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Sukkur IBA University commemorated its 6th Convocation on Saturday, March 09, 2019, at its Main Campus in order to confer degrees and medals to passing students. Syed Nasir Hussain Shah, Minister Works and Services, Government of Sindh, graced the event as distinguished Chief Guest, while Syed Khursheed Ahmed Shah, MNA and former Leader of Opposition, was the Guest of Honor. Officers of civil bureaucracy, graduates, parents and people from all walks of life attended the event.

In all, 199 graduates were conferred degrees. Students who received gold medals in different programs include Tania (Bachelor of Computer Science), Mahrukh (Bachelor of Electrical Engineering (Electronics)), Zohra Riaz Hira (Bachelor of Business Administration), Muhammad Hamza (Bachelor of Business Administration (Agribusiness)), and Ayesha Badar Qureshi (Bachelor of Education). The recipients of silver medals were Superna Kumari (Bachelor of Computer Science), Ishfa Taqi (Bachelor of Electrical Engineering (Electronics)), Zahra Ashraf (Bachelor of Business Administration), Sultan Adeel (Bachelor of Business Administration (Agribusiness)) and Rabia (Bachelor of Education).

Conference Corner

1st International Conference on Emerging Trends & Innovations in Education (iCETIE) at Sukkur IBA University

Two-day 1st International Conference on Emerging Trends & Innovations in Education (iCETIE) was organized by the Education Department of Sukkur IBA University. Renowned educationists at home and abroad attended the conference.

In his welcome address, the Registrar Sukkur IBA University, Engr. Zahid Hussain Khand, said, "our curriculum has become outdated and therefore urged to update it according to the modern requirements". The Registrar shed light on various initiatives of Sukkur IBA University, which included, National Talent Hunt Program, BBA Agri-business, Fab Lab, Behavioral Lab, Community Colleges, Mobile Science and Technology Laboratory, Solar Energy System and much more.

The conference included several keynote speakers' talks, a panel discussion and various parallel sessions all related to education. Founding Director Centre for International Teacher Education (CITE) Cape Peninsula, Cape Town South Africa, Prof. Dr. Yusuf Sayed, talked about the link between the educational quality and economic growth, linking good governance to good education. Another keynote speaker from University of Sussex, UK, Prof. Dr. Barbara Crossouard talked about sustainable development goals in quality education. Other keynote speakers included, Dr. Naureen Durrani, Dr. Muhammad Memon, Dr. Wang Yiyi, Dr. Yanki Hartijasti and others.

In his closing remarks, Vice Chancellor Sukkur IBA University, Prof. Nisar Ahmed Siddiqui said that the future of education lies in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM). He emphasized that it is high time for overhauling our old syllabus, so as to keep up with the disruptive technologies emerging now.



2nd Intl. Conference on Computing, Mathematics & Engineering Technologies-2019

The departments of Computer Science, Mathematics, and Electrical Engineering of Sukkur IBA University jointly organized the 2nd International Conference on Computing, Mathematics & Engineering Technologies (iCoMET) 2019. The two-day conference took place from January 30, 2019 to January 31, 2019 and was graced by the guests from all over the globe. With the theme "Sustainable Technologies for Socio-Economic Development", the conference aimed at providing a platform to researchers and students to present their research work for socio-economic solutions.

The Vice Chancellor Sukkur IBA University Prof. Nisar Ahmed Siddiqui, in his welcome address said that, Sukkur IBA University has now diverted its energies towards competing in the fields of info-tech, bio-tech and artificial intelligence.

The chief guest of the event, Justice Muhammad Shafi Siddiqui, said that it is heartening to see that Sukkur IBA University has developed at par with the leading Universities across the globe. He said, "I am a law student and therefore mathematics is not my cup of tea, but I am happy that, Sukkur IBA University is equipping the youngster with most modern technologies".

In the closing ceremony, Registrar Sukkur IBA University, Engr. Zahid Hussain Khand, thanking the participants, told that, more than 400 research papers on engineering, mathematics and computing had been submitted for the conference this year. He added that he hoped that the deliberations of two-day conference will prove fruitful for the researchers and students, who have come from across Pakistan and abroad.



Events Corner

DICE 2018, MEGA Innovation & Entrepreneurship Event

Sukkur IBA University organized a two-day mega event of DICE-2018. The number of delegates was 150, which included guests from HEIs, Technical and Vocational Training Institutes and Corporate sector.

The mega event consisted of various competitions, including MEGA Innovation and Entrepreneurship Event, DICE Youth Innovation Event, Sukkur IBA University DICE Shark and Cultural Night. More than 200 stalls were established, where students from different universities, colleges and schools all across Pakistan showcased their innovative ideas.

Speaking as the chief guest, Member National Assembly, Syed Khursheed Ahmed Shah, said it's all about innovation and materializing ideas. Vice Chancellor Sukkur IBA University, Prof. Nisar Ahmed Siddiqui, in his welcome address said, DICE is one of the various initiatives of Sukkur IBA University, aimed at providing a platform to the young innovators to showcase their ideas and attract sponsors and investors. Director CEL&Inc, Mr. Ikhtiar Ahmed Khoso, briefed the participants about DICE, its vision, and its mission. Later, the guests visited the stalls established by the students of different colleges and universities.

There were several panel discussions and keynote speeches made on day one, including the keynote speech of Ms. Sultana Siddiqui, President HUM Network, and others. The proceedings of day one concluded with Dinner-Networking-Cultural Night.

Day two of the event started with a panel discussion on the topic "4th Industrial Revolution- Role of Universities and Entrepreneurial Opportunities".

After the panel discussions and keynote speeches, Sukkur IBA University DICE Shark was conducted in which students presented their innovations before the audience. Prizes were given to the winners.

In his concluding remarks the registrar, Sukkur IBA University, Engr. Zahid Hussain Khand, thanked all the key note speakers, students and other participants, saying, all the participants worked hard to make this event successful.



SIBACOM-19



Electrical Engineering Department of Sukkur IBA University and IEEE SIBA Student Chapter organized SIBACOM '19 in January, 2019. SIBACOM is an annual activity, which is being held regularly for last four years. This year, different competitions & exhibitions, including, Hardware Exhibition (Senior & Junior), Software Exhibition, Tech Entrepreneurship Challenge, Drone Race, Circuit Design Challenge, Speed Programming, Robo Race, and Gaming Competitions (Counter Strike & FIFA) were organized in the event. Around 15 universities from across Pakistan participated this year. Vice Chancellor Sukkur IBA University, Prof. Nisar Ahmed Siddiqui, in his inaugural speech said, "Significance of the technology has become more and more with the increasing competition between human being and machines, but the ultimate victory always goes to the human being". He emphasized that these competitions are organized to create love of science and technology among the youngsters, who are going to shoulder the responsibility of the future. Registrar Sukkur IBA University, Engr. Zahid Hussain Khand, in his welcome address, urged the students to carry on with their projects and keep on researching to further polish their talents. He also highlighted that even though machines work faster than human beings, they are still dependent upon human being command. "This is high time we should go for acquiring higher soft skills to apply them in the real world", he added. Drone Race and Robo Race was won by the team of Bahria University (Karachi Campus), while Speed Programming Competition was won by DHA Suffa University. Software Exhibition was dominated by MUET SZAB Khairpur Campus. Sukkur IBA University won the Hardware Competition (Senior & Junior Categories), Circuit Design Challenge, and Tech Entrepreneurship Challenge. The activities of the day came to an end with prize distribution among the winners and a Gala Dinner arranged for the participating teams.

Job Fair 2019 at Sukkur IBA University



The Career Development Center (CDC) of Sukkur IBA University organized 3rd Job Fair on February 09, 2019. The purpose of this job fair was to strengthen industry-academia relation. Job Fairs provides a platform where recruiters and potential future employees meet face-to-face and get to exchange information.

Continental Biscuits Ltd. signed up as the exclusive partner of Sukkur IBA University in this job fair. Pakistan's leading organizations from all fields participated in the Job Fair 2019 at Sukkur IBA University.



Neuro Warfare 2018 at Sukkur IBA University

Organized by Case Research Center (CRC), Neuro Warfare, one of the signature events of Sukkur IBA University, took place in November 2018. Contestants from 15 different Universities from all across Pakistan participated in the event, which included, Institute of Management Sciences Peshawar, PIDE Islamabad, Institute of Business Management Karachi, Islamia University Bahawalpur, Air University Islamabad, PAK-KIET, SZABIST Hyderabad, SZABIST Larkana and others. In his opening speech, the Vice Chancellor Sukkur IBA University, Prof. Nisar Ahmed Siddiqui, emphasized that, with critical thinking, people can find multiple solutions to their business problems and was hopeful that the two days of Neuro Warfare will benefit the participating students greatly. Registrar Sukkur IBA University, Engr. Zahid Hussain Khand, according warm welcome to the participants, shed light on the various initiatives of Sukkur IBA University.

