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5th Convocation 2018

Fifth convocation of Sukkur IBA University was held with the Sindh Chief Minister, Syed Murad Ali Shah, as chief guest. In his address, the chief guest, praising the untiring efforts of Vice Chancellor, Prof. Nisar Ahmed Siddiqui, said credit of transforming a two-roomed institute into a full-fledged degree awarding university goes to him. The Sindh Minister for Education, Jam Mehtab Hussain Dahar in his speech, as a guest of honor said Sukkur IBA University is doing a great job in the socio-economic development of the country. In his welcome address, the Vice Chancellor of Sukkur IBA University, Prof. Nisar Ahmed Siddiqui, expressing his gratitude to the Sindh Chief Minister Syed Murad Ali Shah, Education Minister, Jam Mehtab Hussain Dahar, MNA Nauman Islam Shaikh, and other honorable guests said it is an encouraging moment for us to have such honorable guests among us. With the grace of Allah Almighty, Sukkur IBA University got degree awarding charter in 2006 and, in 2017, it became a full-fledged university. All 182 graduates conferred degrees. Names of the students who received gold medals in different programs are Adil Khan, Zafar Hussain, Ali Hasnain, Sakina Nisar, Faiza Soomro, Mohammad Muzamil Sattar, Aamna, and Bareerah Khan.

Conference Corner

International Conference on Computing, Mathematics & Engineering Technologies

An International Conference on Computing, Mathematics and Engineering Technologies was held in Sukkur IBA University. The Vice Chancellor Sukkur IBA University, Prof. Nisar Ahmed Siddiqui, thanking the participants, said, the two-day deliberations of conference will prove a success. He was optimistic that the participants will discuss the affects of artificial intelligence, which might result into massive joblessness in developing countries like Pakistan. Prof. M. Tahar Kachedi, Professor School of Computer Science and Informatics University College, Dublin Belfield, Assistant Professor Dr. Ozan Keysan from Middle East Technical University, Dr. Abdul Rehman Abbasi, head of MS Program KINPOE, KANUPP Karachi, Dr. Huy-Dung Han, Professor Department of Electric and Computer Engineering Hanoi University of Science and Technology Vietnam, Professor Dr. Sajid Ahmed from Information Technology University Lahore, Professor Dr. Zubair Ahmed Shaikh, President Mohammad Ali Jinnah University Karachi, and Professor Dr. Jafreezal Bin Jaafar, Dean of Department of Computer and Information Sciences Universiti Technologi PETRONAS, Perak Malaysia, in their speeches urged upon the participants to organize seminars and workshops, and brainstorm to overcome the affects of artificial intelligence. Commissioner Sukkur Division, Dr. Mohammad Usman Chachar, who was the chief guest, also emphasized upon the institutions to carve ways and means to meet the challenges of the changing world.



The Vice Chancellor Sukkur IBA University, Professor Nisar Ahmed Siddiqui, and Registrar, Engr. Zahid Hussain Khan, gave away souvenirs to the key note speakers and decorated them with traditional Sindhi cap and ajrak.

Visitors Corner

Founder LUMS Visited Sukkur IBA University

Founder Lahore University of Management Sciences (LUMS), Mr. Syed Babar Ali, visited Sukkur IBA University. The Vice Chancellor Sukkur IBA University, Prof. Nisar Ahmed Siddiqui, and Registrar, Engr. Zahid Hussain Khand, accorded warm welcome to the distinguished guest. Our honorable guest was briefed about Sukkur IBA University. The worthy guest had detailed interaction with the students and faculty members. He went around the campus and later

was taken to Khairpur Institute of Emerging Technologies, where he visited Fab. Lab, which is first of its kind in Pakistan.



Justice (Retd.) S. Ahmed Sarwana visited Sukkur IBA University

Justice (Retd.) S. Ahmed Sarwana visited Sukkur IBA University. Retired Justice Sarwana is a renowned law practitioner and specializes in the fields of commercial law, employment law, and litigation. Presently he is running Abraham and Sarwana Law Firm. The honorable guest was received by the senior management. The distinguished guest had a meeting with the Vice Chancellor Sukkur IBA University, Prof. Nisar Ahmed Siddiqui, after which he went round the campus. The Director QEC, Dr. Sher Mohammad Daudpota, briefed the honorable guest about the various facets of Sukkur IBA University.



