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FYP Symposium Spring 2019

May 29, 2019: *FYP Symposium Spring 2019* was held at the IBA, city campus, to exhibit and evaluate final year projects. Around 32 projects of more than 100 students working in different teams, were on display in FYP I and FYP II. A coterie of faculty and eminent guests from industry and academia were invited to evaluate the projects as esteemed judges. The event was organized by Projects Manager FYP, FCS IBA, Mr. Waseem Arain.

Associate Dean, IBA, Dr. Sayeed Ghani, who remained present and evaluated extensively, expressed satisfaction and confidence in continuing improvement in students' quality of work. Chairman, Department of Computer Science IBA, Dr. Shakeel Khoja also took interest in students' evaluations.

The students incorporated latest technologies in their projects to provide solutions to daily life issues. Most of the projects were innovative in terms of ideas, and implementation, which were encouraged by the industry professionals to be pursued further. The interaction of students with the corporate personnel gave them a perspective of the corporate environment and the modifications that would help them raise the standards of their work.

For the first time in the history of IBA, the projects displayed in the exhibition are hosted at <https://github.com/fcsiba> publicly. Projects and team profiles are available online at: <https://www.kaydrive.com/fcsiba-spring19>



ACCW conducts a dramatic reading of Manto's selected works



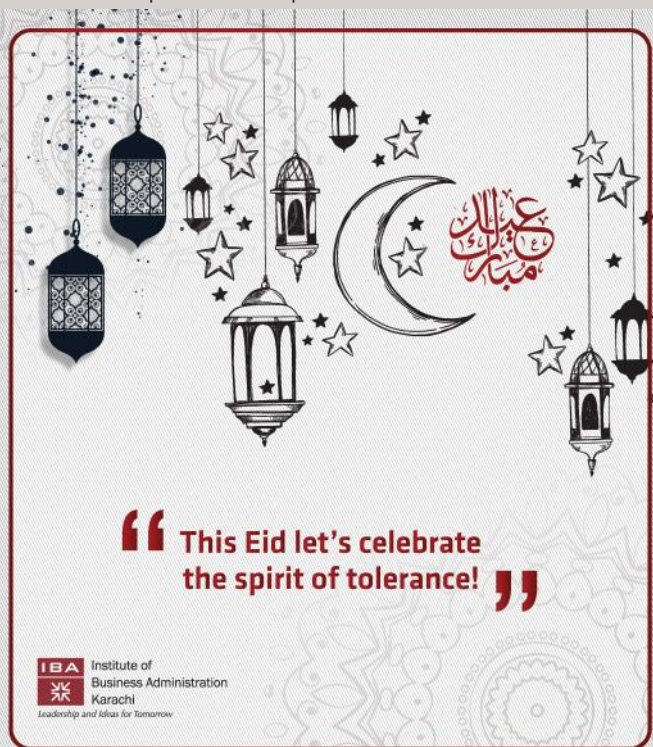
May 2, 2019: The Ardeshir Cowasjee Center for Writing (ACCW) conducted a dramatic reading session for some of Manto's works including *Khholdo* and *Toba Tek Singh*. The discussion was led by Coordinator ACCW, Ms. Maria Hasan. Attendees discussed how they had been introduced to Manto's work and how his stories focused on aspects that seem to have been erased from history, portraying the beastly side of humans, particularly in the backdrop of the partition, bringing out how it meant different things for different people. One student pointed out how Manto focused mainly on the suffering of women. The session was a great way of introducing Manto to those who had been curious about his work.



Webinar on Trade and Development Report 2018



May 3, 2019: A webinar was organized at the IBA by Assistant Professor and Research Fellow (CBER), Dr. Aadil Nakhoda, in collaboration with the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD). The representatives from the UN office discussed the findings of the Trade and Development Report 2018 focusing on the theme of Power, Platform and the Free Trade Delusion. The presentation focused on the aftermath of the global financial crisis; global value chains; structure of free trade agreements, with a shift towards legal protection of intellectual property and promotion of investment protectionism; how economic policies can be adapted to the digital world; and the Global Green New Deal. The session ended with a Q&A session, where the audience enquired how Pakistan can benefit in this entire landscape and how its policies have changed over the years with respect to trade. In response, the representatives highlighted that students from institutions such as the IBA are future policy and law makers, thus entrusting them with an important role in how trade policies are shaped.





IBA wins bronze medal in the HEC Inter-Varsity Men's Chess Championship

May 2-4, 2019: IBA, Karachi's men's chess team won a bronze medal and secured 3rd position in the all Pakistan HEC Inter-Varsity Men's Chess Championship 2018-19, organized by UET Lahore, under the supervision of HEC.

The IBA congratulates the men's chess team on their outstanding performances.



IBA student wins gold in the HEC Inter-Varsity Men's Shooting Championship

May 2019: IBA, Karachi student Zaheer Ahmed Mirza won a gold medal in all Pakistan HEC Inter-Varsity Men's Shooting Championship 2018-19, organized by HEC at the Gun and Country Club, Islamabad.