Sukkur IBA University clinched first and second positions in "Virtual Battle Field", while secured third position in "Clash of Minds" and "Hemisphere Combat". Islamia University Bahawalpur secured third position in Virtual Battle Field, while PIDE Islamabad and Institute of Management Sciences Peshawar got first and second positions, respectively in Clash of Minds and Institute of Business Management Karachi and Air University Islamabad secured first and second positions, respectively in Hemisphere Combat. The winners of first position were awarded Rs.50000 and those secured second position were given Rs.30000 and Rs.15000 were given to the third position holders.



An Evening with Flowers

Like yester years, Sukkur IBA University in collaboration with Municipal Corporation and District Administration Sukkur arranged Flower Exhibition at its campus in February, 2019 for the citizens. The chief guest, MNA Syed Khursheed Ahmed Shah, along with Mayor Sukkur, Mr. Arsalan Islam Shaikh and Vice Chancellor Sukkur IBA University, Prof. Nisar Ahmed Siddiqui, along with other prominent dignitaries inaugurated the event. Variety of colorful flowers were displayed, which were equally admired by the participants. The chief guest MNA Syed Khursheed Ahmed Shah while admiring the flowers, emphasized the importance of greenery, saying flowers are not only calming to the eye but also help fight global warming. The Vice Chancellor Sukkur IBA University Professor Nisar Ahmed Siddiqui said that, this flower exhibition is a regular event at Sukkur IBA University. Registrar Sukkur IBA University Engr. Zahid Hussain Khand appreciating the gardeners, said that, it is due to the hard work of these gardeners that Sukkur IBA University has been awarded with "Green Campus" certificate by the WWF. Mayor Sukkur Arsalan Shaikh chimed in saying flowers and greenery bring about positive changes in human behavior and therefore, we should plant more trees to



make our environment worth living. The gardeners were later awarded certificates & cash prizes by the chief guest. The award ceremony was followed by dinner and musical event in which renowned artist Shazia Manzoor entertained the audience. Students performed culturally-representative dances as well, which was highly enjoyed by the participants.

Meeting Regarding AACSB – Initial Self Evaluation Report (iSER)

As part of ongoing International AACSB Accreditation process, International Accreditations Office conducted a meeting with all key-stakeholders of Sukkur IBA University. The purpose of the meeting was to involve all the key-stakeholders, departmental heads and focal persons of Sukkur IBA University in AACSB – Initial Self Evaluation Report (iSER) write-up process. Participation and engagement of all key stakeholders is crucial to win this most prestigious international accreditation. Vice Chancellor Sukkur IBA University, Prof. Nisar Ahmed Siddiqui is committed to make Sukkur IBA as world's best University and the International Accreditations Office is taking efforts to make this dream come true.



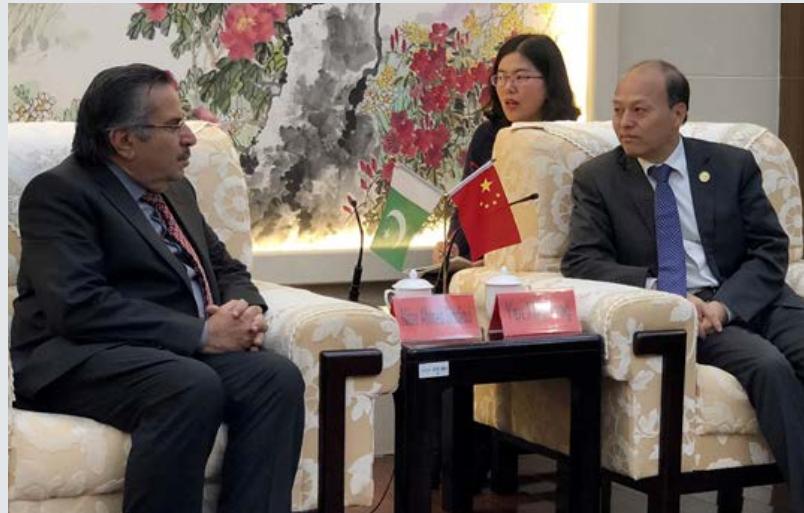
Sukkur IBA University Team Attended 2nd Exchanges Mechanism Conference in China

The delegation from Sukkur IBA University comprising the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Nisar Ahmed Siddiqui; HoD Business Administration, Prof. Niaz Ahmed Bhutto; and Dr. Khalid Ahmed attended "The 2nd Exchanges Mechanism Conference of the Consortium of China-Pakistan Universities" held at Zhejiang University, Hangzhou, China. This conference is part of the ongoing efforts from both governments to foster academic collaborations between Pakistani and Chinese Universities. The consortium is led by the Higher Education Commission (HEC) of Pakistan and China Higher Education Association, along with top ranked Universities from both the countries. More than 70 representatives from around 30 Chinese and Pakistani universities attended the conference to share the progress on the 2017-2018 annual work and discuss the future of the Consortium. During the conference, many Chinese Universities took keen interest to collaborate with Sukkur IBA University.



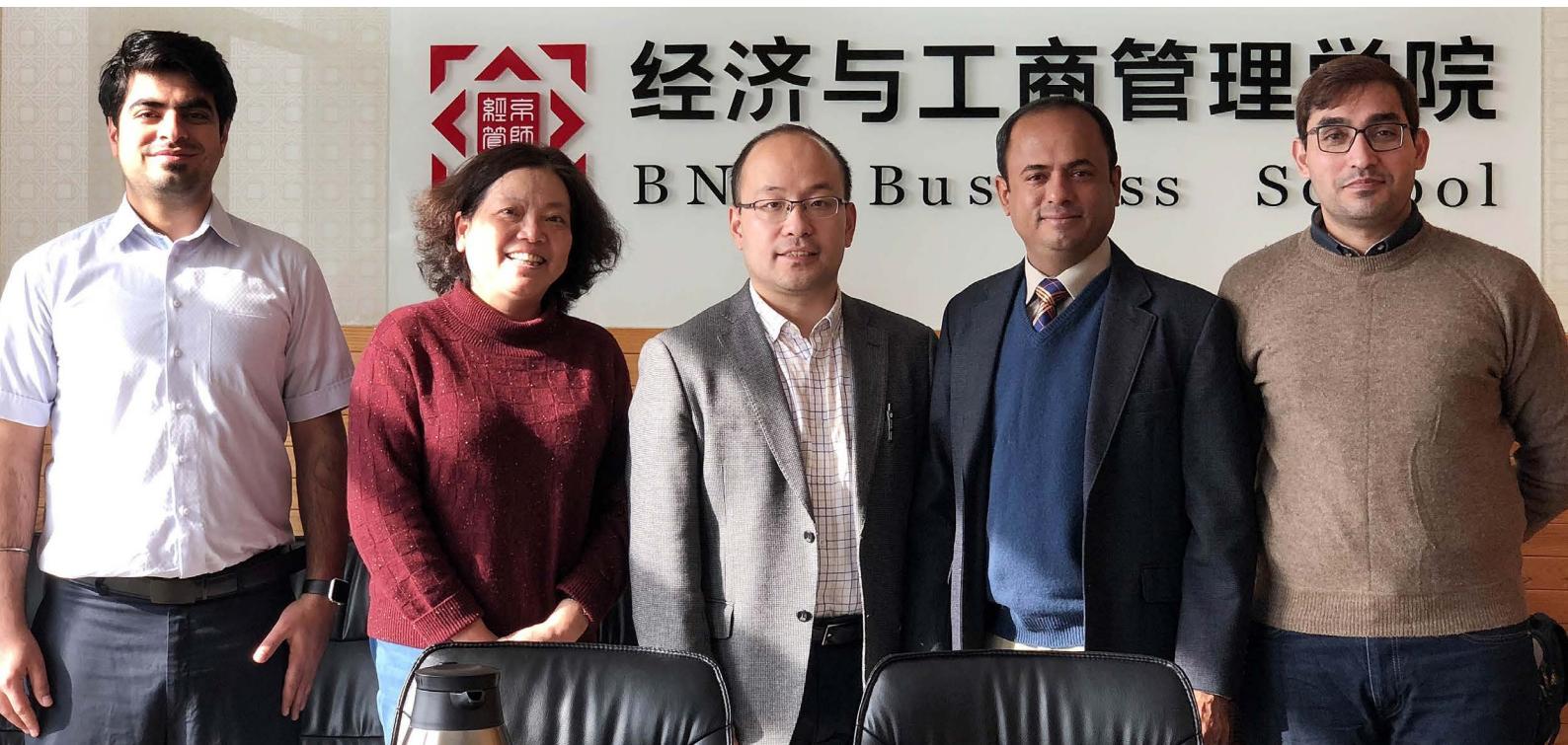
Sukkur IBA University Team Visited Jiangsu University, China

Sukkur IBA University team, led by Vice Chancellor, Prof. Nisar Ahmed Siddiqui, along with the Head of Business Administration Department, Prof. Niaz Ahmed Bhutto, and Dr. Khalid Ahmed visited the Jiangsu University to discuss the progress on the establishment of Confucius Institute at Sukkur IBA University. During the meeting, Prof. Yan Xiaohong, President of Jiangsu University, reaffirmed the potential academic cooperation between the two Universities.



