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Establishment of Pakistan's First Ever Fabrication Lab with Support of MIT's FAB Foundation

Sukkur IBA University signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) in early 2017 with MIT's FAB Foundation at its headquarters located in Boston, MA, USA to setup the country's first-ever Fabrication Laboratories (FAB Lab) at IBA-Institute of Emerging Technologies (IIET), Khairpur and Sukkur IBA University. FAB Lab (Fabrication Laboratory) is an interdisciplinary initiative by MIT's Centre for Bits and Atoms. The Fab Lab is a rapid prototyping platform and is meant to encourage local entrepreneurs, communities and learners to take their own ideas from the drawing board to prototypes in view of starting a local micro business, inventing a product or completing a class project. FAB Lab is currently training graduates for a 6-month 'Fab Academy Diploma in Digital Fabrication' program.

Conferences Corner

2nd International Conference on Business, Economics and Education Management

Sukkur IBA University hosted 2nd International Conference on Economics, Business, Education Management (ICEBM). The conference was attended by more than 300 participants from 40 National and International Universities and more than 100 papers were presented in the conference.

Chief Guest of the conference, leader of the opposition national assembly of Pakistan, Syed Khursheed Ahmed Shah while speaking to audience said "As a politician I often worry about the declining economic condition of the country, because 40 years ago Pakistan's economy was far more better than Saudi Arabia, Korea and other countries"

The key note speakers including, Dr. Rosella Castellano Professor and Researcher at University of Macerata, Italy, Dr. Ramayah Tharasamy

Professor at School of Management University Sains, Malaysia, Dr. Mohammad Memon, Chairman BISE, Hyderabad and



Dr. Dawood Ashraf Senior Researcher at Islamic Research and Training Institute Bangor University, Saudi Arabia shed light on the economic reforms and changing economic trends and urged to promote culture of savings to safeguard future. Panelists including, Dr. Ijaz Shafi Gillani Head of Gallup Pakistan,

Dr. Mohammad Zaki Rashdi Director and Associate Dean at Iqra University, Dr. Tariq Kaleem, Executive Director at Institute of Charter Accountants Pakistan and Ms. Almas Abbas held brainstorming session on economic and educational reforms. On the concluding day prizes and souvenirs were distributed among the winners by the Registrar Sukkur IBA University Engr. Zahid Hussain Khand.



Conference on the Concept of Community Colleges in Pakistan was organized by Sukkur IBA University to understand the U.S model of community colleges and propose a



similar model for Pakistan.
Sindh education minister Jam Mehtab

Dahar while addressing the conference said that Sindh government is doing its utmost to overcome shortcomings in the education sector. Community colleges are aimed at bridging the gap between rural and urban divide and to provide equal opportunities to the underprivileged students. Cultural Attaché US Counsel Karachi, Dr. Daniel Lee, President Johnson community college USA Prof. Dr. Joseph M. Sopchich, Professor of English Dr. Beth Gulley, Vice Chancellors Sindh University, Quid-e-Azam University, Shaheed Benazir Bhutto Women University Peshawar and others also presented their ideas. Later, round table discussion took place between the academia and industry and the event concluded with distribution of souvenirs to the distinguished guests. At night gala dinner and Sufi music was also arranged for the guests.

The Charisma of Qalandar

Charisma of Qalandar seems prevailing in most of the aspects of life, said, a German Anthropologist and Professor Dr. Jurgen Wasim Frembgen while highlighting the imaginary iconic images of Qalandar Lal Shahbaz at Sukkur IBA University Auditorium. The professor has visited the shrine of Lal Shahbaz Qalandar around 17-18 times and had a chance to visit the shrine during URS for seven to eight times. According to him, Qalandar is the religious hero of hundreds of thousands of people throughout Pakistan and people love



to showcase images of the Qalandar Lal Shahbaz. Talking about "Dhamal" he said, it is an important aspect of Lal Shahbaz shrine, which makes the people dance in abandonment. People back in Germany use to ask me why I visit to Pakistan, since Pakistan's image is negative in the west. I visit Pakistan to portray its positive side, he added. Vice Chancellor Sukkur IBA University Professor Nisar

Ahmed Siddiqui accorded warm welcome to the distinguished guest and praised his mystical work done in the field of sufi-ism. Registrar Sukkur IBA University Engr. Zahid Hussain Khand also thanked the speaker for his research on Qalandar and other Sufis. Later, the guest was decorated with traditional Sindhi Ajrak. Professor Wasim also answered some questions put up by the faculty members and students.

Visit of Deputy High Commission of Spain

Mr. Fernando, the Deputy High Commission of Spain along with Mr. Kanwar Tariq, Consul General (Hon) Republic of Paraguay visited Sukkur IBA University.

Visitors Corner



Visited by Officials from JCCC, USA

Officials from Johnson County Community College (JCCC), USA Dr. Joseph Sopchich (President JCC) along with Prof. Dr. Beth Gulley, (JCC Professor of English), Ms. Jeremy Gulley and Mr. Daniel Lee (The Cultural Affair officer, US Consulate Karachi) visited Mathematics Resource Center (MRC). During their visit, they interacted with the students attending MRC.



Visit by Delegation of Mid-Career Management Course Participants

A Delegation of 23 Gazetted Government officers of different departments, led by Ms. Samina Intizar, Directing Staff and Ms. Shagufta Waris, Additional Directing Staff of National Institute of Management (NIM) Karachi visited Sukkur IBA University as a part of their Mid-Career Management Course (MCMC). Registrar Sukkur IBA University Engr. Zahid Hussain Khand accorded welcome to the visiting officers. Director CDC Ishfaque Ahmed Lashari briefed the visitors about Sukkur IBA University, its departments and different programs. The visiting officers presented a shield to Engr. Zahid Hussain Khand, Registrar Sukkur IBA University. Officers visited various departments of the University and were impressed with its state-of-the-art buildings and greenery.