Controller General of Accounts Visited Sukkur IBA University

Ms. Shagufta Khanum, Controller General of Accounts (CGA) along with Mr. Farrukh Ahmed Hamidi, Accountant General Sindh and other team members visited Sukkur IBA University. Prof. Nisar Ahmed Siddiqui, Vice Chancellor Sukkur IBA University along with other Senior Management received the distinguished guests. The guests were briefed about Sukkur IBA University and its Initiatives towards betterment of education and community services. The guests took campus tour and also visited first ever Mobile Science and Technology lab.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.



World Bank Delegation Visited Sukkur IBA University

A two-member delegation of the World Bank visited Sukkur IBA University, where they were accorded warm welcome by the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Nisar Ahmed Siddiqui, and other top management. Both the representatives of the World Bank, Mr. Benwa and Ms. Ambreen Arif were much impressed with the clean and green environment of the campus. The purpose of their visit was to learn what Sukkur IBA University is doing regarding relations with HEC and affiliation of educational institutions. The VC thanked the representatives for visiting the campus and also discussed future collaborations. Later, the guests took the tour of the campus, besides visiting community colleges.



Together for Tolerance- Interactive Session

Sukkur IBA University, in collaboration with Carnelian, organized an interactive session with students under the theme of "Together for Tolerance". Mr. Hasnain from Carnelian interacted with students and discussed about the long-term and short-term strategies to make our society more tolerant and peaceful.



Events Corner

Sukkur IBA University to host -DICE-2018.

Sukkur IBA University in partnership with DICE Foundation USA, HEC, British Council and SMEDA, launched the DICE 2018 Mega Innovation and Entrepreneurship Event. The Vice Chancellor Sukkur IBA University, Prof. Nisar Ahmed Siddiqui, launched the innovation registration and website. He emphasized the value addition offered by entrepreneurship, which is the most important part of entrepreneurship for nation building. He said that "it is a mega event which will foster the entrepreneurship culture in Pakistan".

Coca-Cola Recruitment Drive- MTO Program 2018



CCI Pakistan visited Sukkur IBA University in connection with recruitment drive for their Management Trainee Program 2018. The students were introduced to the Coca-Cola system, learnt about CCI Pakistan, its vision, structure, culture & values and were given a detailed briefing about the Management Trainee Program for this year. The fun-filled session gave an opportunity to the students to interact with senior leadership to gain better insight on CCI

Director CEL&Inc., Mr. Ikhtiar Ahmed Khoso, briefed about the event. Registrar Sukkur IBA University, Engr. Zahid Hussain Khand, focused on the importance of such events for the industry, and students to come up with latest entrepreneurial ideas.



Internal Ph.D. Program Review Committee Meeting

An internal PhD Program Review Committee was constituted, comprising six members coming from both Management Sciences and Computer Science Departments. The committee called upon an internal review meeting to gauge whether the university is complying with the criteria as laid down by HEC to offer higher degree programs and the extent to which their implementation is ensured. Initially, the committee was given a brief presentation about PhD Program Review Process by Dr. Sher Muhammad Doudpota, Director QEC, followed by a formal dialogue with the doctoral faculty and students from both departments about coursework and research related facilities. The committee, later presented its findings to the Vice Chancellor.



The Role of Students in Social Transformation

Sukkur IBA University organized a dialogue session on the topic of "the role of students in social transformation" in collaboration with Renaissance Foundation. The program, called "Mashal-e-Rah", is a leading program designed by Renaissance by Social Innovation, Pakistan. It aims to create an environment in which young people are encouraged to make their own conscious choices about their behavior, attitudes and skills, while countering the undue social influence that often leads to less informed decisions and unconscious engagement with religious, social and political cults. Mr. Kamran Rizvi was the key speaker, while Mashal-e-Rah was introduced by M. Ayub. Later, a question-answer session was held. More than 300 students participated in the session, who later were given certificates of participation.