Sukkur IBA University Team Visited School of Business & Economics, Beijing National University

Sukkur IBA University delegation visited the School of Business & Economics, Beijing National University (BNU). The meeting was held between the Head of Business Administration Department, Prof. Niaz Ahmed Bhutto, Dr. Khalid Ahmed, and Assistant Dean BNU Business School, Prof. Cai Hongbo. The meeting concluded with the potential cooperation between the Business Schools of both the Universities. The cooperation may include the teacher and student exchange programs and joint research projects.



FAB Lab Team Participated in Makers Festival 2018, HU Karachi

Fab Lab Khairpur joined the Makers Festival 2018 held at Habib University Karachi on November 15, 2018. Engr. Sohail Ahmed, along with Engr. Noor Ahmed, presented the Fab Lab to creative and innovative minds like Jehan Ara (President P@SHA and The Nest I/O), Raza Mateen (Google Marketing and Business Consultant for Pakistan), Abdullah Soomro (Director Incubation at GIKI), Rabi Imran (CEO Grit 3D) and many more. Engr. Sohail Ahmed described the functions and services provided by Fab Lab and also invited them to visit the facility in Khairpur. Many of them showed interest in building such a Lab in their respective cities.



Sindh Education Foundation AALTP Training Program Jacobabad

Sukkur IBA Executive Development Center (EDC) concluded another training for its ongoing Project of Adolescent and Adult Learning and Training Program by Sindh Education Foundation, Government of Sindh, in district Jacobabad. Under This Training Program, Teachers were trained in English, Mathematics, Sindhi and Financial Literacy with special focus on Andragogy and several other techniques related to Adult Learning.



Pink Ribbon Campaign Pakistan 2018

Go Green Society, Sukkur IBA University, in collaboration with Girls Hostel Society, Sukkur IBA University, organized a Pink Ribbon Campaign Pakistan 2018. The purpose of this campaign was to spread awareness about the deadly disease, breast cancer. Pink Ribbon Campaign Pakistan (PRCP), in collaboration with HEC, celebrates Pink Ribbon Campaign in the month of October in universities and colleges all across Pakistan.



Student Counseling Day at Sukkur IBA University.

The Education Society, in collaboration with Career Development Center, arranged a "Student Counseling Day", series of workshops and guest speaker sessions for their student, at Sukkur IBA University. The Counseling Day was attended by students of Sukkur and Kandhkot Campus of Sukkur IBA University. The Counseling Day facilitated students on career/academic, emotional and mental health issues. The experts, who conducted the counseling sessions included Dr. Hina Ayaz, Clinical Psychologist; Dr. Rabia Mushtaq, Clinical Psychologist; Ms. Aisha Iqbal, Clinical Psychologist; Ms. Sadaf Chuhan, Clinical Psychologist; and Mr. Ziauddin Khoso, Psychologist and Career Counselor. The workshops conducted included 'Self-Exploration' and 'Self-Motivation', 'Anger Management' and Stress Management.



Sindh Education Foundation Teachers Training – MPK

Sukkur IBA Executive Development Center (EDC) successfully conducted three more trainings in district Mirpurkhas under its ongoing project of training 4000 teachers throughout Sindh funded by Sindh Education Foundation, Government of Sindh. Director EDC, Prof. Dr. Altaf Hussain Samo along with the Regional Assistant Director SEF, Mr. Ashfaque Mirani distributed certificates among the participants.



Think Tank 2018: SIBAU Research Progress & the Way Forward

Office of Research, Innovation and Commercialization (ORIC) organized Think Tank 2018 at Sukkur IBA University. Director ORIC, Prof. Dr. Pervaiz Ahmed, delivered the welcome speech and discussed and reviewed the contributions made by university departments towards research in 2018. Dr. Khalid Ahmed, Dr. Barkat Bhayo, Dr. Sheeraz Rajput, Dr. Javed Shahani, and Dr. Javed Hussain Brohi shared their findings & ideas for future plans regarding the way forward for Sukkur IBA University. Vice Chancellor Sukkur IBA University Prof. Nisar Ahmed Siddiqui, while talking to the attendees, emphasized that applied research with clear implication for society should be the focus, as Sukkur IBA University's mission is to serve community.



Visitors Corner

Minister of Education, Sindh, Visited Sukkur IBA University

The Minister of Education, Sindh, Syed Sardar Shah, along with Secretary School Education, Mr. Qazi Shahid Pervaiz; Secretary College Education, Mr. Pervaiz Ahmed Seehar; Additional Secretary, Mr. Aleem Lashari; Director Sukkur Education and others visited Sukkur IBA University. The delegation was briefed by Dr. Sher Muhammad Daudpota about the recent initiatives taken by Sukkur IBA University for the enhancement of education in the region. The higher management and the delegation discussed the action plan for the upcoming recruitment tests for ECE and JEST. Alongside, the performance of Sukkur IBA University EMO was also discussed. Another discussion point was the Standardized Achievement Test (SAT) conducted annually by Sukkur IBA University with the assistance of Sindh Government.



Head of HR, CBL, Visited Sukkur IBA University

The head of HR, Continental Biscuits Limited, Ms. Uzma Chishti, visited Sukkur IBA University. She was briefed by Dr. Sher Muhammad Daudpota about the various activities taking place at Sukkur IBA University. The efforts for the development of educational sector being made by Sukkur IBA University team were greatly admired by the guest. She also extended an invitation for any career counselling that might be needed by students. She was then taken on a campus tour.



Dr. Nafisa Shah Visited Khairpur Campus of Sukkur IBA University.

Dr. Nafisa Shah member of the National Assembly of Pakistan visited Khairpur Campus of Sukkur IBA University. During her visit, she interacted with the students of Teach for Khairpur Initiative and encouraged them to utilize IT skills. She appreciated the facilities provided by IBA-IET to students.



USAID-funded MNBSP's Monitoring & Evaluation Team Visited Sukkur IBA University

USAID-funded Merit & Need Based Scholarship Program's (MNBSP) Monitoring & Evaluation team visited Sukkur IBA University. The purpose of this field visit was to review and evaluate the operational management of MNBSP & its compliance to project objectives. Mr. Tariq Wadood Khan, Project Manager M&E, and Ms. Madiha Anwar, Program Coordinator MNBSP, had a detailed meeting with Financial Aid Office officials to review funds disbursement and mechanism of the scholarship program. Later, the M&E team had a session with the beneficiaries of the Scholarship Program to discuss their problems and review their academic performances.



UK-Based Businessmen Visited Sukkur IBA University

UK based Pakistani businessmen Mr. Zulfiqar Mako and Mr. Jibran, Mr. Malik Ameer Zaman, Ex SBP Official; Mr. Noor Ali Tanwri, VP-SBP Karachi; Engr. Abdul Ghani Shaikh, XEN WAPDA; and Mr. Gurdas Kumar, General Secretary, Sukkur Chamber of Commerce & Industry visited Sukkur IBA University. They were received by the higher management and were briefed by Mr. Ishfaque Lashari, Director CDC, about the initiatives undertaken by Sukkur IBA University for the betterment of education in Sindh. The guests were greatly impressed and acknowledged Sukkur IBA's efforts in improving the educational environment of Sindh.



Students of BRC Visited Sukkur IBA University

Students of Balochistan Residential College, Khuzdar, visited Sukkur IBA University. The welcome briefing was given by Registrar, Engr. Zahid Hussain Khand. The students were then given a detailed presentation about Sukkur IBA University and its various initiatives by Mr. Talha Shaikh. Currently enrolled student from NTHP, Mr. Mir Mazar, also interacted with the students. Later, the students were taken on campus tour.



Friend of SIBAU, Mr. Shafqat Ali Memon, Visited Sukkur IBA University

Philanthropist and friend of Sukkur IBA University, Mr Shafqat Ali Memon, visited Sukkur IBA University. He has been supporting six talented and financially challenged students of Sukkur IBA University since 2004. The respected guest was welcomed by Dr. Sher Muhammad Daudpota, Director QEC, and Registrar Sukkur IBA University, Engr. Zahid Hussain Khand. He was pleased to witness the latest developments of the University and also had an interactive session with the beneficiaries.



