDC services such as Social Internship, IBA Job Portal, in-house counselling service etc.

CICT News Bytes

Second batch of diploma in IT Entrepreneurship commences



August 7, 2019: The second batch of the four-month diploma program of IT Entrepreneurship started at the city campus. Students from diversified backgrounds including entrepreneurs and job professionals enrolled in the course to enhance their knowledge. The diploma program aims to provide training for understanding the advanced level of Entrepreneurship and Information Technology.

Students will learn about IT Innovation – opportunities and challenges, brand management, digital marketing, web and mobile application development, legal aspects of business, privacy, ethics and copyright, accounting for entrepreneurs in the diploma program.

Pre-screening committee meeting

August 28, 2019: The prescreening committee meeting of the second batch of Sindh Research Incubation Center (SRIC) was held at the city campus. This session was conducted by Project Coordinator CICT, Ms. Nancy Bashir. Ms. Bashir provided a guideline to the shortlisted applicants about the 12-month long incubation process of SRIC. Moreover, she explained the rules and regulations of IBA to the shortlisted candidates and clarified their ambiguities regarding the incubation period and seed money.

Selection of Director ICT and CICT as a member of DAAB



July 1, 2019: Director ICT and CICT Mr. Imran Batada has been selected as a member of the Digital Accounting and Assurance Board (DAAB) formed at the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Pakistan (ICAP). Mr. Batada will hold the position for three years. Among others, the primary purpose of DAAB is to monitor digital technology and trends impacting the profession and practice of accounting. The board will also aspire to bring innovative changes to education, training and examinations of chartered accountants.

CEJ in News

Humanitarian Reporting Workshop on Digital Media



August 29-30, 2019: CEJ-IBA conducted a Humanitarian Reporting Workshop on Digital Media in collaboration with the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC). The workshop was conducted by media strategist Sahar Habib Ghazi. The training focused on the basics and importance of humanitarian reporting, digital storytelling and mobile journalism amongst others.

Well-being at work: Psychological safety for journalists and newsrooms



August 28, 2019: CEJ Well-being Centre conducted its first workshop Well-being at work: Psychological safety for journalists and newsrooms. The workshop was conducted by Project Lead Wellbeing Centre and Editor Digital Properties Samaa, Mahim Maher, and counsellors Dr. Asha Bedar and Mahnoor Shaikh. Other speakers included journalist and co-founder 'Bolo Bhi' Farieha Aziz and mental health practitioners Bilal Lakhani and Sana Hoda. The purpose of the workshop was to promote psychological safety and well-being among media workers and journalists.

Independence day celebrations



August 14, 2019: The 73rd Independence Day of Pakistan was celebrated along with members of faculty, staff and students at the main campus. A flag hoisting ceremony was held in the presence of Acting Executive Director, Dr. Sayeed Ghani, followed by an address in which he emphasized on the spirit of nationalism and patriotism.

5th IBA Staff Cricket Tournament 2019-20



The 5th IBA staff Cricket Tournament for the year 2019-20 organized by the Student Center and Sports Facilities department kick started with much fanfare. AD Dr. Sayeed Ghani was the Chief Guest at the curtain raiser. Eight teams, two comprising of faculty members and six from staff members will play seven matches each and vie for a place in the semis. Faculty Computer Science (FCS) will be defending the title. May the best team win!

CED Transcending beyond borders



IESS 2019

August 1 – 25, 2019: IBA Aman CED held the 4th edition of the IBA International Entrepreneurship Summer School (IESS) at the Institute.

The 25-day program was divided into academic sessions and exploring cultural and geographical diversity of Pakistan. IESS was designed to impart the taste of entrepreneurship from a South Asian perspective, while immersing in the cultural richness of Pakistan through workshops, lectures, cultural events, recreational activities, and countrywide travelling to the beautiful landscapes of the country.

This year IESS hosted over 18 international faculty members, bloggers, students, content creators and entrepreneurs from USA, Canada, Brazil, Italy, Switzerland, Russia, Thailand, Philippines, Australia, Mexico and Qatar.



HR Updates

August 20-21, 2019: Congratulations to the following faculty members on having been assigned additional responsibilities recently. They have exhibited professional competence and outstanding performance, and the Institute wishes them all the best in their new roles.

Name	New Designation	Department	Additional responsibility
Dr. Ashar Saleem	Assistant Professor	Management	Program Director, M.S. Management

The following faculty have been newly appointed at the IBA.

Name	Designation	Department
Dr. Abdullah Zafar Sheikh	Associate Professor	Management
Ms. Kanza Sohail Khanani	Lecturer	Management
Ms. Rimsha Bilal	Lecturer	Marketing

Forthcoming events

Events	Organizer	Date	Time
Workshop on Finance for Non Finance Executives	CEE	September 17-18	09:00 am – 05:00 pm
Workshop on Intensify Peak Performance	CEE	September 18-19	09:00 am – 05:00 pm
Workshop on Service Oriented Professionals	CEE	September 19-20	09:00 am – 05:00 pm
Workshop on The Learning Journey TNA to MLE	CEE	September 23-25	09:00 am – 05:00 pm
Workshop on Project Management Framework and Tools	CEE	September 23-27	09:00 am – 05:00 pm
Workshop on Negotiation and Conflict Resolution Skills	CEE	September 26-27	09:00 am – 05:00 pm
Distinguished Lecture Series by Dr. Reza Baqir	Communications	September 30	10:30 am – 01:00 pm
Introduction to Islamic Finance for Media Professionals	CEJ and CEIF	September 30	10:00 am – 05:00 pm

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