Women's Day



Students of Sukkur IBA University and Alumni USAID Funded Merit and Need Based Scholarship Program, Ms. Priya Rani and Ms. Monika, were invited by Higher Education Commission to attend International Women's Day at Islamabad on 8th March, 2018. The Scholars shared their experience, success stories and contribution of Sukkur IBA University in reshaping their career.

Pakistan Resolution Day Celebration

IBA-Institute of Emerging Technologies, Khairpur, celebrated Pakistan Day with great zeal and national spirit. The celebration started with the recitation of the Holy Quran, followed by national anthem. The Director IBA-IET Khairpur, Dr. Samar Raza Talpur, welcomed and thanked the chief guest of the event Vice Chancellor Sukkur IBA University, Prof. Nisar Ahmed Siddiqui, and Registrar, Engr. Zahid Hussain Khand, for making this event possible. Debate competition and video competition were organized for the students of IBA-IET and its affiliated IT Training center. Students also presented tableaus. The Vice Chancellor Sukkur IBA University appreciated the efforts of students and distributed shields and certificates among the winners and runners-up.



Fulbright/GRE Test 2018

Career Development Center (CDC), Sukkur IBA University organized Fulbright/GRE Mock Test in collaboration with USEFP on March 23rd, 2018 at Sukkur IBA University for alumni, final semester students, faculty and staff members. Top 03 scoring students were given GRE vouchers, each worth \$205.



Sukkur IBA University and flowers go together.

A Flower Exhibition was organized in Sukkur IBA University, in which many varieties of colorful flowers were put on display. Leader of the Opposition in the National Assembly of Pakistan, Syed Khursheed Ahmed Shah, inaugurated the exhibition and lauded the efforts of the management, faculty, and staff



for maintaining greenery at the campus. Vice Chancellor Sukkur IBA University, Prof. Nisar Ahmed Siddiqui, thanking the



Leader of the Opposition, said, we all together are taking all possible measures to make this institute a role model for others. Registrar Sukkur IBA University, Engr. Zahid Hussain Khand, in his address said, management, faculty, and staff of this University perform their respective duties with utmost honesty and dedication and, therefore, every person is important. Later, cash prizes were distributed among the gardeners by the leader of the Opposition. Head Gardener received the mega prize of Rs. 50000. A large number of people visited the exhibition to express their love for flowers.

Meeting of Industry-Academia

The Vice Chancellor Sukkur IBA University, Prof. Nisar Ahmed Siddiqui, chaired a meeting on Educational Institutional Collaboration and Industry Academia with the theme "Mutual Learnings" held at HEC regional office, Lahore. Engro Fertilizer, Fauji Fertilizer, Fatima Fertilizer, Sapphire, Nishat Textile & Dairy, ICI Pakistan, and HBL representatives were present in the meeting. Dr. Nadeem Ul Haq, former VC and Deputy Chairman Planning Commission, Prof. Dr. Iqrar Khan, former VC UAF, and Lahore College for Women University, Usman institute Karachi, University of Sargodha and Academy attended the meeting. The stakeholders were briefed about the innovative internship experiment.



Bringing honour to Sukkur IBA University.

National Vocational and Technical Training Commission of Pakistan, Sindh organized provincial skills competition on April 30, 2018 at Marriot Hotel Karachi. Around 100 TVET institutes participated and competed for positions in different skill competitions. Mr. Abdul Qudoos of Sukkur IBA University participated in the industrial electrician skill and secured 2nd position. Mr. Abdul Qudoos studied industrial electrician course at Sukkur IBA University under Prime Minister Youth Skill Development Program for six months. He also secured 2nd position at regional skills competition. Chief Minister Sindh, Syed Murad Ali Shah, graced the event as the chief guest and awarded Mr. Abdul Qudoos with certificate and cash prize Rs. 50000. Now, Mr. Abdul Qudoos will represent Sukkur IBA University at national skills



Self-Assessment Report (SAR) of BS – Computer Science Program

An Assessment Team meeting was held at Sukkur IBA University, in which the Self-Assessment Report of BS Computer Science Program was evaluated. External member Dr. Tariq Mahmood, Asst. Professor, IBA Karachi, and two internal members, Dr. Abdul Rehman Gilal and Mr. Safdar Ali Soomro, Lecturer at Sukkur IBA University assessed the Computer Science program. Program Team consisting of Mr. Muhammad Hussain Mughal, Asst. Professor, and Ms. Shafaq Siraj Siddiqui, Lecturer Sukkur IBA University, along with Head of the Department, Dr. Abdul Rehman Soomrani, and Director QEC, Dr. Sher Muhammad Daudpota, also attended the



meeting. After thorough discussion between assessment team and program team, outcomes were shared with the Computer Science department.