Alumni Corner

Komal Uzair - Graduate of 2006



Our proud alumna Ms. Komal Uzair working as Regional HR C&B Manager in Emirates, has been nominated for the "Sportswoman of the Year Award 2019" amongst many other wonderful superwomen. Together we are stronger & together we can promote women Mountaineering in Pakistan ~ Komal Uzair.

Komal is a Pakistani Mountaineer. Last year she became the second Pakistani woman to scale the Spantik peak in Nagar Valley. Komal completed her summit on morning of 6th August 2018. Komal Achieved this goal after Uzma Yousuf, who had completed the summit on August 02, 2017. As per available material/record, Komal is the second Pakistani

lady to climb Spantik as well as any peak above 7000 meters in Pakistan.

Spantik or Golden Peak is a mountain in Spantik-Sosbun Mountains subrange of Karakoram in Nagar Valley, Gilgit Baltistan, Pakistan. Its northwest face features an exceptionally hard climbing route known as the "Golden Pillar". Komal is also planning to Summit Mount Everest in 2020 (subject to sponsorship).



Mr. Khadim & Mr. Irshad - Graduates of 2008



Our Alumni Mr. Irshad - Director General at The Blue Dot and Mr. Khadim Hussain - Senior Manager Client Services at Contact Plus the graduates of 2008 started Dapper a premium yet affordable Gentlemen's Salon - at one of the most premium commercial locations of DHA Karachi to provide absolute Dapper look and feel with quality services, ambiance and friendly staff. After the successful launch of their services business the wonderful duo recently entered into the food business with the launch of ESCOBAR at DHA, Karachi.



The Journey doesn't end here, on February 25, 2019 the duo made a partnership with our graduating students Mr. Aamir Shikh, Mr. Usama Shaikh, Mr. Ahsan Shah and Mr. Preetum Das to launch the ESCOBAR in Sukkur.

Mr. Hussain Zeb Kango - Graduate of 2010



Our proud alumnus Mr. Hussain Zeb Kango is graduate of the first batch of Electrical Engineering Department. Mr. Kango has served in almost all major telecommunication companies working in Pakistan including Telenor, Jazz (Mobilink), Warid, ZTE and Zong.

While working in the telecommunication industry he along with a team of intellectual industry personnel realized the need of IoT (Internet of Things) based solutions to overcome the challenges, these companies are facing in the area of Network Security, where site asset management is very common problem for all the network operators. In 2019 he came up with the idea of one window solution company named as BSSNOSS, it is the only IoT based Asset Management Company in Pakistan providing consultancy services in the field of IT, Telecommunication and Banking.

Company's headquarter is based in Islamabad, with regional offices in Lahore, Faisalabad and Multan.
Website: www.bssnoss.com

Training, Workshops & Seminars

Winter School of Risk, Stochastics, Finance & Insurance

The Department of Mathematics, along with Mathematics Society, organized a winter workshop on Risk, Stochastics, Finance and Insurance. The purpose of this workshop was to provide a stimulating environment for the intellectual minds of researchers from all over Pakistan in which they could interact and share knowledge. Spanning over five days, the workshop included detailed discussions on 5 aspects of mathematics and finance, in the form of courses. The courses included “Fundamentals of Quantitative Finance”, taught by Dr. Ferhana Ahmed, LUMS; “Stochastic Optimization and Applications to Risk”, taught by Dr. Azmat Hussain, University of Central Asia; “Special Topics in Actuarial Mathematics”, taught by Dr. Sultan Hussain, COMSATS University; “American Option Pricing”, taught by Dr. Nasir Rehman, AIOU; and “a Rigorous Introduction to Stochastic Integration in Hilbert Spaces”, taught by Dr. Javed Hussain, Sukkur IBA University.



Effective Job Searching Strategy – A One-day Workshop

Career Development Center, Sukkur IBA University, arranged a one-day workshop for its graduating students. Titled “Effective Job Searching Strategy”, the workshop was focused around equipping students with information about the current job environment and how to effectively search and get selected for jobs. The workshop was facilitated by Mr. Misbah R. Kasi, Regional Business Manager, Sales & Network Development at PSO.



LET THE CLEAN ENVIRONMENT MAKE YOU HAPPY

Energy requirements are rising with continuous increase in the population. Government of Pakistan is struggling hard to cope-up with the rising energy deficit, but unfortunately the gap between demand and supply is widening day by day.

Sensing the gravity of the situation, Sukkur IBA University taking step ahead, has included clean and renewable energy at its campus by installing solar panels, which produce 964 KWp of clean and renewable energy, thus minimizing the hazards to the already endangered environment told the Vice Chancellor Sukkur IBA University Prof. Nisar Ahmed Siddiqui in an exclusive interview.

He told that, in order to produce clean energy for better environment, Sukkur IBA University in collaboration with the Government of Sindh has installed grid tied

solar system of 964 KWp capacity. The system was installed by the consultants ELAN Partners through the contractor Nizam Energy. It is safe to say that, the system is the largest solar systems in Sukkur city as well as in any university in Pakistan.

Besides providing green and clean energy, he said, the system provides an opportunity to the students to have hands on experience to learn the latest technology, especially students enrolled in renewable energy system Engineering program of the university. In this way the university will not only be able to produce more qualified engineers, he went on saying, just recently we have signed an agreement with the SEPCO for supplying excess electricity to the utility through Net-Metering system, he informed.

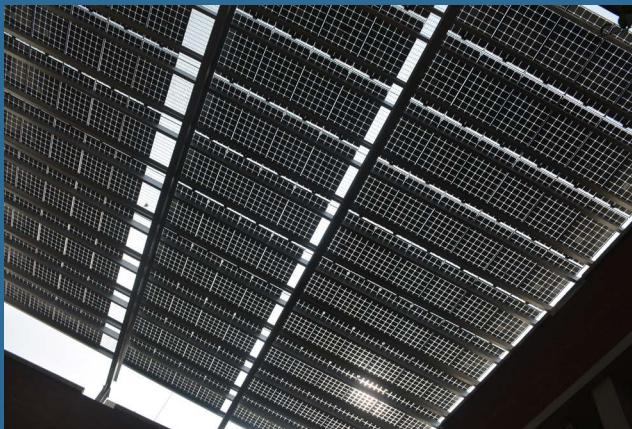
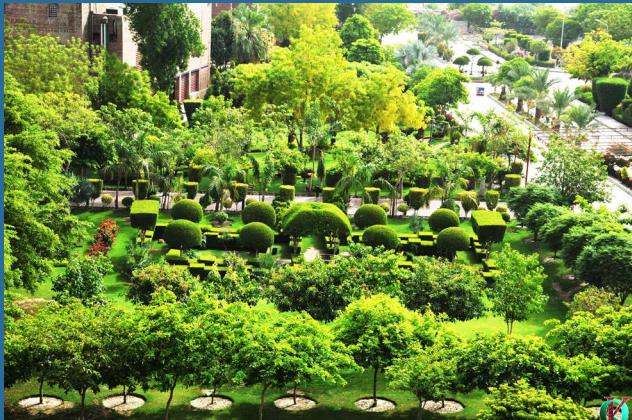


He further told that, by producing around 150000 units per month, Sukkur IBA University is saving around more than Rs.one million per month. Total cost of the project is Rs.116 million and its pay time is five years, he said adding, this system is capable of providing free of cost energy for more than 25 years. This project is supporting the environment with green energy initiative, emission of around 1300 tons of CO₂ per year in the environment

has been reduced, he informed. According to him, by producing green energy, the university is saving 370000 liters of petroleum fuel annually.

The Vice Chancellor suggested to install solar panels upon the canals, running parallel to Sukkur IBA University. These

solar panels will serve dual purpose, one it will produce renewable energy and secondly due to cover, process of water evaporation will be slowed down, he added. According to him, with this system, 74.76 KWp is being supplied to Academic Blocks-I, II & III, 53.97 KWp to the Administration Block, 79.8 KWp to the Mosque, Warehouse & Power House, 192.2 KWp to Girls Hostel I & II, 156.76 KWp to the Boys Hostel I & II, 69.16 KWp to the Knowledge Centre and 181.2 KWp to the Bus Parking Shade. And the total comes to 964 KWp.



Online monitoring of all the 40 inverters is being done on hourly basis. DC Cables from Helukable Germany have been installed for the system, which can work properly even in more than the temperature of 90 degrees Celsius. The project was completed under the supervision of the Registrar Sukkur IBA University Engr. Zahid Hussain Khand, who ensures proper monitoring of the system on regular basis, said, switching over to clean and renewable energy has become imperative to overcome the challenges of climate change. Solar and wind energy are the sources of clean and renewable energy and have become utmost important to save the environment, making Pakistan clean, green and prosperous.

