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The largest batch of students graduate at the convocation

December 1, 2018: The IBA held its annual convocation 2018 at the main campus to confer degrees to 926 graduates. The graduating batch included 664 undergraduate students from six programs, 261 post-graduate students from eight programs, and one Ph.D. scholar. It is the largest graduating batch in the 63 year of the institute's history. It was the first time that the entire graduating batch was called on stage for the degree conferment. The convocation card was designed by an IBA graduate Marzia Bilwani, marking it another first.

The chief guest of the ceremony was Advisor to the Prime Minister on Institutional Reforms and Austerity, Dr. Ishrat Husain. ED IBA, Dr. Farrukh Iqbal congratulated all the graduating students and their families. He said, "The IBA has long had a reputation for delivering quality education and it plays its part in inculcating a sense of public responsibility in all its students." Dr. Husain lauded the progress of IBA in the last decade and shared, "I get feedback from the market that IBA graduates exhibit the highest ethical values in their conduct".

The position holders were presented cash prizes, medals, shields and certificates of merit. Chairman Martin Dow Mr. Javed Akhai was the pioneer for awarding cash prizes at IBA convocations and the IBA honoured his memory by naming the gold medals after him. This year, the institute also acknowledged its students' sports achievements: Ayesha Zafar represented the Pakistan Women's Cricket team and Mahoor Shehzad, the defending National Badminton Champion and Pakistan's No.1 player.

Dr. Huma Baqai appointed member of Advisory Council on Foreign Affairs and Sindh Commission on the Status of Women



December 24, 2018: The IBA conveys its heartfelt congratulations to AD IBA and foreign policy expert, Dr. Huma Baqai on her appointments as member Advisory Council on Foreign Affairs under the chairmanship of the Foreign Minister of Pakistan, and member Advisory Committee Sindh Commission on the Status of Women (SCSW). IBA wishes her the very best in her recent appointments.

FYP Symposium 2018 by FCS



December 14, 2018: Faculty of Computer Science organized a Final Year Project (FYP) Symposium at the IBA, city campus. The symposium had 44 projects on display for evaluations, out of which 17 projects were completed this semester. Eminent faculty, professionals and industry personnel were invited as judges to evaluate the projects. ED Dr. Farrukh Iqbal and other notable guests from academia and industry lauded the quality of projects and exhibition management during their inspection.

A Glass Half Full: The Promise of Regional Trade in South Asia



Identifying trade barriers in the South Asian region

December 7, 2018: A seminar was held for the launch of the World Bank report. The World Bank's Lead Economist and Coordinator South Asia Regional Integration in the Macroeconomics, Trade and Investment Global Practice, Mr. Sanjay Kathuria gave a presentation on the report followed by a panel discussion. Other panellists included AD IBA Dr. Huma Baqai and President Employers' Federation of Pakistan Mr. Majyd Aziz.

Mr. Kathuria stated that South Asia has the most rapidly growing and dynamic market for trade with great potential but unfortunately it is also the most non-cooperative region in the world. He highlighted the perceived barriers to trade and gave suggestions on improving regional integration.

Mr. Aziz also commented that trade between India and Pakistan can be improved through establishment of formal economic zones, whereas Dr. Baqai observed that the major responsibility for improving regional trade in South Asia lies with India, as it is the largest regional market accounting for 80% of regional trade.

The seminar was concluded by Mr. Kathuria by restating his vision for a direct trade route from Kabul to Dhaka.

Alumni News

Election for Alumni Representative on IBA BoG



December 13-15, 2018: Mr. Shahid Shafiq, IBA Alumnus Class of 1974, was elected unopposed for the post of Alumni Representative on the IBA Board of Governors for the next 3 years. We congratulate Mr. Shahid Shafiq and wish him a successful tenure.

Talk by Alice Bailat

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Can vulnerable nations be leaders in climate change negotiations?