Patron in Chief SweetHomes Pakistan visited Sukkur IBA University

The Patron in Chief, Pakistan Sweet Homes Zammarud Khan visited Sukkur IBA University, where he was accorded warm welcome by the Vice Chancellor Professor Nisar Ahmed Siddiqui and other faculty members.



Dr. Waqar Akram Associate Professor Sukkur IBA University briefed the guest about the university and its departments. Speaking on the occasion Mr. Zammarud Khan lauding the untiring efforts of Professor Nisar Ahmed Siddiqui in transforming Sukkur IBA from an institute to a university, said, it is my desire to select at least 300 students across the country for enrollement in higher education."

In this regard he requested the VC Sukkur IBA University to extend testing services, so that the students could be selected on pure merit.



Secretary, Schools Education Department Govt of Sindh Visits Sukkur IBA University

Secretary School Education, Government of Sindh, Dr. Iqbal Durrani visited Sukkur IBA University. praising the untiring efforts of Vice Chancellor Sukkur IBA University Professor Nisar Ahmed Siddiqui he said, we have to make institutions financially viable to make them prosper.

He said, it is heartening to see that, at Sukkur IBA University development funds are being utilized properly. He also sought suggestions and recommendations from the VC, registrar and faculty to better education in the province.

Registrar Sukkur IBA University, Engr. Zahid Hussain Khand and Director QEC, Dr. Sher Mohammad Doudpota briefed him in detail about initiatives of Sukkur IBA University.



DG National Savings Visits Sukkur IBA University

"I am very much impressed about the way, Sukkur IBA University is transforming lives of students coming from humble background" said Mr. Zafar Masud, Director General National Savings who visited Sukkur IBA University along with senior Management. Registrar Sukkur IBA University, Engr. Zahid Hussain Khand along with senior faculty and staff members received the guests. The visitors were given detailed presentation on Sukkur IBA University's latest initiatives. They also talked about the possibilities of future collaborations. The guests were taken to campus tour and were decorated with traditional souvenirs.



Agricultural Entrepreneur Mr. Imdad Ali Nizamani visits Sukkur IBA University

Renowned entrepreneur and agriculturist, Mr. Imdad Ali Nizamani visited Sukkur IBA University and held discussion with the faculty and students of Agribusiness. The Vice Chancellor Sukkur IBA University Professor Nisar Ahmed Siddiqui welcomed the distinguished guest and briefed him about various departments of Sukkur IBA University. Imdad Ali Nizamani is known agriculturist and owns farms lands under the name of Asim Agriculture Farms in Tando Soomro in district Tando Allah Yar. During his interaction with the students of Agribusiness, Mr. Nizamani motivated them to join hands to make the country self-sufficient in agriculture sector.



Sukkur IBA University Hosted Journalists Visit

Sukkur IBA University hosted a visit of Journalists from Islamabad and Lahore. The group was led by the member Higher Education Commission (HEC), Professor Dr. Raza Bhatti. Vice Chancellor Prof. Nisar Ahmed Siddiqui welcomed and thanked all the visiting guests. In his speech, Dr. Raza Bhatti, thanked the Vice Chancellor Sukkur IBA University for their hospitality.



Director QEC, Dr. Sher Mohammad briefed the visitors about institution, its various programs and initiatives. The Vice Chancellor Professor Nisar Ahmed Siddiqui later gave away traditional gifts to the guests, who also went around various departments of the university and had interaction with the faculty and students.



OGDCL Officials visited Sukkur IBA University

Officials from Oil & Gas Development Company Limited (OGDCL) including Mr. Irteza Ali Qureshi, Chief Financial Officer, Mr. Ahmed Hayat Lak, Company Secretary / General Manager (Legal Services), Mr. Abdul Rauf Khajak, General Manager Corporate Social Responsibility visited Sukkur IBA University.

Honorable Vice Chancellor, Prof. Nisar Ahmed Siddiqui along with senior management welcomed the esteemed guests. Delegations visited the National Talent Hunt Program (NTHP) 2017 classes and interacted with the students.

Federal Secretary P&D Reforms and Executive Director HEC visit

Federal Secretary Planning, Development & Reforms, Mr. Shoaib Ahmed Siddiqui and Executive Director Higher Education Commission Pakistan (HEC), Prof. Dr. Arshad Ali visited Sukkur IBA University. Vice Chancellor, Prof. Nisar Ahmed Siddiqui along with senior management welcomed the esteemed guests. During their campus tour, they visited CDC, Financial Trade Lab, Class Rooms, Computer Lab and Knowledge Center.



Huawei Officials visit Sukkur IBA University

Mr. Shan Xiaoping, Director Business Development, HUAWEI along with Mr. Abbas A. Bhatti Director Sales, Enterprise Business Group, HUAWEI visited Sukkur IBA University. Vice Chancellor, Prof. Nisar Ahmed Siddiqui welcomed the guests. The guests

were briefed about Sukkur IBA University and its latest initiatives towards community services. Mr.



Shan Xiaoping appreciated the work and also discussed about future collaborations with Sukkur IBA University. They also visited CDC department, Financial Trade Lab, Class Room, Computer Lab, Knowledge Center and Data Center. The guests were decorated with traditional souvenirs.