Eye Tracking - Behavioral Lab Workshop

An Eye Tracking - Behavioral Lab workshop was arranged at Sukkur IBA University, with the purpose to educate the Sukkur IBA University faculty regarding the implementation of the research being done through eye tracking in different industries and sectors. The trainer, Dr. Khalid Ahmed, provided detailed information about the practices and uses of the Behavioral Lab. The workshop also covered the best practices used in research and methodology training of important features on Tobii Pro. At the end, the Registrar Sukkur IBA University, Engr. Zahid Hussain Khand, distributed certificates among the participants.



MOVE Program 2018 at Sukkur IBA University

The team of Family Education Services Foundation (FESF) visited Sukkur IBA University to conduct MOVE Program 2018. The Motivated Volunteer Empowerment Program (MOVE) is an innovative leadership training program which is focused on helping the youth across Pakistan take action and respond to the needs in society. The program involves training the participants to design, fund and manage their own Social Action Projects. The trainings are focused on educating the participants on how to analyze community problems, brainstorm solutions, give presentations, create strategic plans, resolve conflicts in a team, raise funds, write reports, manage a budget, and more.



Workshop on Digital Marketing

Sukkur IBA University, Business Administration Department, arranged a one-day workshop on “Digital Marketing” for its faculty & staff members. The trainers, Mr. Saeed Abbas and Mr. Muhammad Muzammil, elaborated in detail the various aspects of digital marketing. The purpose of this workshop was to equip the participants with updated knowledge and know-how of digital mediums and how to effectively and efficiently use them for marketing purposes.



Leadership Challenges of Modern Time – Two-Day Workshop

Sukkur IBA University arranged a two-day workshop for its Middle Managers on “Leadership Challenges of Modern Times”. The facilitator of the training was Mr. Tahir Mushtaq, Member HRD, Ministry of IT & Telecommunication, Government of Pakistan.



Mr. Tahir's experience is a blend of international and local exposure spreading over 25 years in different capacities. Around 35 participants attended the session. The overall objective of the workshop was to prepare the university's Middle Managers for Leadership positions, dealing with future work challenges.

Teach for Khairpur Initiative

Sukkur IBA University's Executive Development Center (EDC), initiated a program, titled "Teach for Khairpur Initiative", which is a community service initiative sponsored by the ex-Chief Minister of Sindh, Syed Qaim Ali Shah (PS-29 Community Development Program). The main objective of this project is to enhance quality of education in these schools with four fundamental initiatives: establishment of Science Laboratories (in Five Schools), providing services of Mobile Science Laboratory (to schools where Labs are not available), the capacity building of Teachers, and lastly, giving approximately 1,000 students the fundamental ICT training needed in today's digital environment.

To achieve the goals of this initiative, EDC has conducted various trainings including 5-Day Capacity Building Training for High and Higher Secondary School Teachers of Khairpur. During these 5 Days of Training, around 60 Teachers from Government Schools of District Khairpur were trained in Physics and Biology. During first session, all participating teachers were taught theoretical aspects of the subject, while, the second session was dedicated to hands-on activities to experience the practical side of the subjects.

Other than training teachers, EDC also trained students for basic ICT skills. The 12-Day training program on Basic ICT Skills was conducted in various batches. The students of Govt. Naz Pilot Secondary School Khairpur, Govt. Girls High School Luqman, Khairpur and others benefitted from these trainings.

Another successful development of the initiative was the 5-day training on "Leadership – The Way Forward" for the principals & school heads of secondary and higher secondary schools of Khairpur District. During this training, Mr. Syed Asad Ali Shah, Former CEO Deloitte & Engagement Partner USAID, motivated all the teachers for positive change in their respective Government Schools through collaborative efforts. During the training, participants were introduced to various approaches, models, and theories of School Leadership and Management.



Sukkur IBA University lent the services of its Mobile Science & Technology Lab to different schools & colleges. The Mobile Education team conducted various sessions of Mobile Science Lab for the students of Govt. Girls High School Sultan Madris, Govt. Girls Higher Secondary School Machiyoon and more.



During these sessions, students from class 6 to Intermediate were introduced to the advanced scientific tools related to their curriculum. All the students enthusiastically participated in these sessions as they got a chance to conduct hands-on scientific experiments related to Biology, Chemistry and Physics. The "Teach for Khairpur Initiative" is still operational and is making a difference in the lives of students every day.

LaTeX Workshop at Sukkur IBA University

Dr. Muhammad Fazeel Anwar (Mathematics) & Mr. Mulazim Ali (Management Sciences) jointly conducted a workshop on “LaTeX” at Sukkur IBA University. It is a software used for typesetting scientific reports, publications and thesis. Most international journals require contributors to typeset their publications in LaTeX. It is also extensively used to prepare presentations and slides for conferences and workshops. The workshop was arranged to facilitate the students and to familiarize them with the software. Almost 80 students and faculty members from all departments participated in the workshop. At the end of the workshop, Dr. Javed Hussain Brohi distributed certificates among the participants.



Interactive Session on Work Ethics

Group Head Banking Services, ABL, Mr. Munawar Raza Shah, visited Sukkur IBA University and had an interactive session with the students of the graduating batch of BBA. The discussion focused on the importance and value of Work Ethics. The participating students were very appreciative of the speaker for enlightening them with current practices.



“Transform Your Life” by Mr. Nauman Khan Azeemi

Center of Entrepreneurial Leadership & Incubation . Sukkur IBA University organized an inspirational talk with Mr. Nauman Khan Azeemi, award-winning author and entrepreneur based in Chicago, US. Titled “Transform your life”, the talk was meant to help the audience understand the philosophy of life and how one can turn their life around and achieve a balance between family, friends, profession, and spirituality through emotional balance. The session was attended by more than 300 students and 14 faculty and staff members from different departments of the university. At the end of the session, Mr. Azeemi presented copies of his book, “A Journey to Transformation,” to Director CEL&Inc. and his team. Certificates and prize-checks were also distributed by Mr. Azeemi among the organizers of DICE 2018 and among the winner teams of Mid-Skills Competition.



Seminar on Academic Integrity and Plagiarism

An awareness seminar on “Academic Integrity and Plagiarism” was arranged by the engineering department for the students of Sukkur IBA University. The speakers, Dr. Gulsher Ali and Dr. Muhammad Asim informed the participants in depth about the importance of academic integrity, what counts as plagiarism, and the various consequences that result from plagiarizing.



Panel Discussion on HR Market Trends and Job Opportunities in HR

The Department of Business Administration arranged a panel discussion on “HR Market Trends and Job Opportunities in HR” for the students of Sukkur IBA University. The guests included Mr. Mohsin Haider, RSM, Nestle; Mr. Asghar Ali Bhutto, Assistant Director HR, Shaheed Mohtarma Benazir Bhutto Medical University Larkana; Mr. Fayaz Ali Panhwar, Assistant Vice President, Soneri Bank; Ms. Ambreen Pathan, Assistant Manager HR, CBL; Mr. Noor Ahmed, MTO HR, CBL; Mr. Muhammad Baksh, Branch Manager, ABL; and Mr. Shoukat Ali Abbasi, Deputy Registrar HR, Sukkur IBA University. The panel was moderated by Mr. Masroor Ali, Senior Lecturer HRM, and covered a range of discussion points from growth opportunity to the challenges faced in the field.



Information Session on CHEVENING Scholarship

HRD Department of Sukkur IBA University arranged an information sharing session for its faculty, staff and students regarding Chevening Scholarship and higher studies in UK. Around 50 participants attended session. The speaker was Syed Ali Akbar Rizvi, PhD Scholar at Durham University Business School, UK. He is also Director, CELInc, Sukkur IBA University (on study leave) and a Chevening Scholar. The overall purpose of the event was to encourage our immediate community to avail international opportunities and take maximum benefit of such programs.



Seminar on Psychological Disorders & Stress Management

Faculty member, Ms. Beena Zaidi, arranged a guest speaker session for the students of Sukkur IBA University, Kandhkot Campus, as part of the course “Human Behavior”. The guest speaker session was focused on “Psychological Disorders and Stress Management”. The facilitator, Ms. Ayesha Iqbal (Clinical Psychologist & PhD Scholar, ICP, KU Karachi), illustrated to the students about various psychological disorders through different activities and educational material.