The IBA congratulates Zaheer on his remarkable achievement and wishes him the best in his future endeavors.

CEE - Expanding Linkages

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Guest speaker session for DFMB (Batch 4) participants

May 4, 2019: CEO Al Hilal Advisors, Mr. Faraz Younus Bandukda, was invited as a guest speaker to a session of the Diploma in Family Managed Business (Batch 4) and spoke on Shariah Issues in Family Managed Business.

Mr. Bandukda shared the basic shariah principles to avoid conflict; supplementing them with real life examples. He emphasized the need for family businesses to document their dealings, roles and expectations from the business, as well as separate management and ownership within the business.

The session concluded with the Academic Director, Family Managed Business Program, Ms. Aysha Anas Iftikhar, thanking Mr. Bandukda and presenting him with a plaque.



NTHP News

Director THP visits Meezan Bank Head office

May 22, 2019: Director Talent Hunt Program, Dr. Zeenat Ismail and THP team visited the Meezan Bank Head office to meet senior representatives of the Ihsan Trust, and share valuable progress on the IBA-IT-NTHP Batch of 2019, a fully-funded orientation training program at the IBA, Karachi. The team met Senior Executive Vice President Meezan Bank Mr. Ahmed Ali Siddiqui, and General Manager Ihsan Trust Mr. Fayyaz ur Rehman Khan, and invited them to attend the orientation ceremony for the Batch of 2019.



CDC In News

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UoP team receives training by CDC and Alumni Affairs department

May 4-6, 2019: A three-day training under the aegis of CEE was conducted to build the capacity of the career counseling and alumni relations department of the University of Peshawar (UoP) at the IBA, Karachi. The IBA's CDC and Alumni Affairs department trained the UoP team on the basics of establishing effective systems and processes to ensure smooth function of the unit. Moreover, the team was also provided with extensive training on mechanism, processes, tools and techniques of practicing effective career counseling, and were also coached to institutionalize the CDC and establish a stable alumni relations unit. Senior Manager, Corporate Relations and Communications Department, IBA, Mr. Haris Siddiqui, and Manager, CDC, IBA, Mr. Danish Imtiaz were the learning facilitators for the session.



On-campus recruitment drives

May, 2019: CDC hosted various recruitment drives at the IBA, Karachi whereby PTCL, Ismail Industries Limited and Telenor Microfinance Bank conducted recruitment drives.

Politics of Art, Public Space, and the Karachi Biennale



May 8, 2019: The Department of Social Sciences and Liberal Arts (SSLA), IBA Karachi in collaboration with the Karachi Biennale Trust conducted a panel discussion on the *Politics of Art, Public Space, and the Karachi Biennale* at the IBA, Karachi main campus. The session was attended by SSLA students, staff and faculty. The panel was moderated by Assistant Professor, SSLA department IBA, Dr. Naveen Minai.

The panelists included Assistant Curator, Karachi Biennale 2019, Noor Ahmed; Trustee, Global Outreach Chair, Karachi Biennale Trust, Atteqa Malik; Head of Corporate Relations and Communications Department, IBA Karachi and President, Tehzeeb Foundation, Mrs. Malahat Awan; lecturer, SSLA department IBA, Palvashay Sethi.



Reporting for Democracy: The Role of a Free Press in Elections

May 2, 2019: A webinar on *Reporting for Democracy: The Role of a Free Press in Elections* was organized at CEJ-IBA to commemorate World Press Freedom Day. It was streamed live from the US. Participants discussed the role of media in elections and curbs on free press. The group discussed the media landscape in Pakistan and the West, and the effects of digital convergence and downsizing caused by it. On the occasion, participants unanimously agreed that restraints on journalists still exist in the name of national security and national interest. Visiting US journalists Jill Filipovic and Lauren Bohn also shared their experience on reporting in the Middle East and America.



Workshop on the Importance of Diversity in Storytelling and Ethical Reporting of Sensitive Topics

May 3, 2019: CEJ-IBA conducted a one-day workshop on *The Importance of Diversity in Storytelling and Ethical Reporting of Sensitive Topics*. Trainers for this workshop were author, lawyer and a contributing opinion writer for the *New York Times*, Jill Filipovic and an independent journalist, editor, and social entrepreneur, Lauren Bohn. Students were guided on how to choose an angle for a story topic, how to source a diverse range of people, and how to work with them in reporting their stories in an ethical and fair manner.

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IDEAS Poster Competition

May 3, 2019: Department of Finance, IBA and IBA-CEIF organized the *IDEAS Poster Competition* which provided undergraduate and graduate students of Islamic Banking and Finance course a platform to share innovative ideas in Islamic finance. The innovative ideas presented by students targeted Islamic finance awareness, financial inclusion through Islamic banking product development, Islamic banking entrepreneurship, takaful industry, sukuk and waqf. The purpose of the activity was to enhance the industry-university synergy.