SSGC Officials Visit



Higher management of the Sui Southern Gas Company (SSGC) visited Sukkur IBA University and met with the administration to pave way for further collaboration. Director General Services and Gas Theft Department Brig. Retired Mohammad Abuzar was accompanied by Regional Manager Sukkur Mr. Ali Nawaz Kalhoro and Chairman Chemical Engineering Department MUET Jamshoro Syed Farman Ali.

Vice Chancellor Sukkur IBA University Prof. Nisar

Ahmed Siddiqui and Director QEC Dr. Sher Mohammad Daudpota briefed guests about Sukkur IBA University. The delegation visited CDC department, Trade Lab, Class Rooms, Computer lab and Knowledge Center and exchanged views regarding future collaboration.



Officials from DG Cement Visit

DG Cement officials including Farid Fazal, Director Marketing and Sales, Ziauddin, Assistant General Manager South and Rizwan, Sole distributor-Sukkur visited Sukkur IBA University. The esteemed guests were received and welcomed by Engr. Zahid Hussain Khand and Dr. Sher Muhammad Daudpota. Guests were briefed about institute. Visit culminated with a campus tour followed by lunch.



Visit of Member Federal Public Service Commission (FPSC)

Mr. Abid Saeed, Member Federal Public Service Commission visited Sukkur IBA University. Vice Chancellor Sukkur IBA University Prof. Nisar Ahmed Siddiqui along with Senior Management welcomed the guest and briefed him about Sukkur IBA University and its initiatives. They also visited CDC, Trade Lab, Classrooms, Computer Lab and Knowledge Center.



Events Corner

Reception for Vice Chancellor Sukkur IBA University

Transformation of Sukkur IBA University from a two-roomed institute to a state-of-the-art University is no less than a miracle, remarked Mr. Muhammad Amir Khan Ghouri, a renowned entrepreneur, former president Sukkur Chamber of Commerce and industry (SCCI) during a dinner he hosted in the honor of Sukkur IBA University's Vice Chancellor and Faculty Members. The event was attended by Syed Khursheed Ahmed Shah (Leader of



the Opposition), Mr Nauman Islam Shaikh (MNA), Commissioner Sukkur Division and other members of trade industry and civil society. Syed Khursheed Ahmed Shah and Vice Chancellor Sukkur IBA University Professor Nisar Ahmed Siddiqui jointly presented a souvenir on behalf of Sukkur IBA University to Mr. Aamir Ali Khan Ghauri as token of appreciation.



Adapting to digital revolution- A talk by Prof. Nisar Ahmed Siddiqui

The Vice Chancellor Sukkur IBA University addressing the HoDs, Sectional Heads, Faculty and Staff Members, said, as we know that this is digital era and existing knowledge in this era is becoming obsolete at faster pace and the only solution to progress is to keep ourselves up-to-date according to the changing technologies.

During his talk, he opened forum for innovative ideas and suggestions on creating culture and groups of learning. He encouraged all the participants to spend at least 5-hours a week on acquiring new knowledge in their particular domain to improve own performance and create synergy for institutional performance.



Hunting Scholarships for Studying Abroad - A Seminar

Students Development Society organized a detailed session on fully-funded and most prestigious postgraduate scholarship programs of the developed countries at Sukkur IBA Auditorium.

In this wonderful session, highly qualified and experienced speakers of Sukkur IBA University exposed students, especially graduating and recently graduated batches, to the scholarships available.

Dr. Khalid Ahmed - Assistant Professor of Economics, Sukkur IBA University, Dr. M. Ajmal Sawand - Assistant Professor of Computer Science, Sukkur IBA University, and Dr. Javed Ahmed Shahani - Assistant Professor of Computer Science, Sukkur IBA University, spoke about various scholarship opportunities throughout Europe and US.



A step into Cyber World- Session by Afaque Riaz Ahmed Founder - KITE

The rapid advancement of technology and science might render millions of people useless within next couple of decades, observed Afaque Riaz Ahmed, who is the founder and president of Karachi Institute of Technology and Entrepreneurship (KITE), while speaking as a guest speaker at Sukkur IBA University auditorium.

He talked about different phases of industrial revolutions. He said, today only two persons can perform the job of hundred people through mechanical production and therefore I am afraid that, millions of people are going to become useless within next couple of decades. According to him, all the technologies are meant to help solve human problems.

The session was organized by the Education, Science Technology Innovation and Research Club (ESTIR) led by Ms. Unaiza Alvi, Assistant Professor Department of Education.



ABET Accreditation Workshop



Tool Kits distribution ceremony for PMYSDP Students

CEL&Inc. Sukkur IBA University organized toolkit distribution ceremony for PMYSDP (Phase-III, Batch-II). The Director Center for



Entrepreneurial Leadership and Incubation alongwith his team distributed toolkits to the successful candidates of the vocational skill development program for starting their startups in the field of Solar System and General Electrician.

Head of Department – Computer Science, Dr. Abdul Rehman Soomrani conducted a workshop on the awareness of ABET Accreditation process in which 32 faculty members from Computer Science attended the session. The purpose of the workshop was to train faculty members for preparing course contents for international education standards of Computer Science.

Activity “Promoting Memories and Entrepreneurial Culture”

DICE VIC'17 organized an activity naming “Promoting Memories and Entrepreneurial Culture” for the students of Sukkur IBA University. Patron of SIBAES Society and Director Cel&inc. Ikhtiar Ahmed Khoso alongwith HODs of different departments including Dr. Niaz Ahmed Bhutto, Dr. Waqar Akram, Dr. Abdul Rehman Soomrani, Dr. Faheem Chachar and other faculty members visited the stalls and praised the efforts of the teams. The students also played their part by actively participating in different activities and showed overwhelming response. Team of DICE VIC'17 is thankful to all people who came and turned this short event into a limelight with their gracious presence.