Self-Assessment Report (SAR) of BBA Program

An Assessment Team meeting was held at Sukkur IBA University, in which the Self-Assessment Report of BBA Program was evaluated. External member Dr. Muhammad Arif Saleem, Asst. Professor, International Islamic University (IIU), Islamabad, and two internal members Dr Agha Jahanzeb, Asst. Professor and Ms. Ranjeeta Sadhwani, Lecturer at Sukkur IBA University, assessed the Business program. The Program Team consisting of Dr. Rukhsana Gul, Asst. Professor, and Mr. Muhammad Saleem Korejo, Lecturer Sukkur IBA University, along with Head of the Department,



Dr. Niaz Ahmed Bhutto, and Director QEC, Dr. Sher Muhammad Daudpota, also attended the meeting. After thorough discussion between assessment team and program team, findings were forwarded to Business department.

Assessment Team (AT) Meeting

An Assessment Team meeting was held at Sukkur IBA University, in which the Self-Assessment Report of BE Program was evaluated. External member Dr. Khawar Khurshid, Asst. Professor, NUST Islamabad, and two internal members, Dr. Muhammad Asim Samejo and Dr. Muhammad Yameen Sandhu, Asst. Professor at Sukkur IBA University assessed Bachelors of Engineering program. Program Team consisting of Dr. Safeer Hyder Laghari, Lecturer, and Engr. Khawaja Haider Ali, Asst. Professor Sukkur IBA University along with Head of the Department, Dr. Faheem Akhtar Chachar, and Director QEC, Dr. Sher Muhammad Daudpota, also attended the

meeting. After vigorous discussions between assessment team and program team, findings were shared with BE department.



Bidding Farewell to First Retiring Employee

First time in the history of Sukkur IBA University, retirement and farewell ceremony was organized for its first retiring employee. Mr. Muhammad Anwar Mirani, who rendered services as a Driver for last 15 years, retired on 30th April, 2018. To appreciate and acknowledge his tireless efforts, an official farewell was organized. On this occasion, Vice Chancellor, Prof. Nisar Ahmed Siddiqui, appreciated the hard work, dedication, and commitment demonstrated by Mr. Anwar. He wished him best for his life ahead. Engr. Zahid Hussain Khand, Registrar Sukkur IBA, also remarked that "alike other life activities, employment has also a life cycle and it has a start and an end". Mr. Muhammad Anwar Mirani was honored with an official Vice Chancellor Shield along with a certificate of appreciation for his valuable services.



ETS – Major Field Test for Final year students

As part of ongoing AACSB process, International Accreditations Office, with the support of Business Department, Sukkur IBA University, conducted web-based ETS – Major Field Test for Final year students of BBA Program of Sukkur IBA University. Around 132 students appeared in the web-based test which was facilitated by third party evaluation body, Educational Testing Service (ETS) which is world's largest educational testing and assessment organization. It has been conducting many tests such as GRE, TOFEL and Business Program Test. ETS – Major Field Test consisted of core subjects of BBA Program i.e. Accounting, Economics,

Management, Quantitative Business Analysis, Finance, Marketing, Legal and Social Environment, Information Systems and International Issues. The overall purpose of the test was to assess students' performance on PLO 7.1 Business Knowledge for AACSB. Vice Chancellor of Sukkur IBA University, Mr. Nisar Ahmed Siddiqui, has the vision to make Sukkur IBA University as the world's best University.



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.



Practical Examination of Students Enrolled in Education Programs

Sukkur IBA University always ensures to bring best out of its students through different programs and projects. In the development of teacher's education, Sukkur IBA University's contribution is remarkable, particularly with the collaborative efforts of education department. Centre of Physics Education is one such initiative, with the motto of promoting practical science education through research, inquiry and activity-based learning among the students.