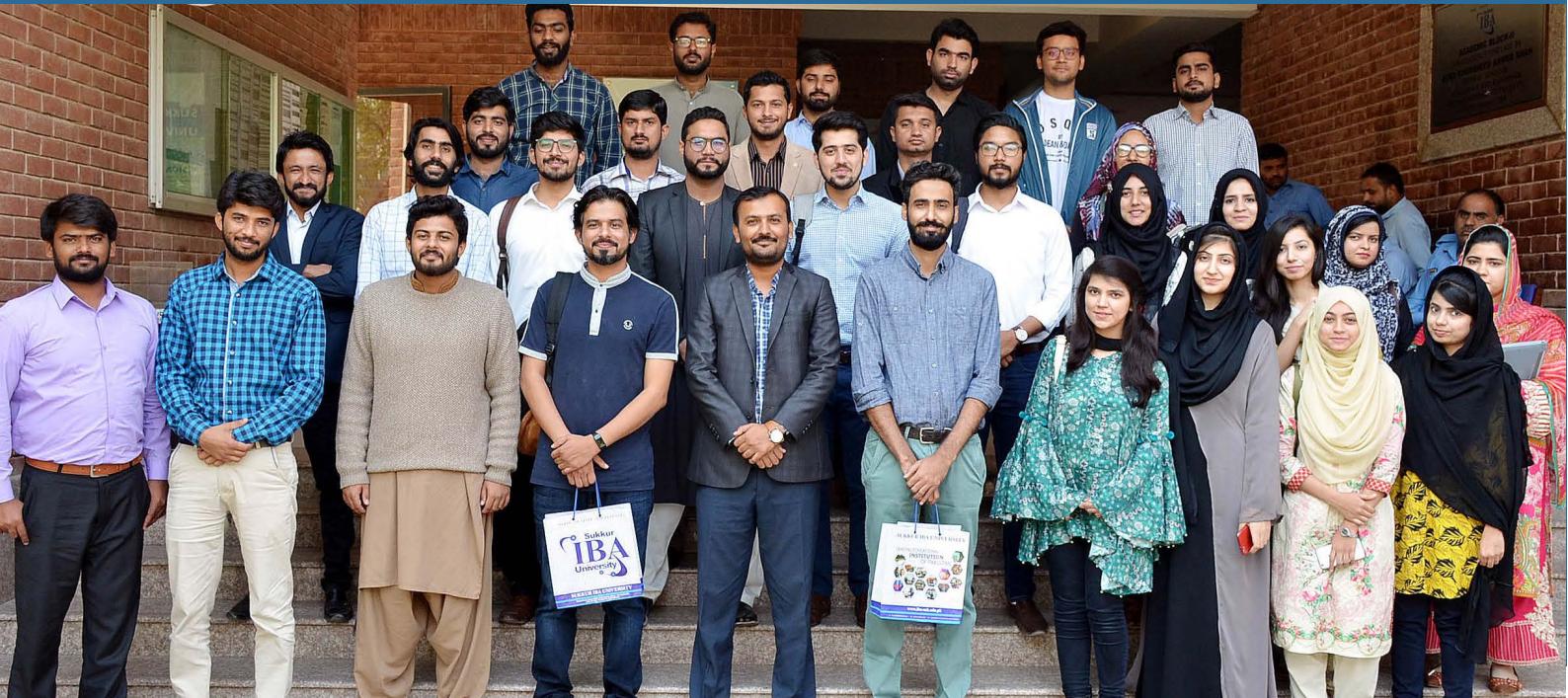
Fulbright/GRE Session

Career Development Center (CDC), in collaboration with United States Educational Foundation in Pakistan (USEFP), arranged a Fulbright/GRE Session for the students, staff, and faculty of Sukkur IBA University. The session was arranged in order to relay information regarding the upcoming Fulbright scholarship to aspirants. Mr. Syed Faraz, Education USA Advisor, USEFP, provided details about the application process, dates to remember, and other key aspects of Fulbright scholarship.



Role of Services Marketing & Advertising in Startups

A guest speaker session was arranged for the students of BBA-VII and MBA-II at Sukkur IBA University. Mr. Afaq Shah, Manager Supply Chain, amazon.com, and Mr. Khadim Hussain Halepoto, Manager Client Services, Contact Plus, were invited to share their valuable experience with the students. The guests shared their experience of starting entrepreneurial venture “Dapper-Salon for Gentlemen” and the challenges faced by entrepreneurs in service industry. They also shared the brand activation briefs and how to respond to the brief given by clients.



How to Publish an Impact Factor Journal in Finance

Dr. Fiza Qureshi, Assistant Professor and Director Student Financial Aid, Sindh University Jamshoro, visited Sukkur IBA University to conduct the Seminar Research Session on the topic of “How to Publish an Impact Factor Journal in Finance” for MS/PhD (Management.) students. She has more than ten International Publications in Impact Factor Journals. In the session, she shared her experience and discussed in detail about the basics of research especially in the context of Finance. She mainly focused on the publications of impact factor journals and explained “What to Publish and Where to Publish”? She is also serving as a Reviewer of Impact Factor Journals in Finance.



Faculty Development Fortnight | Sukkur IBA University

In line with its vision and mission as well as commitment to quality, Sukkur IBA University heavily invests in professional development of its faculty and staff. In this connection, last two weeks of current summer break were spared for a range workshops to be conducted for faculty by the renowned corporate and teacher trainers. First of the series titled “Differentiation and diversity management in classroom”, was facilitated by Dr. Irfan Ahmed Rind, Associate Professor and HoD Education department.



The second workshop of this series took place, on the topic, “Collaborative Teaching Skills”, which was facilitated by Mr. Zahid Ali Jatoi, Assistant Professor. One of the workshops took place on the topic, “Collaboration & Leadership. The facilitator of the session was Mr. Tahir Mushtaq, Member HR, Ministry of IT.

Another workshop of the series was conducted on the topic, “Seven Habits of Highly Effective People”. The facilitator of the session was Dr. Waheed Ali Umran, Assistant Professor, Business Administration Department.



Yet another workshop was held on the topic “Emotional Intelligence”.

The facilitator of the session was Ms. Rahila Narejo, a renowned psychologist, trainer, assessment expert and founder and CEO of Narejo HR.

Continuing with the series a workshop titled, “Communicating professionally and effectively”. The facilitator of the session was Mr. Shakeel Ahmed.



Last, but not the least of the series workshop titled “Assessment & Feedback”. The facilitator of the session, Ms. Unaiza Alvi, engaged the participants and caught their attention with highly informative practices regarding assessing feedback.

Panel Discussion- Deteriorating Macro-economic Factors’ & IMF’s Bailout Plan

Sukkur IBA University organized a Panel Discussion on “Deteriorating Macro-economic Factors’ and IMF’s Bailout Plan. Experts from Economics and Finance, discussed the problems with Pakistan’s Economy and possible solutions to cope up with current economic problems. Students and faculty attended this session. The experts from Sukkur IBA University were Dr. Niaz Ahmed Bhutto Professor of Economics and Head of Business Administration Department, Dr. Khalid Ahmed Associate Professor of Economics and others.



Seminar on ERASMUS+

Sukkur IBA University, in collaboration with HEC Pakistan, arranged a seminar on European Commission's higher education program, ERASMUS+. The purpose of the seminar was to equip the participants with detailed information regarding the EMJMD scholarship program. Registrar Sukkur IBA University Engr. Zahid Hussain Khand welcomed the eminent guests. Syed Wasim Hashmi, Advisor HRD, HEC, briefed the audience about the importance of building Internationalization strategy for Pakistani HEIs. Dr. Javed Ahmed Shahani, EMA Country Representative and Associate Professor at Sukkur IBA University, elaborated various funding opportunities provided by European Commission for institutional collaboration with Asia. ICM, Capacity Building and Jean Monnet activities were also discussed in great detail during the seminar.



Series of Sessions on Global Financial Markets & Career Counseling

A series of sessions was arranged for the students of Finance majors. The sessions were conducted by Mr. Awais Panhwar, who works at a global investment bank, Credit Suisse, San Francisco, US. Mr. Awais Ahmed Panhwar's primary role includes advising technology companies regarding Mergers & Acquisitions and IPOs. These sessions were focused on mentoring the students regarding global financial markets and counseling them regarding their careers as well.



Current Research Issues in Marketing, Digital Media & Psychology

The department of Business Administration arranged a session on “Current Research Issues in Marketing, Digital Media & Psychology” at Sukkur IBA University. The session was conducted by Dr. Tahir Islam, Assistant Professor, Director Graduate School and Head of Research Publications at Muhammad Ali Jinnah University. Dr. Tahir Islam discussed, in detail, the factors that impact the decision process of acceptance or rejection of Research Papers. He also shed light on the components of writing a Research Paper. He emphasized that researchers need to be learners rather than scholars.