National Mathematics Olympiad - 2017

As part of on-going learning and development activities for the students of Sukkur IBA University as well as other universities' students. Mathematics society - SISC organized the biggest event of Sukkur IBA University, titled Pakistan National Mathematics Olympiad. In this event 20 teams all across country took part with great energy and enthusiasm. All teams were accorded warm welcome by the Vice Chancellor Sukkur IBA University Professor Nisar Ahmed Siddiqui. The VC expressed his views about mathematics and highlighted the importance of mathematics in terms of development. There were two rounds of the event. Sukkur IBA University provided platform for talented students having remarkable mathematical and analytical skills. Director QEC Dr. Sher Muhammad Daudpota and Director EDC Dr. Altaf Hussain Samo expressed their views about the mega event of Pakistan (PNMO-17). Registrar Sukkur IBA University Engr. Zahid Hussain Khand appreciated efforts of the competitors for achieving this position in this mega event. Cash prize, shields and certificates were distributed among the finalists and the winners.



International Conference on Language and Literature USICOLL-2017

"Dr. Irfan Ahmed Rind participated among others in the Panel Discussion on "ELT Scenario at Higher Education



Institutes in Sindh: Pedagogical, Administrative and Socio-Economic Challenges related to ELT and ways forward"

The recommendations are to be sent to English Language Teaching Reform (ELTR), Higher Education Commission for policy change."

Training of Trainers

CEL&Inc. Sukkur IBA University organized three day Training of Trainers for Women Entrepreneurship Training at Sukkur IBA University in collaboration with Engro Foundation.



Blood Donation Campaign

Two-day blood donation campaign was organized by Sukkur IBA University Community Welfare Society in collaboration with Sukkur Blood & Drugs Donating Society and PTCL under its CSR initiatives.

Manager HR PTCL Mr. Awais Shah said, the PTCL has initiated blood donating campaign throughout the country for ten days. Purpose of the campaign is to provide fresh and healthy blood to the Thalassemia patients and like always Sukkur IBA University has supported us. Coordinator CWS Sukkur IBA University Asad Raza Bhutto said, students are donating blood for the cause of humanity and we are proud to be the part of this noble campaign. General Secretary Sukkur Blood and Drugs Donating Society Abdul Jabbar said, such campaigns motivate people to donate blood for the children suffering from various blood disorders.



SIBACOM 2017 Organized for the students of Engineering and computer science

To motivate and inspire the students of engineering and computer science of various universities throughout Sindh, Sukkur IBA University organized competition under the title of SIBACOM 2017.

Students of electrical engineering and computer science departments from various universities including, Sukkur IBA University, Bahria University, PAF-KIET Karachi, University of Sindh, MUET SZAB Campus Khairpur Mir's and others participated in the competition.

The competition was organized by the students of electrical engineering department under its Sukkur IBA IEEE Chapter and was supervised by the Assistant Professor and coordinator of ME Program Dr. Muhammad Asim Samejo. Students from 17 colleges of

upper Sindh visited the event and took keen interest in different projects showcased by the students of different universities. Acting Vice Chancellor Sukkur IBA University Engr. Zahid Hussain Khand formally inaugurated the event by cutting the ribbon and went around different



stalls, established by the students of various universities. The projects consisted of Hardware competition, Line following robot, Speed programming competition, Gamming, Circuit design competition and others. Assistant Professor Asim Samejo briefed about the purpose of the competition.



"SCIENCE ON WHEELS"

The Vice Chancellor Sukkur IBA University Prof. Nisar Ahmed Siddiqui often used to say, "Future lies in the Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM)" and therefore he has diverted his energies towards this philosophy. It is because of his love for science and technology that, he came up with the idea of developing a mobile science and technology lab, which can be driven to different government schools and colleges, where students can get benefit of the most modern laboratory at their doorsteps.