SEF-ORIC Meeting

A Meeting was held between the Senior Management of the Foundation and Office of Research, Innovation and Commercialization (ORIC) Officials Sukkur IBA University at Head Office Sindh Education Foundation Govt. of Sindh.

The meeting discussed SEF Quality Assurance Test which was conducted by ORIC Sukkur IBA University in the month of March-April 2017. Around 89,000 students from PPRS, SAS, SMHS and ESSP programs appeared.



Discussion on Education Development

Minister Planning, Development and Reform, Prof. Ahsan Iqbal, had a meeting with Vice Chancellor Sukkur IBA University, Prof. Nisar Ahmed Siddiqui, on future planning and development of the education sector in the region. Sukkur IBA University has introduced the concept of community colleges for the first time in Pakistan.



Seminar on "Epistemology of Science and Pseudoscience"

Mathematics faculty and Mathematics Society of Sukkur IBA University organized a seminar on "Epistemology of Science and Pseudoscience". The Session was conducted by Professor Idrees Azad, a renowned author, philosopher, novelist, poet, dramatist and columnist. Dr. Azad elaborated the Epistemology of Science by explaining logic and scientific judgment and Noumenon and Phenomenon. During his session, Dr. Azad also spoke on the concept of pseudoscience. The seminar was attended by students and faculty members from every department of Sukkur IBA University.



FACULTY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

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Like other facilities, full attention is being paid to the faculty development program, under which dozens of lecturers and assistant professors are currently seeking their Post-doctorate, PhD, MS leading to PhD, and Masters in different subjects in various universities around the world on scholarship.

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TABLE. 1 "FACULTY MEMBERS WHO HAVE COMPLETED THEIR STUDY LEAVE"

Faculty Members who HAVE completed their study leave (Percentage)

1. Post Doctorate Fellowship	03
2. PhDs	15
3. MS leading to PhD	16
4. Mater	11
Total	45

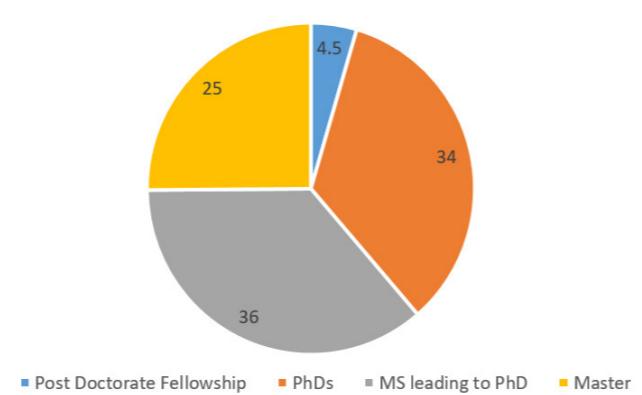
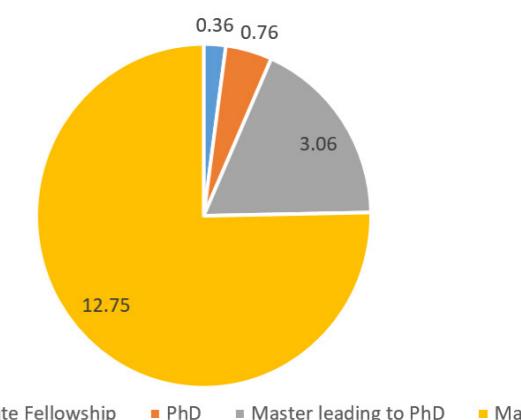


TABLE. 2 "FACULTY MEMBERS WHO ARE PURSUING THEIR STUDY LEAVE"

1. Post Doctorate Fellowship	02
2. PhDs	38
3. MS leading to PhD	18
4. Mater	17
Total	75

Faculty Members who are pursuing their study leave (Percentage)