December 7, 2018: The SSLA department held a session with Associate Professor Centre de Recherches Internationales (CERI), French Institute for International and Strategic Affairs Dr. Alice Bailat.

Dr. Bailat proposed a concept of 'weak power' which can be defined as a country's capacity to transform its vulnerability into a diplomatic tool to increase its influence on multilateral negotiations. She used Bangladesh as an example to discuss the resources, strategies and forms of leadership deployed by the most vulnerable nations in the UN climate negotiations. The session culminated with a Q&A session between the students and Dr. Bailat.

Literati gather at ThinkFest IBA



December 8, 2018: IBA Karachi hosted the first Afkar-e-Taza ThinkFest held at the IBA, city campus. The event provided a platform for intellectual discourse on various topics and for the audience to come, think and question topics under discussion. Several prominent national and international scholars and commentators were present including Advisor to the Prime Minister on Institutional Reforms and Austerity and Chairman CEIF, Dr. Ishrat Husain, Dr. Ali Usman Qasmi, Mr. F.S. Aijazuddin, Dr. Asma Abbas, Dr. Akbar Zaidi along with many senior journalists and columnists.

UNCTAD VI Presentation on Trade and Development Report 2018: Power, Platforms and Free Trade Delusion



December 7, 2018: A webinar was organized by Assistant Professor and Research Fellow (CBER) Dr. Aadil Nakhoda in collaboration with the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD). It focused on the major trade and structural developments in the world in the last decade and their impacts.

Sports Achievements

December, 2018: The following are the sports achievements for the month of December:

- The IBA girls table tennis team participated in All Pakistan HEC National Table Tennis Girls Championship 2018-19 held at the University of Lahore
- The IBA boys table tennis team participated in All Pakistan HEC National Table Tennis Boys Championship 2018-19 held at the University of Punjab
- The IBA boys badminton team won the HEC Inter Varsity Zone G Boys Badminton Championship 2018-19 held at NED University
- The IBA boys badminton team participated in All Pakistan HEC National Badminton Boys Championship 2018-19 held at University of Karachi
- The IBA boys football team won the HEC Zone 'G' Inter Varsity Football Boys Championship 2018-19 held at Iqra University

The IBA congratulates its students on their performances and wishes them the best of luck for their future endeavours.

ACCW organizes a Slam Poetry Open Mic



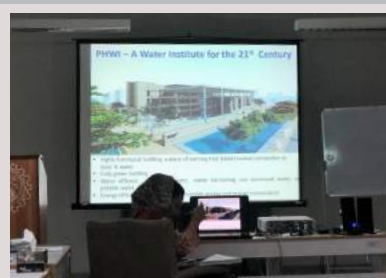
December 5, 2018: An open mic session was held at the Ardeshir Cowasjee Writing Center (ACCW). The event began with an IBA student and a talented slam poet, Rahma Uneeb who gave an introduction to slam poetry. She proceeded to give the stage to the participating students many of whom were new to the slam platform.

KUL extends linkages with UWN and PHWI

December 28, 2018: The Karachi Urban Lab (KUL) signed an MOU with the Hisaar Foundation to join the Universities for Water Network (UWN) which is jointly established by the Hisaar Foundation and NED University of Engineering and Technology as an initiative to develop a skill base for the water sector, as well as water related disciplines and degrees.

A significant initiative by UWN is the environmentally responsible and green building Panjwani-Hisaar Water Institute (PHWI) which is already under construction at the NED University and will launch its first course on water laws in March 2019.

KUL will engage with both UWN and PHWI in offering innovative courses or modules on water for SSLA students at the IBA.



CEE - News Alert

MoU with Karachi Down Syndrome Program (KDSP)



December 28, 2018: IBA-CEE and KDSP ink MoU with an objective to develop certificate programs in the area of Remedial Teaching for support of inclusive education in Pakistan. Director CEE Dr. Izhar Hussain and Manager Skills Development Program Ms. Sumera Muhammad were present on the occasion. Representatives from KDSP included Director and Deputy CEO Ms. Farzeen Ali and Head of Education and Training Ms. Saira Nazneen Ibrahim.