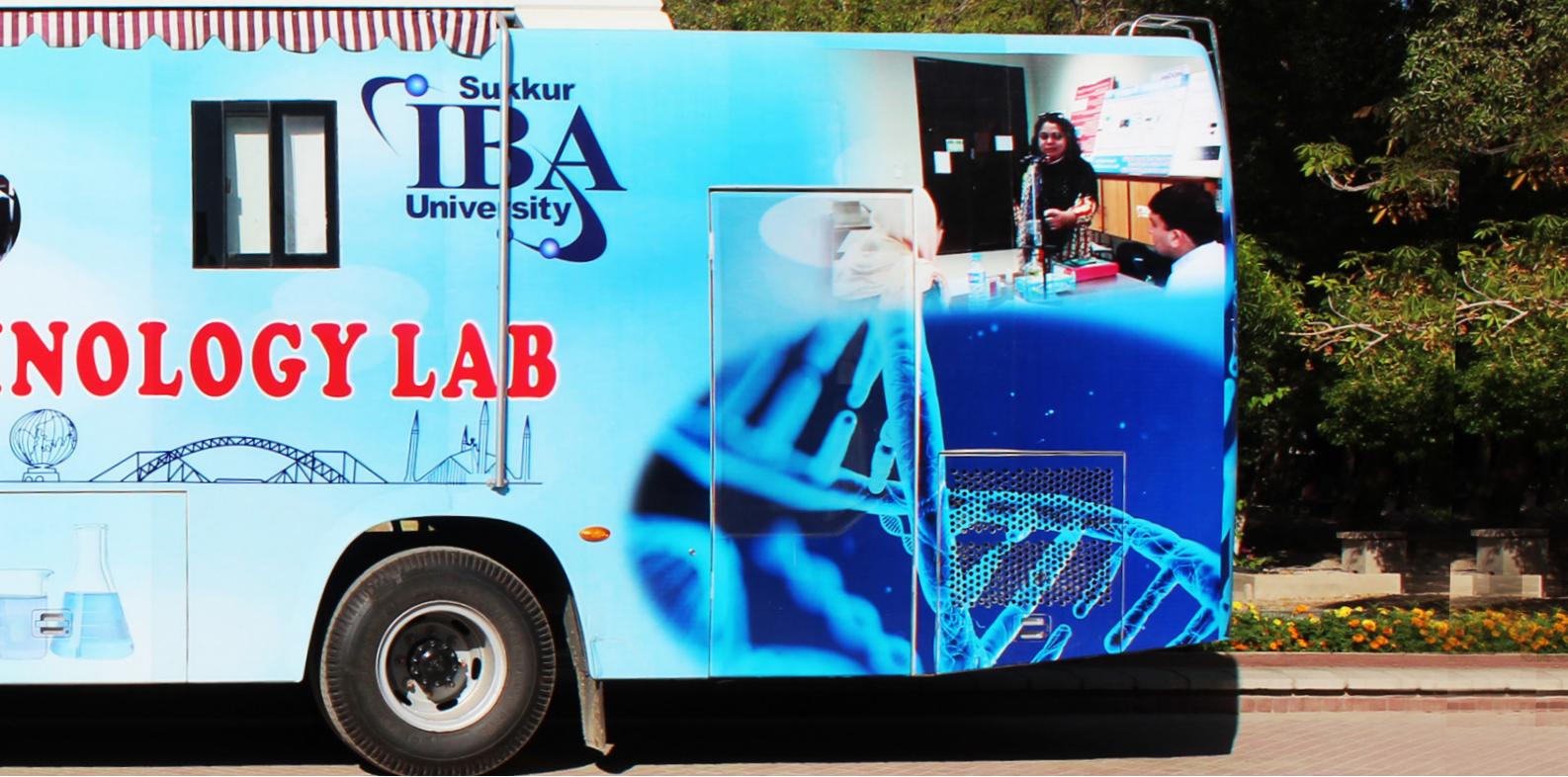


The VC says, Sukkur IBA University is an innovative STEM University which envisions to serve the community. He said, it is working for social and economic development of the community through the offering of high quality science education at Sukkur IBA University and its affiliated community colleges and schools. In order to promote and improve the quality of science teaching and learning in the schools throughout Sindh and Pakistan, Sukkur

IBA University has taken yet another initiative of developing a Mobile Science and Technology Laboratory that will provide access to all our children to learn sciences, computer sciences and mathematics through the most recent inquiry, hands-on and problem based learning and teaching approaches, he remarked. In short, this mobile lab is going to prove a blessing for the students of schools and colleges throughout Upper Sindh, he added.

The mobile lab was established in collaboration with the Sindh government under Community Development Program at the cost of Rs. 15 million. Director CDC and Focal Person Community Development Program Ishfaque Ahmed Lashari briefing about the mobile science and technology lab, told that, ironically most of the government schools and colleges don't have or have non-functional science laboratories.





This mobile science and technology lab is equipped with Physics, Chemistry and Biology sections and it will travel to different schools and colleges, where the students can conduct scientific experiments on their own with the help of the lab staff. MS. Uneaza Alvi, who is Assistant Professor at the Education Department of Sukkur IBA University and Project Lead, takes keen interest in such initiatives and the credit for materializing the dream of mobile lab goes to her. According to her, no nation can prosper without science and technology and therefore it is utmost



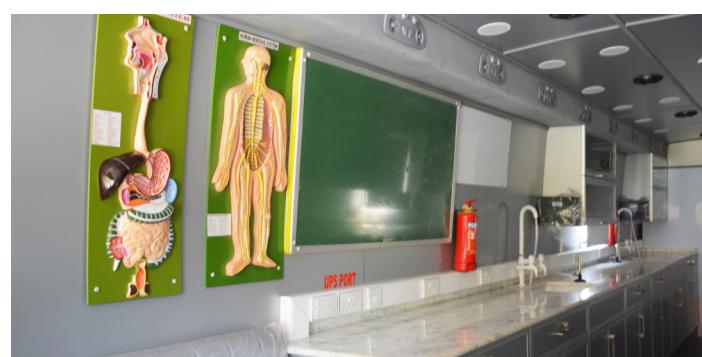
She said, one such mobile lab is quite insufficient for entire Sindh and therefore I suggest there should be at least one such mobile lab for all six administrative units of Sindh.

Besides serving the purpose of most modern science laboratory, this mobile lab will also test water in different areas, which is a plus point, she added. Not only this, but the staff of the mobile lab will also teach the students and other people how to monitor blood pressure and to record temperature, she said. This will focus on Ghotki district with is being a focused district for the OGDCL.



necessary to create awareness and love for science and technology among the students. She told that, initially we will focus on the students of middle schools from class VI to class VIII. Science laboratories cease to exist in most of the government schools and where there are science laboratories, there is acute shortage of science teachers, she said.

The only answer to this grave problem is the mobile science and technology lab, which can be moved to any destination, she added. She said, this mobile lab is a complete package for the science students.