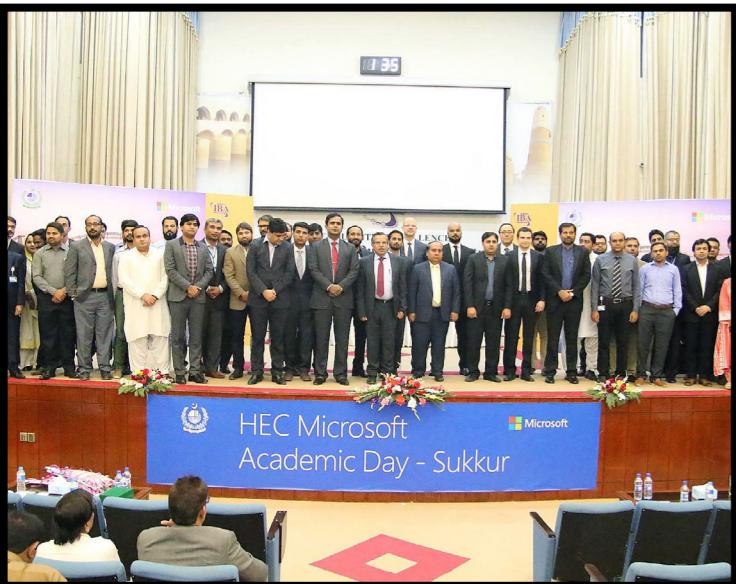


Training & Workshop

An Academic Day with Microsoft



Microsoft and HEC jointly organized "Academic Day" at Sukkur IBA University. Welcoming the participants, the Vice Chancellor Sukkur IBA University, Prof. Nisar Ahmed Siddiqui,



said, "without getting the tools of technology in hands, proper education is not possible". The event was aimed at showcasing the power of technology and education. The

VC thanked the Microsoft officials for making this event possible. He urged upon the students to use technology for better education because technology coupled with education can perform miracles. Executive Director HEC, Prof. Dr. Raza Ahmed Bhatti, said, unprecedented opportunities never happen in human life. Professor and Head of the Department, Abdul Rehman Soomrani, welcomed the guests and thanked Microsoft.

Workshop on Endeavour Scholarships and Fellowships

A workshop on the renowned Australian Scholarship Program "Endeavour Scholarships and Fellowships" was organized at Sukkur IBA University for the faculty, staff and final year students. The session was facilitated by Mr. Rasool Bux Mari, Deputy Registrar HRD, Sukkur IBA University. Mr. Mari is a beneficiary of this program from the year 2015 to the year 2017. He briefed the participants about the requirements/eligibility of various scholarships (especially Australian Award & Endeavour Scholarships), Life and study in Australia, Australian Universities and admission process, English language requirements and scholarship application process.



Alumni of the Stanford University, USA, Mr. Benje Williams, who is inspired by the philosophy of Pakistan's National Poet Allama Iqbal's words, has established the AMAL Academy in Lahore. The aim of the academy is to develop professional and business skills among graduates through a rigorous training program. Sukkur IBA University, keeping in view the student needs made an agreement with AMAL Academy to train our final year students. This training program was delivered through two qualified trainers of academy through weekly classes. Dr. Waqar Akram, Associate Professor (Business Administration) Sukkur IBA took the lead in program implementation. AMAL Academy organized this soft skill development training course, which is called AMAL Fellowship with the purpose of developing professional skills, including communication, teamwork, leadership, problem-solving, critical thinking, growth mindset, self-efficacy, responsibility and learning abilities, peer-to-peer learning, and self-learning among our final year graduates. During the opening ceremony of the program, Dr. Waqar Akram and Mr. Ishfaque Ahmed Lashari Thanked to Amal Academy team for their untiring efforts to train graduates and briefed them about Sukkur IBA University. HoD Business Administration, Dr. Niaz Ahmed Bhutto, was also present at the occasion.

AMAL Fellowship Opening



Hussain Khand presented welcome address.