Skills Development Program-IBA plans to offer the first program in this series titled *Remedial Teacher Training Certificate Course* in February 2019.

IBA CEE

Center for Executive Education



Corporate Connect Series

December, 2018: The CDC hosted a session on Innovation and Design under the banner of its Corporate Connect Series. The guest speaker for the session was Disruptive Business Models Manager at Unilever Pakistan Ltd. Mr. Muhammad Imad Paracha.

The IBA-CDC also hosted two other corporate connect series sessions in collaboration with Associate Professor IBA Dr. Qaiser Munir.

December 4, 2018: A session on CPEC – Game Changer for Pakistan was conducted by the CEO of Next Pharmaceuticals, Rizwan Khalid Butt. He spoke on various challenges of China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC). He said, "With (a) total contract amount of US\$ 19 billion, 10 early-harvest projects are completed and 12 early-harvest projects are under smooth construction."



December 6, 2018: A session on Urban Sustainability was conducted by Pakistani architect and planner, Arif Hasan. He discussed the infrastructure of Karachi and emphasized that in order to run the city effectively anthropological research is needed and economic relations need to be developed to create more jobs.

Mentoring Matters

December 14, 2018: The CDC in collaboration with the Alumni department launched their first ever mentoring program with an orientation session titled "Mentoring Matters". The platform caters to the mentoring of senior students by industry veterans for personal and professional development. Several prominent IBA Alumni volunteered to be mentors including former Governor of Sindh Mr. Muhammad Zubair.

CICT - News bytes



Certificate distribution ceremony for Sindh Secretariat employees

December 7, 2018: A certificate distribution ceremony for Capacity Building in IT of Sindh Secretariat employees was held. The ceremony was attended by Minister for Information, Science and Technology (IS&T) Department Mr. Nawabzada Talpur, ED IBA, Dr. Farrukh Iqbal, Director IBA-CICT Mr. Imran Batada, Secretary IS&T Department, Government of Sindh Mr. Ali Qazi, and Director General IS&T Department, Government of Sindh Mr. Muhammad Yousuf.

Addressing the Provincial Minister, Mr. Talpur proposed to form the Information Technology Board for Sindh. He also appreciated the hard work done by IS&T Department of Sindh and IBA-CICT.



Two-day workshop held on Business Intelligence and Big Data Visualization

December 15-16, 2018: IBA-CICT conducted a two-day workshop on Business Intelligence and Big Data Visualization. Attendees included professionals working at organizations such as HBL, K-Electric, Bank Al Habib, Habib Bank Assets Management etc.

Director IBA-ICT & CICT Mr. Imran Batada was the trainer of the program. The aim of the workshop was to highlight the importance of processing the data in an efficient way and the dire need of training in the referred capacity. It focused on the ways through which data can be transformed into value-added information.

Launch of Diploma course on Digital Marketing

December 1, 2018: IBA-CICT launched a diploma course on Digital Marketing. The main objective of the course is to provide participants with a well-defined set of digital skills which can be utilized by client-side marketing teams, digital and integrated agencies.

The program will help in driving strategies and tactical solutions for enterprise e-commerce businesses, B2B and B2C businesses, and public relations agencies.

CED - Update

Visit of Country Director UNDP Pakistan



December 11, 2018: A series of presentations were given by the batch of IBA UNDP Youth Employment Project (YEP). Guests included Country Director UNDP Mr. Ignacio Artaza, ED IBA Dr. Farrukh Iqbal, Assistant Country Director UNDP Mr. Adil Mansoor, Project Manager UNDP Youth Employment Project (YEP) Mr. Moin Zaidi, CEO Amreli Steel Mr. Abbas Amreli, Chairman Hira Foundation Dr. Imran Ashraf Usmani, CEO KTD MC Mr. Mansoor Ahmed, and CEO Milestone Mr. Salman Shaikh.