A panel of guests judged the competition and gave feedback to students on their respective ideas. The panel included: Senior Joint Director, Islamic Banking Department, State Bank of Pakistan, Mr. Ghulam Shabbir; Director, IBA-CEIF and SEVP & Head, Product Development & Shariah Compliance, Meezan Bank Ltd., Mr. Ahmed Ali Siddiqui; Head Shariah Compliance, Standard Chartered Saadiq, Mr. Farhan Kazi; Head of Corporate and Investment Banking and Cash Management, Dubai Islamic Bank, Pakistan, Mr. Zubair Haider Shaikh; and Managing Director & CEO, Takaful Pakistan Ltd., Mr. Rizwan Hussain.



SS Club organizes the 3rd Annual IBA Conference on Social Sciences & Humanities



May 3-4, 2019: The IBA Social Sciences Club organized their 3rd Annual IBA Conference on Social Sciences and Humanities to provide a platform where students presented their research papers on various themes, such as healthcare, waste management, language, gender, biopower, medieval Islamic world, music, the pink tax, education, citizenship, sufism and human rights. The conference was attended by faculty and students of the IBA, and other universities. The awards were presented to the best papers.

The keynote speaker of the conference was Assistant Professor, Forman Christian College Lahore, Dr. Ammar Ali Jan. He encouraged the students to think out of the box. The panel discussions were moderated by the IBA Social Sciences and Liberal Arts faculty including: Dr. Faiza Mushtaq, Dr. Gulnaz Anjum, Dr. Naveen Minai, Dr. Laila Farooq and Ms. Palvashay Sethi.

Promotions

May 2, 2019: The IBA, Karachi congratulates the following faculty and staff members on their appointment to new designations. They have exhibited professional competence and outstanding performance and the Institute wishes them all the best in their new roles.

| Name | New Designation | Department |
|--|------------------------------------|----------------|
| Dr. Heman Das Lohano | Professor | Economics |
| Dr. Abbas Ali Gillani | Assistant Professor | Economics |
| Published by the Repository, 2022 Abdul Basit | Assistant Professor | Marketing |
| | Assistant Manager (Internal Audit) | Internal Audit |

Second batch of ERP diploma commences

May 4, 2019: The IBA-CICT started the second batch of Diploma in ERP at the IBA, Karachi. Students from diversified backgrounds have been enrolled in this program such as banking, telecommunications, automobile, and financial institutes. The courses of Diploma in ERP include: ERP essentials, ERP financials - I (SAP ERP system), ERP supply chain - I (Oracle ERP system, ERP financials - II), ERP supply chain - II (SAP ERP system), Business Intelligence and Data Visualization.

Benazir Bhutto Shaheed Youth Development Program Phase-XI



May 2, 2019: The IBA-CICT concluded Sindh Government's Benazir Bhutto Shaheed Youth Development Program (BBSYDP) Phase XI. The program started in January, 2019 with 190 students, between 18 to 35 years.

The main objective of this program is to shape the youth as an economic asset for the province by developing and inculcating in them different skill sets so that they can easily avail job opportunities.



Capacity Building Training Project for Sindh Secretariat Officials



May 6, 2019: The IBA, Karachi in collaboration with Services General Administration and Coordination Department conducted the 17th batch of IT training for Sindh Secretariat Officials. The aim of this project is to train Sindh Secretariat employees from BPS-1 to BPS-5 in the area of MS Office comprising Word and Excel in order to excel in their careers. Around 470 candidates from 16 batches have been trained so far. Candidates from different backgrounds, education levels and departments have participated in this project and showed progress after the completion of the training.

Annual Iftar 2019

May 24, 2019: To celebrate the holy spirit of Ramazan, the IBA Karachi hosted an Iftar dinner. Attendees included Executive Director IBA, Dr. Farrukh Iqbal, General Manager Administration, Mr. Aamer Shabbir, Director Finance Mr. Moeid Sultan, Director HR Mr. Mashooque Bhatti along with several senior members of the faculty to uplift the spirits of fellow employees.

Approximately 350 members of the IBA family attended the grand Iftar. After enjoying sumptuous Ramazan delights, the Maghrib prayers were led in congregation, instilling the spirit of brotherhood among all those in attendance, and uniting them as one cohesive body.



Forthcoming events

| Events | Organizer | Date | Time |
|--|-----------|----------------|----------------------|
| Talk lecture on Digitalization of Pakistan – The Role of Data and Research | CEJ | June 15 | 04:00 pm to 05:00 pm |
| Certificate distribution of Kids Summer Entrepreneurship Champ | CED | June 22 | 09:00 am to 04:00 pm |
| Open House in Islamabad and Lahore | Marketing | June 22 and 24 | 05:00 pm to 07:00 pm |

For more details please visit:

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