Awareness Seminar on Education Expo and SUSI 2018

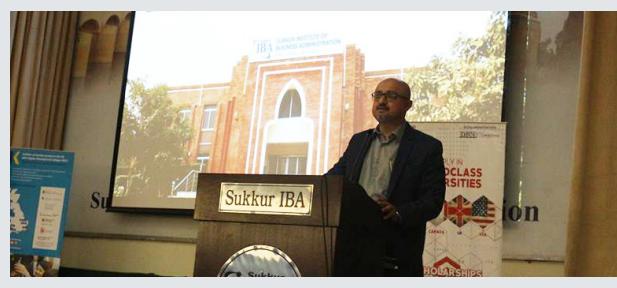
Student Development Society (SDS), in collaboration with Career Development Center (CDC), organized a seminar on SUSI 2018. Education Resource Worldwide-ERW team visited Sukkur IBA University to assist the students in securing their desired goals through counseling, placements and help them acquire relevant study options pertaining to their higher degrees from abroad. In order to train undergraduate students about the application of the five-week fully-funded exchange program - the Study of the U.S. Institutes (SUSIs) for Student Leaders.

A session on SUSI to cover different aspects of SUSI application.

Ms Sahiba Inayat, MENA Coke



Scholar 2016, and PUAN Exchange Ambassador - Sukkur chapter was the speaker of the session. Souvenirs were presented to ERW Team.



USAID-Funded Merit & Need Based Scholarship Interviews 2017

Institutional Scholarship Awarding Committee Meeting for Award of USAID Funded Merit & Need Based Scholarships to graduate level students was held. The meeting was attended by Internal Members of Sukkur IBA University, External Members from community and Mr. Muhammad Abbas Program Coordinator USAID Funded Merit & Need Based Scholarship Program, HEC Islamabad. In all 17 Students of MBA Program were shortlisted for final

Interview against 14 slots of Fully Funded Scholarship. The scholarship covers Tuition fees, boarding & Lodging and Books expense of students. The Final Award list of students was shared by Financial Aid Office Sukkur IBA University soon after the approval from Scholarship Management Committee, Higher Education Commission Islamabad.

Global Village 2017 organized by the Alumni Society.

Sukkur IBA Alumni Society of Sukkur IBA Students Council - SISC in Partnership with ICON by Ghouri's Official organized Global Village, at Sukkur IBA University by establishing various stalls portraying international and national culture and cuisine.

The purpose of the Global Village was to create awareness among the students and other people about national and international cultures and cuisines. Stalls of different countries including, India, Turkey, Spain, Russia, Uzbekistan, Morocco, Saudi Arabia, Egypt and others were established, which were apart from the stalls showcasing all five provinces of Pakistan. This was not all, but various stalls selling foods and soft drinks were also established during the event, to further attract the audience.

Later different teams portraying different countries and cultures presented cultural skits. The Vice Chancellor Professor Nisar Ahmed Siddiqui distributed prizes among the winning teams.



Physics Exhibition at Sukkur IBA University

Sukkur IBA University with the collaborative efforts of department of education organized "Physics Exhibition" with the aim to promote the practical science education, through research, inquiry and activity based learning among the students of Sukkur IBA University. The program was held under the umbrella of education department at knowledge center Sukkur IBA University. The opening ceremony was performed by the Vice Chancellor Sukkur IBA University Prof. Nisar Ahmed Siddiqui. The program consisted of projects of Physics made by students of education department. The projects were aimed at exposing the modern methods of learning Physics along with practical approach. The projects were visited by worthy Vice chancellor Prof. Nisar Ahmed Siddiqui, Registrar Sukkur IBA University Engr. Zahid Hussain Khand, Heads of different

departments, Teachers and students. All the visitors appreciated the projects of the students. After visiting projects, worthy vice chancellor made speech on the importance of learning physics and science through practical ways. The speech was followed by the prize distribution among the winners of projects.



Neuro Warfare 17 organized by CRC

Case Research Center (CRC), in collaboration with Marketing Society, HR Society, Finance Society and Career Development Center (CDC), successfully organized a Case Study Competition "Neuro Warfare 17". There were three different competitions namely; Clash of Minds-A Case Study Competition Virtual Battlefield-Bloomberg Financial Challenge Hemisphere Combat- Advertising Competition Teams from Karachi School of Business & Leadership (KSBL), University of Sindh, SZABIST Larkana and Shah Abdul Lateef University Khairpur participated in the event and made it a success.



Book Review Competition for the students of OGDCL NTHP-17

Book review competition was held in Sukkur IBA University's auditorium in which all the sections of NTHP participated. The book review competition is the brain-child of Vice Chancellor Sukkur IBA University Professor Nisar Ahmed Siddiqui and is aimed at to promote book reading among the students, said, Coordinator NTHP Mr. Ashfaque Abbasi.



Assistant professor Sindh University Ms. Shumaila, Assistant professor Quid-e-Awam University of Engineering, Science and Technology Nawabshah Dr. Insaf Siming and Professor Ghulam Hussain Manganhar judged the competition. Fabulous of Section-D clinched first position, while Reviewers from Section-I got second and SIBA Scorchers of Section-E received third position.

Sukkur IBA University students win 9th Regional HULT Prize

Seven qualifying students from Sukkur IBA University made their journey through a national competition of 9th Regional Hult Prize at San Francisco and Boston. This is an international social entrepreneurship competition in which students participate from multiple countries and regionally winning students get opportunity to participate the final at USA. The students were selected from a record breaking pool of over 100000+ participants from over 120 countries to take part in this game-changing initiative. Apart from this, Mahnoor Memon, a student of Sukkur IBA University was also awarded best campus director throughout Pakistan.



Healthcare Event organized by Go Green Society

Go Green Society organized a 'Healthcare Event'. The purpose of the event was to create awareness about health and hygiene among students of Sukkur IBA University. The event hosted a guest speaker session and presentation along with Health Model Exhibition competition. Dr. Aijaz Hussain, Associate Professor from GMC Sukkur delivered an interactive presentation on the topic of 'History of Health and Mental Health' Exhibition participants developed and displayed tremendously creative products, judged by the jury, based on their creativity, product design and purpose. The competition was won by the team "Mr. Health" followed by team "MAS" as 1st Runner-up and team "EDU" as 2nd runner up.