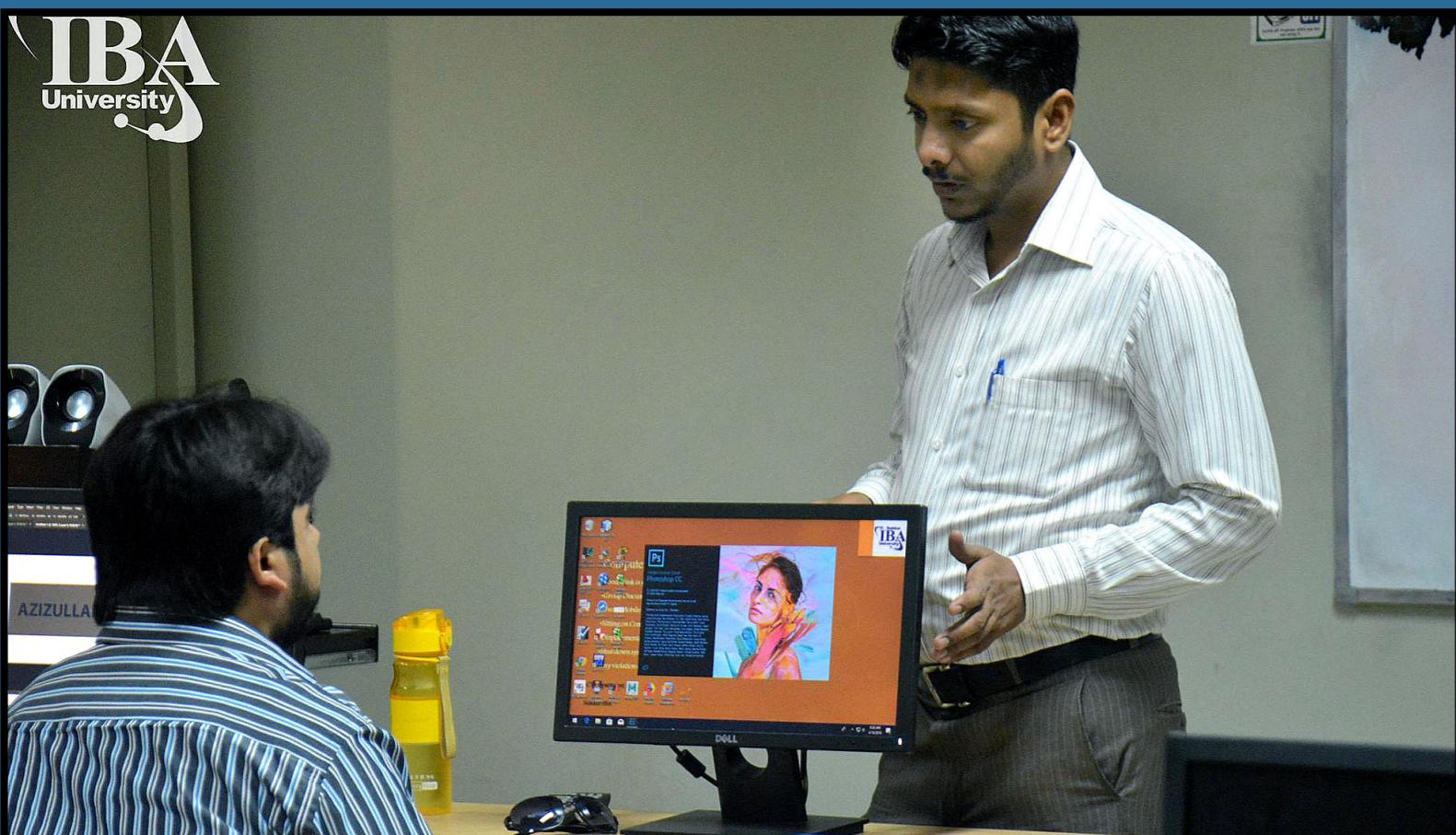
One Day workshop on Islamic Orientation for faculty & staff

Regional Dawah Academy, Karachi, and International Islamic University, Islamabad, arranged a one-day workshop at Sukkur IBA University for its faculty and staff on Islamic Orientation, in which renowned scholar Dr. Aziz-ur-Rehman and Ex-Chairman of Mass Communication Department, Karachi University, Prof Dr. Mahmood Ahmed Ghaznavi, and others delivered lectures on different contemporary topics related to Islam, including teaching methodology and the role of teachers in character building, and Islamic finance.



Workshop on Graphic Designing

The Human Resource Department of Sukkur IBA University organized a six-day training session on the topic "Graphic Designing". The training session was aimed at making Sukkur IBA University, a learning organization; and for the continuous skill development of its employees. Creative work and ability to design effective presentation material have become an essential part of everyone's life ever since the ubiquity of modern technology. Around 13 participants attended the session which was facilitated by Mr. Muhammad Wajahat Ali Zeeshan, Instructor, 3D Design.