The participants presented their entrepreneurial stories and showcased their products and services. Mr. Artaza commended the efforts of the institute to build the YEP. IBA UNDP is proud to have partnered with the institute to train 500 deserving youth of Karachi.

NTHP

Outreach activities



December 10-17, 2018: The Talent Hunt Program team of IBA Karachi organized outreach activities in the remote areas of the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa region which included: Malakand, Buner, Shangla, Swat, Dir-Upper and Chitral. Twelve information and awareness sessions in six districts were successfully organized and attended by 827 students. The team also conducted awareness and career counselling sessions with the aim to encourage talented students of HSSC Level-I and HSSC Level-II to pursue higher studies. The students were briefed about application processes and scholarship opportunities given by the IBA and Ihsan Trust.

Honorary lunch held for Dr. Ishrat Husain



December 2, 2018: IBA-CEIF hosted a lunch in honor of Chairman CEIF, Dr. Ishrat Husain for his contribution to Islamic finance and the economy of Pakistan. The ceremony was attended by 80 professionals from the State Bank of Pakistan (SBP) and the finance industry. The lunch was preceded by speeches from Director CEIF, Mr. Ahmed Ali Siddiqui, ED Dr. Farrukh Iqbal, Deputy Governor SBP, Mr. Jameel Ahmad and Chairman CEIF, Dr. Husain.

The event was moderated by Program Director MS Islamic Banking and Finance (IBF), IBA Dr. Irum Saba.

Visit of Iqra University students

December 03, 2018: A delegation of students from Iqra University, headed by Mr. Rehmatullah, visited IBA Centre for Excellence in Islamic Finance.



Faysal Bank's HR team conducts an informative session



December 14, 2018: The team from Faysal Bank Ltd. including Head of HR, Mr. Monis Mirza, Head of Islamic Banking, Mr. Faisal Sheikh, Head of Talent Acquisition & Employee Relations, Mr. Altaf Shahzaman and Talent Acquisition Manager, Mr. Qureshi conducted a session with the students of MS Islamic Banking & Finance. The team explained the conversion process being undertaken at Faysal Bank to transform from a conventional bank to a full-fledged Islamic bank.

CEJ Gazette



Training of Trainers (TOT) - A series of workshops

Digital Journalism

December 21, 2018: A Digital Journalism Workshop for Training of Trainers was conducted by IBA-CEJ. Participants were taught how to use their smartphones to record short videos and edit them. The trainer, Peter Constantin Brückner said that the concept of filming has revolutionized as big cameras are being substituted with smartphones.

The trainers, Brückner and Rahamdil Khan familiarized the participants with basic filming techniques. The participants were told to pitch a story and then film it. The final clips were evaluated by both the trainers on the last day of the workshop.

Social Media and Mobile Journalism

December 14, 2018: Social Media and Mobile Journalism Workshop for Training of Trainers was conducted by IBA-CEJ. The trainers were Rachel Yasmeen from University of Paderborn, Germany and Ayaz Imtiaz. Participants were guided on how and what to post on social media. Yasmeen advised the participants to check on the statistics of their social media pages before planning their strategy. Furthermore, she guided them on how to check which news and pictures are fake.

Along with social media techniques, participants were introduced to the concept of Mobile Journalism. Imtiaz explained how one can use their smartphones to record, edit and share videos on social media platforms.



Forthcoming events

Event	Date	Time
Data Analysis and Presentation with MS Excel and MS PowerPoint	January 7-28, 2019 (Monday, Wednesday and Friday)	6:30 pm to 8:30 pm
Model United Nations IBA, Karachi	January 10-13, 2019	10:00 am to 7:00 pm
Family Business Plan Presentation	January 12, 2019	11:00 am to 6:00 pm

For more details please visit:

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