Employee Appreciation Ceremony 2017

Sukkur IBA University arranged the annual gathering of its employees in its auditorium where 33 best performers of the year 2017 were awarded cash prize of Rs. 10,000 each and the certificates of appreciation. The best performers were featured in corporate documentary of Sukkur IBA University. Speaking to the gathering the Vice Chancellor of



Sukkur IBA University Prof. Nisar Ahmed Siddiqui said that it is his vision to make Sukkur IBA University a world class University, the efforts of all employees are indispensable irrespective of rank and status. He further said that I want to see a future vice chancellor among the workers of Sukkur IBA University. Registrar of the University, Engr. Zahid Hussain Khand while addressing the employees said that we must take our work as a worship. If our University is a center of Excellence today, it is only because of our employees, he further added.

Job Fair 2018 Hosted 40 Employers

Job Fair 2018 was organized by the Sukkur IBA University with the aim to provide platform to job seeking talented under-graduates and graduates of Sukkur IBA University.

This year around 35 companies including, Engro Food, PTCL, State Bank of Pakistan, Allied Bank, Atlas Honda, Pepsi, Yamaha, OGDCL, Sukkur IBA University, U-fone, Sanofi and others established their stalls to identify talented candidates for their companies.

The students visited various stalls, where they were briefed by the officials of the concerned companies and submitted around 2000 CVs. Director CDC Ishfaque Ahmed Lashari briefed the participating companies.



Health Awareness Session Organized by HEC & UNICEF



To create awareness among the students regarding health related issues and especially essential vaccinations “Health Awareness Session” was organized at the auditorium of Sukkur IBA University. The health awareness program was jointly initiated by the Higher Education Commission (HEC) and UNICEF with the purpose to create health awareness in various organizations of the country. Large number of students attended the session, where they were informed about the health issues and especially some of the essential vaccinations.

Jhatsay.com selected among Top 25 at Startup Cup

Jhatsay.com a start-up at Sukkur IBA University has been selected among top 25 in Pakistan Start-up Cup out of 80 teams. Now, team will contest with 24 other start-up ideas for the National Event.



DICE Virtual Innovation Competition

CEL&Inc. Sukkur IBA Organized DICE VIC 17 at Sukkur IBA University, in which more than 80 teams participated and Top three teams were awarded certificates, Shields and Cash Prizes.



MOS Certification Workshop

HEC in collaboration with Microsoft is facilitating MOS certification free of cost. In this regard an Awareness and Training session was conducted in Sukkur IBA University. Students who show their readiness for exam will be invited to take certification exam.



The session was conducted by Muhammad Irshad Nazeer, Assistant Professor of Computer Science. Mr Ghulam Muhammad, a representative of TEC Education Foundation (A HEC Partner for this project) also attended the session.



Information System Society of SISC and Department of Computer Science took lead in organizing this event.

Training & Workshop



USAID Training Workshop on Talent Grooming

A three-day USAID training workshop on talent grooming and career counseling for scholars under USAID-funded Merit and Need-Based Scholarship Program (Phase II) held at Sukkur IBA University.

The workshop was arranged by the Higher Education Commission (HEC) and USAID under the Pakistan-USAID Merit and Need Based Scholarship Program with the aim to improve communication and interview skills of the graduating scholars and provide them guidance to groom their personal and professional skills and better job searching. Eighty students and alumni of BBA (Hons) and MBA programs including ten students & alumni from SZABIST Larkana participated in the workshop. Participants were given the certificates by worthy registrar Eng. Zahid Hussain Khand.





One-Day Workshop on Ethics on job and office decorum

As part of ongoing learning and development activities for the employees of Sukkur IBA University, One-Day Workshop on topic “Ethics on job and office decorum” at Sukkur IBA University was organized for the lower management/staff.

The workshop was facilitated by Mr. Rasool Bux, Deputy Registrar (HRD). Facilitator highlighted that Ethics is a fundamental requirement of any profession and is integral to the success of the business. The workshop was designed with real working examples of multiple organizations, group discussions, besides role plays also took place during the workshop.

One-day workshop on Professional Development Program

As part of ongoing workplace learning and development initiatives, department of Human Resources, Sukkur IBA University arranged a one-day workshop for new faculty members on the topic, “Professional Development Program”.

Around 20 participants attended the session which was facilitated by Dr Barkat Ali Bhayo, Associate Professor Mathematics. The trainer involved participants in various activities, group discussions, presentations and brainstorming sessions for teaching profession.

The overall purpose of the session was to make participants realize the importance of teaching profession, role of teachers and how one can become an effective teacher/mentor. Registrar Sukkur IBA University and Head of HRM, Engr. Zahid Hussain Khand reiterated the need of embedding learned ideas in our workplace and organizational culture with letter and spirit along with promising his continued support of HRD activities at the University.



SAT-V Result Dissemination Workshops

SAT Project team, in collaboration with Reform Support Unit (RSU) School Education and Literacy Department, organized one-day results dissemination workshops of Standardized Assessment Test (SAT)-V (2016-17) in all regions of Sindh. The workshops were organized in Shaheed Benazirabad, Mirpurkhas, Hyderabad, Karachi, Sukkur and Larkana regions.