Sessions on Physics Education, Social Entrepreneurship, & MoU Signing

A session on “Sukkur IBA Centre for Physics: A Way Forward” was held by Mr. Muhammad Sabieh Anwar, LUMS, with respect to the Centre of Physics Education being developed by Sukkur IBA University. He apprised the participants as to what should be done & the way forward for Center of Physics Education. Alongside, a session on “Social Entrepreneurship & Marginal Groups in Non-Capitalistic Perspective” was held. The speaker, Mr. Craig Watters, Oklahoma State University, USA, shed light upon the different facets of social entrepreneurship and why it is more essential than ever in the 21st century. An MoU was signed between Sukkur IBA University and Oklahoma State University, USA.



Students Activities & Achievements

Bayer Pakistan Holds Campus Recruitment Drive at Sukkur IBA University

The HR team of Bayer Pakistan visited Sukkur IBA University for a two-day campus recruitment drive for agri-business students. The Bayer team was welcomed by Vice Chancellor Sukkur IBA University, Prof. Nisar Ahmed Siddiqui, and was briefed about the initiatives undertaken by the University by Director CDC, Mr Ishfaque Lashari. A detailed presentation on the Agribusiness program was given by Prof. Dr. Waqar Akram, after which the team was taken on a tour of the campus. After the campus visit, Head of HR at Bayer, Mr Gohar Alam Siddiqui, started the recruitment drive, welcoming students and appreciating the work of Sukkur IBA University in his opening remarks. Students were then given a detailed presentation on Bayer, a global Life Science company which focuses on the areas of health care and agriculture. Interested Agribusiness students were then interviewed for vacant positions at Bayer, with shortlisted students being called to the assessment center. At the end of their visit, the Bayer team reiterated that they were highly impressed by the work of Sukkur IBA University in enabling the people of rural Pakistan.



STEM Exhibition: A Day for Scientific Education

Sukkur IBA University on Saturday organized Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) Exhibition at its campus. Various departments of Sukkur IBA University, its community colleges and public schools participated in the exhibition, where students showcased their projects. The Deputy Commissioner, Sukkur, Mr. Ghulam Murtaza Shaikh, and Registrar Sukkur IBA University, Engr. Zahid Hussain Khand, inaugurated the exhibition and went around various stalls, where students briefed them about their respective projects.



Students showcased their innovative projects in the exhibition, which were highly appreciated by the chief guest. The Deputy Commissioner said Sukkur IBA University's STEM initiative is a good thing, through which love of science and technology will be sparked among the students. Talking about the purpose of the STEM Exhibition, Registrar, Engr. Zahid Hussain Khand, told that this exhibition is aimed at creating love for science and technology among the students.

Final Year Project (FYP) Defense for BS (CS/SE)-VIII

The department of Computer Science organized the Final Year Project (FYP) defense for the students of BS Computer Science (VIII) and BS Software Engineering (VIII) here at Sukkur IBA University. A total of 20 projects were demonstrated and defended. The panel included a total of six examiners in the field of computer science, three external examiners from IBA Karachi and COMSATS University Islamabad, and three internal examiners from Sukkur IBA University. With sole focus on quality, the projects presented were rigorously examined by the examiners & faculty. The projects were highly appreciated by the examiners in terms of use of state-of-the-art technologies & tools, including Augmented Reality (AR), Virtual Reality (VR), Internet of Things (IoT), Cloud Computing, and Mobile Technologies for providing solutions of complex problems faced by society. The then-HoD Computer Science Department, Prof. Dr. Abdul Rehman Soomrani, highly appreciated the efforts of examiners & faculty of CS department for making this event successful.



Admission Test for BS & AD in Physical Education

The admission test for the newly-launched programs of BS & AD in Physical Education were successfully conducted in Sukkur IBA University in November, 2018.



Sukkur IBA University Students Participated in ICSCE 2018

Sukkur IBA University BBA students participated in the 1st International Conference: Sustainability in the Changing Environment 2018 (ICSCE2018) which took place on November 12 & 13, 2018 at COMSATS University Islamabad, Vehari Campus. The students were there to present their research paper. From the 300 teams that had applied from all across Pakistan, only 65 teams were invited to give oral presentations on their research papers. From those 65 teams, ten teams with the 'best papers' were appreciated and awarded, among which were Sukkur IBA University's two teams. The Sukkur IBA University students that received certificates included Ms.Bakhtawar Soomro, Ms.Anoshi Chabriya, Ms.Fatima Mughal, Ms.Bharti Manghwani, Mr.Ahmed Raza, Mr.Awais Memon, and Mr.Pir Jamil Hussain.



Agri-business Students Participated in 1st REAP Rice Conference

Students of Sukkur IBA University participated in the "1st Rice Exporters Association of Pakistan (REAP) Conference", on November 26 & 27, 2018, held in Larkana. Agri-business students, Mr.M.Hamza, Mr.Prem Chand Advani, Mr.Sultan Adeel, and Mr.Tahir Joyo, represented Sukkur IBA University. The purpose of this conference was to raise awareness about the potential of demand of rice crop in the world. At the end of the conference, the students of Sukkur IBA University were presented with Token of Appreciation by Chairman REAP, for their dedicated involvement in the conference. They were also presented with Ajrak by President of Larkana Chamber of Commerce & Industry.



Sukkur IBA University Students Participated in 3rd Intl. SME Conference

A delegation from Sukkur IBA University participated in the 3rd International SME Conference organized by Small & Medium Enterprises Development Authority (SMEDA), on November 27-28, 2018 held in Lahore. Sukkur IBA University students, Ms. Marvi Siddiqui, Ms. Tooba Shaikh, Mr. Naveed Malik, Mr. Moeezullah Qureshi, and Ms. Nabeela Ramzan, presented their paper in the conference. Senior Faculty Member, Business Administration Department, Dr. Waqar Akram, presided over the panel discussion "CPEC and Economic Integration". The students' selected paper also received a cash reward of Rs. 15,000/-.



SIBAU Participated in HEC Inter-varsity Football Championship 2018-19

Understanding the importance of physical fitness for a healthier mind, Sukkur IBA University sent its Boy's Football Team to participate in the HEC Inter-varsity Football Championship 2018-2019. The championship was held in LUMHS University Sports Ground, Jamshoro.



Alumni Reunion 2018: Department of Computer Science

Sukkur IBA University's Career Development Center (CDC) and Alumni Society, organized reunion for the alumni of Computer Science Department in December, 2018 at Regent Plaza, Karachi. The evening started with Vice Chancellor Sukkur IBA University, Prof. Nisar Ahmed Siddiqui, according warm welcome to the participants. Later, Registrar Sukkur IBA University, Engr. Zahid Hussain Khand, took to the stage to address the audience.



On this occasion, the faculty of Computer Science Department presented a shield to Vice Chancellor for his lifelong services in the field of education. After an evening filled with fun activities, the event came to a conclusion with the musical performance of the iconic singer, Mr. Nabeel Shaukat.



SIBAU Participated in HEC Inter-varsity Women's Badminton Championship 2018-19

Beside academia, physical fitness is highly essential for productive minds. Keeping this in view, Sukkur IBA University, for the first time, participated in the All Pakistan HEC Inter-varsity Women's Badminton Championship 2018-2019. The Championship was held in Abdul Qayyum Sports Complex, Peshawar, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa in December, 2018. Around 29 Universities from all provinces of Pakistan participated in the championship.



Sindh Endowment Fund Scholarship Interviews for 2017-18

The interviews for Sindh Endowment Fund Scholarship 2017-18 were held in December, 2018. More than 200 applicants appeared before the interview committee. The committee comprised of Mr. Ahsanullah Laghari, Deputy Secretary Endowment; Prof. Anwar Ali Shah, University of Sindh, Jamshoro; and Dr. Sher Muhammad Daudpota, Director QEC, Sukkur IBA University.

In all, 100 deserving and meritorious students were recommended for this scholarship program.



Graduation Ceremony of 12-Month Diploma in 3D Animation & VFX

The graduation ceremony of “12-Month Diploma in 3D Animation & Visual Effects” took place in December, 2018. In his welcome note, Registrar Sukkur IBA University, Engr. Zahid Hussain Khand, emphasized upon the youth to take advantage of the modern technologies and skills and prove themselves fit for the changing scenario. Associate Professor & Program Coordinator, Dr. Qamar Uddin Khand, shed light on the 3D Animation program, which is the first of its kind in Sukkur IBA University. CEO Microvision, Mr. Faisal Khawaja, also praised the hard work of the teachers and students. Dr. Adnan Keehar spoke on the importance and potential of animation industry. In the ceremony, the animated documentary on Sindh's ancient capital Arore was also screened, which was highly appreciated by the audience. Later, 22 graduates were awarded diplomas. In his closing remarks, Vice Chancellor Sukkur IBA University, Prof. Nisar Ahmed Siddiqui, said, the 21st century is the century of change and digitalization and, therefore, we should equip our new generation with modern tools to cope with the challenges of rapidly changing technologies.