The workshops were led by Project Director SAT, Dr. Fida Hussain Chang with the help of Team Lead, Dr. Pervaiz Ahmed Memon and Mr. Imran Ahmed Larik along with SAT admin team. Through these workshops, results were shared and discussed with respectable Directors, District Education Officers, Taluka Education Officers, Reform Support Unit and Local Support Unit teams. The secretay education department, Dr Muhammad Iqbal Durrani and Chief Program Manager, Mr Faisal Ahmed Uqaili also participated.

One Day Workshop on “Essentials of Teamwork”

As part of ongoing workplace learning and development initiatives, department of Human Resources, Sukkur IBA University arranged one-day workshop for its lower management cadre on the topic, ‘Essentials of Teamwork’.

Around 18 participants attended the session which was facilitated by two internal trainers, Mr. Sanaullah Baloch, Deputy Director Marketing and Mr. Rasool Bux, Deputy Registrar (HRD). The trainers involved participants in various activities, role plays, group discussions and brainstorming sessions. The overall purpose of the session was to make participants realize the potential and importance of team work.



3-Day Workshop on 'Big Data Analytics' by Mr Asim Kaghzi from USA



A three- Day Workshop on 'Big Data Analytics using Spark' was organized by the Department of Computer Science for students and faculty of Sukkur IBA University.

The workshop was facilitated by Mr. Asim Kaghzi, Principal DBA & App. Lead Gartner Inc, USA. Mr. Asim has a rich experience of 17 years in database administration, democratization and analytics platforms which include data pipelines, streaming, real-time reporting, and data analytics using Hadoop and Spark.

The objective of this three-day workshop was to give awareness of new trends and technologies and to provide hands-on practice of latest technological tools.

From CS Student to Excelling IT Professional

Academia-Industry workshop was organized by the Computer Science Department with special efforts of Dr. M. Ajmal Assistant Professor, Dr Sher Muhammad Doudpota Director QEC and Dr. Abdul Rehman HoD CS Department.

The workshop was organized in order to align students with contemporary technologies in current market dynamics. Mr. Hosh Muhammad- Technical Lead, Mr. Asif Hussain-Country Manager, Mr. Saleem Shar Senior Software

Engineer and Mr. Yasir Hasan-Manager Business Analyst from one of Pakistan's renowned software house Royal Cyber Inc. interacted with faculty and students to enrich their knowledge related to new technological advancements in the market.



How to Write an Effective Business Plan

SIBA Entrepreneurship society (SIBAES) organized its first workshop for DICEVIC'17 for Sukkur IBA University, which aims to create awareness among participants about "How to Write an Effective Business Plan". Mr. Ikhtiar Khoso (Director CEL&Inc.) Conducted workshop on business plan writing and its format for DICE VIC17.



How to Launch a Start-up Successfully

Workshop on "How to Launch a Start-up Successfully"
Conducted by Mr. Yusuf Hussain CEO, Ignite - National
Technology Fund Organized by Sukkur IBA University in
collaboration with Talk World Sponsored by Career Pakistan

Training on Transforming Leadership

Sukkur IBA University arranged a full day workshop for its executives/top management on "Transformational Leadership". The facilitator of the training was CEO/Principal Consultant of Excelerate Private Limited Mr. Zafar Aziz Osmani and co-facilitator Mr. Omar J.Qureshi. Mr.Osmani is a well renowned, seasoned business professional and carries a vast management and leadership experience spanning over thirty years.

The overall objective of the workshop was to prepare the university's leaders for continuous improvement for Sukkur IBA University. This workshop will enhance the efficiency of leaders and make them an asset for the University.



Seminar on SME Challenges and Promoting SMEs Access to Finance

State Bank of Pakistan in collaboration with Sukkur IBA University organized a seminar for SME Heads on SME Challenges and Promoting SMEs Access to Finance. Officials from SBP, SME Finance Heads of Banks, SBI, TDAP, KSEZ participated in seminar. Vice Chancellor Sukkur IBA University was the chief Guest. The officials also took tour of Sukkur IBA University



MoU Signing

Sukkur IBA University signed MoU with SILC Business School, China

Sukkur IBA University on January 24 signed MoU with SILC Business School Shanghai China. Vice Chancellor Sukkur IBA University Professor Nisar Ahmed Siddiqui and Deputy Dean/Deputy Secretary of Party Committee SILC Business School Professor Lyv Kangiuan inked the MoU at the International Office



of the SILC Business School, Shanghai China. Both the institutes will offer Masters in Finance Dual Degree Program, besides exchanging undergraduates and post-graduates, exchange of faculty members and researchers. Both the institutes will also carry joint research activities and participate in summer schools. The signing of the MoU will pave way for future collaboration in various aspects between the two institutes



Women Entrepreneurship Training in Collaboration with Engro Foundation

Sukkur IBA University signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Engro Foundation for the Women Entrepreneurship Training. The MoU was signed by the Vice



Chancellor Sukkur IBA University, Prof. Nisar Ahmed Siddiqui and Mr. Fawad Soomro, Director Engro Foundation on 10th November,



2017. Under same program CEL&Inc. Sukkur IBA conducted training of beneficiaries from rural areas of Daharki and Ghotki.



Recruitment test of various positions for SRSO at Sukkur IBA University.

Recruitment test of various positions for Sindh Rural Support Organization (SRSO) was conducted by SIBA Testing Services at Sukkur IBA University. About 400 candidates all over Pakistan participated in the test. The candidates highly appreciated the merit, quality and excellence based services of Sukkur IBA Testing Services.



Sukkur IBA testing Services (STS) conducted admission test for Directorate of Nursing

Sukkur IBA Testing Services organized admission test for Directorate of Nursing, Government of Sindh. The tests were held simultaneously in Larkana, Sukkur, Hyderabad and Karachi where more than 6500 candidates from all across Sindh appeared.





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