Certification Distribution Ceremony - IBA VTC Khairpur

IBA Vocational Training Center, Khairpur, organized a certificate distribution ceremony for the graduates of six-month Competency Based Training (CBT) Program 2018 at Sukkur IBA University. Certificates were awarded to the graduates of the trades including, Electronics, Computer Operator, H.V.A.C. (Heat Ventilation and Air Conditioning), Automobile, Mechanist, Welding, and Solar System Assembly. The Vice Chancellor Sukkur IBA University Prof. Nisar Ahmed Siddiqui distributed certificates.



First Graduates of Fab Lab Khairpur

The Vice Chancellor, Sukkur IBA University, distributed certificates among the first graduating batch of Fab Lab Khairpur. He also discussed with Team Fab Lab about their experience of Fab Academy Diploma and also about the ongoing and upcoming projects of Fab Lab.



Graduation Ceremony of AMAL Career Prep Fellowship

Graduation ceremony for AMAL Academy's AMAL Career Prep Fellowship took place at Sukkur IBA University. This fellowship was a 3-month intensive leadership program designed to establish business and professional skills among its participants. These skills include communication skills, problem solving, teamwork, leadership, self-efficacy and more. Mr. Benje Williams, co-founder AMAL Academy, awarded recognition certificates to the students. The event was also graced by Vice Chancellor, Prof. Nisar Ahmed Siddiqui; HoD Business Administration, Dr. Niaz Ahmed Bhutto; Director CDC, Mr. Ishfaque Ahmed Lashari, and Dr. Waqar Ahmed.



Zonal Skills Competition 2018 (PMYSDP Phase IV, Batch II)

Sukkur IBA University and National Vocational and Technical Training Commission (NAVTTC) jointly organized "Zonal Skills Competition" at Sukkur IBA University in December, 2018, in which 32 institutes of the zone participated. These teams competed in 12 technical and vocational trades. The Chief Guest of the event, Vice Chancellor Sukkur IBA University, Prof. Nisar Ahmed Siddiqui, along with D.G NAVTTC, Mr. Abdul Rahim Shaikh, Vice Chancellor Benazir Bhutto Shaheed University of Skills & Technology, Dr. Madad Ali Shah, and Registrar Sukkur IBA University, Engr. Zahid Hussain Khand, presented the prize cheques to the winners of the competition.



Certificate and Kits Distribution Ceremony for Candidates of CDP

The Center for Entrepreneurial Leadership and Incubation organized "Certificates and Tool Kits Distribution Ceremony" for its graduating candidates of the Community Development Program (CDP). Awardees successfully completed skill certification program from Sukkur IBA Community College Dadu and Jacobabad in the field of Graphic Designing, Computer Hardware Technician, Solar System Assembly, General Electrician, and Computerized Accounting. The project was funded by the Government of Sindh and Sukkur IBA University. The Vice Chancellor Sukkur IBA University, Prof. Nisar Ahmed Siddiqui, while distributing certificates and tool kits to the students, emphasized upon the youth to serve our province and nation through continuously increasing skills according to the modern trends in technology development.



STS Corner

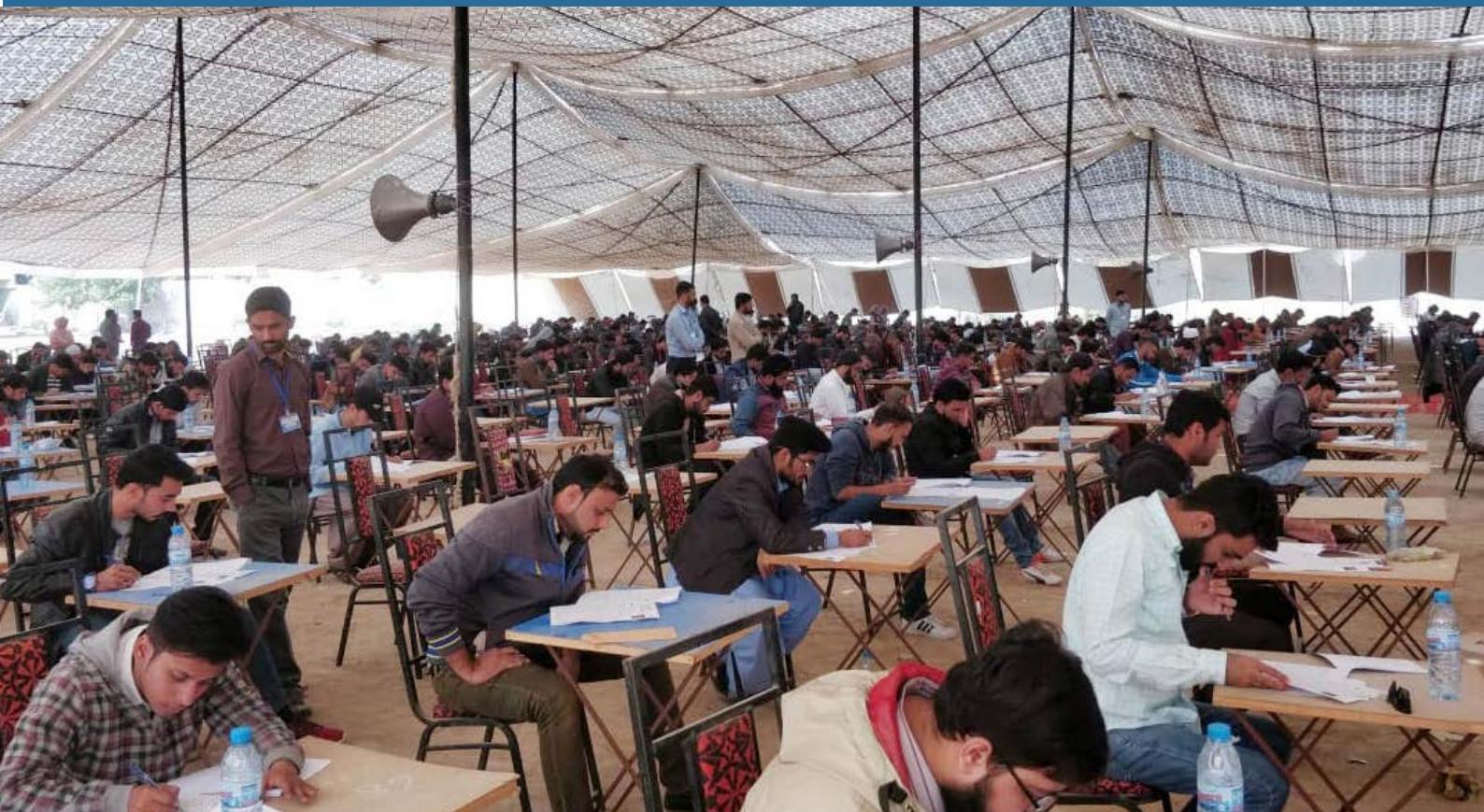
Recruitment Test for Various Positions at Sukkur IBA University

Sukkur IBA University conducted the recruitment test for the various openings that were announced in August 2018. The test was conducted at Sukkur IBA University.



Recruitment Test for Positions in District & Sessions Court, Karachi

Sukkur IBA Testing Services (STS) conducted the recruitment test for the positions of "Junior Clerk (BPS-11)" and "Stenographer (BPS-16)" for District & Sessions Court, Karachi. More than 600 applicants attempted the test.



STS Achievement of the Year: SELD Tests

SIBA Testing Services (STS) successfully conducted the recruitment test for the positions of Early Childhood Teacher (BPS-15) & Junior Elementary School Teacher (BPS-14) for Sindh Education and Literacy Department (SELD). The test for ECT was conducted in six cities including Sukkur, Hyderabad, Karachi, Larkana, Mirpurkhas, and Shaheed Benazirabad. The total number of applicants from all the centers combined was approximately 19,000.

The test for JEST was conducted in three parts with 40,000+ applicants. The first part of the test took place in six cities namely Karachi, Hyderabad, Sukkur, Larkana, Mirpurkhas, and Shaheed Benazirabad. It was conducted on November 11, 2018. More than 16,000 applicants attempted the test.

The second part of the test was conducted in five different cities including, Hyderabad, Sukkur, Larkana, Mirpurkhas, and Shaheed Benazirabad on November 18, 2018. More than 13,000 applicants attempted the test.

The third part of the test was conducted in four different locations on November 25, 2018, which included, Public School Hyderabad, Pilot Public School Larkana, IBA Public School Sukkur, and Sukkur IBA University. More than 11,000 applicants attempted the test. Candidates were given carbon copies of their respective answer sheet. After the test scores were compiled and sent to education department for further processing.





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