Sindh Education Foundation AALTP Training – Karachi

Sukkur IBA University's Executive Development Center has won a substantial Project of Sindh Education Foundation, namely Adolescent and Adult Learning & Training Program (AALTP). Under this program, we will be training around 450 Teachers of SEF AALTP School Teachers throughout Sindh. In this regard, we have started our first Training in District Karachi where our Master Trainers are conducting Training in English, Urdu, Science, Math and SST Subjects of two groups of enthusiastic Teachers. Teachers being trained in this Program belong to the AALTP Schools where students aged between 15 years to 35 years are enrolled, to whom basic education of Primary in two and half years is provided. It is indeed a transforming initiative by Sindh Education Foundation.



SEF Elementary Teachers Training.

Sukkur IBA University's Executive Development Center (EDC) concluded another exhilarating Training Program for the Elementary Teachers of Sindh Education Foundation, Government of Sindh in District Karachi. Around 120 elementary teachers participated. With this, we have also come closer to a benchmark of training around 2000 teachers.



Workshop on Goal Setting & Work Planning for SBP Officials

In connection with the series of Professional Development Workshops for the officials of State Bank of Pakistan, Banking Services Corporation, Sukkur, another prolific workshop on Goal Setting & Work Planning was conducted. The workshop was facilitated by Director EDC, Prof Dr. Altaf Hussain Samo. During this workshop, Dr. Altaf shared vital tools and methodologies for effective goal-setting and work planning with the trainees.



Sindh Education Foundation AALTP Sukkur

The first training of our newly awarded Project of Adolescent and Adult Learning & Training Program (AALTP) by Sindh Education Foundation, Government of Sindh, concluded. Director EDC, Prof. Dr. Altaf Hussain Samo, conducted a very informative session on Financial Literacy for all the trainees followed

by a Certificate Distribution Ceremony for successful trainees.



SEF AALTP Teachers Training.

In connection to our ongoing SEF AALTP Teachers Training at Sukkur IBA University's Executive Development Center – EDC, the master trainers of English, Social Studies, Science and Math engaged teachers of Adolescent and Adult Learning & Training Program in different learning activities.



Islamic Finance for Academicians

The Business Administration Department of Sukkur IBA University organized a two-day "Islamic Finance for Academicians" program for its Accounting, Finance, and Economics faculty. Dr. Irum Saba Assistant Professor and Program Director, MS Islamic Banking and Finance, IBA Karachi, Dr. Shafiullah Jan, Assistant Professor and Research Chair, CEIF, IM Sciences, and Mufti Muhammad Najeeb Khan renowned Sharia scholar were the trainers of the workshop. The workshop focused on major trends in the Islamic Finance industry, Sharia Foundations, Islamic Economic System, and Curriculum Development for Islamic Finance.



One-Day Microsoft Azure Training

The Department of Computer Science, Sukkur IBA University, in collaboration with Microsoft, organized one-day training on "Microsoft Azure" for the faculty, staff, and students of Sukkur IBA University. The training was conducted by three experts, Mr. Usman Sheikh, Mr. Afzal Ahmed Zeeshan, and Mr. Muhammad Zunair from Systems Limited, Lahore. The main agenda of the training was to get insight into the Azure platform, including virtual machines,

networking, storage, analytics, identity, security center, Azure advisor, and cost management.



Youth Integrity Club

Sukkur IBA University and Transparency International Pakistan (TIP) joined hands to form the Youth Integrity Club (YIC) under Sukkur IBA Student Council. The ceremony held in the university's auditorium marked the initiation of YIC. During the ceremony, a MoU was signed by both the organizations. The ceremony started with the recitation of the Holy Quran, followed by few words on the importance of integrity by Director CDC, Mr. Ishfaque Ahmed Lashari, and Registrar, Engr. Zahid Hussain Khand. Later TIP representative, Mr. Kashif, shed light on the working of Transparency International while Ms. Nasreen highlighted the activities involving the Youth Integrity Club



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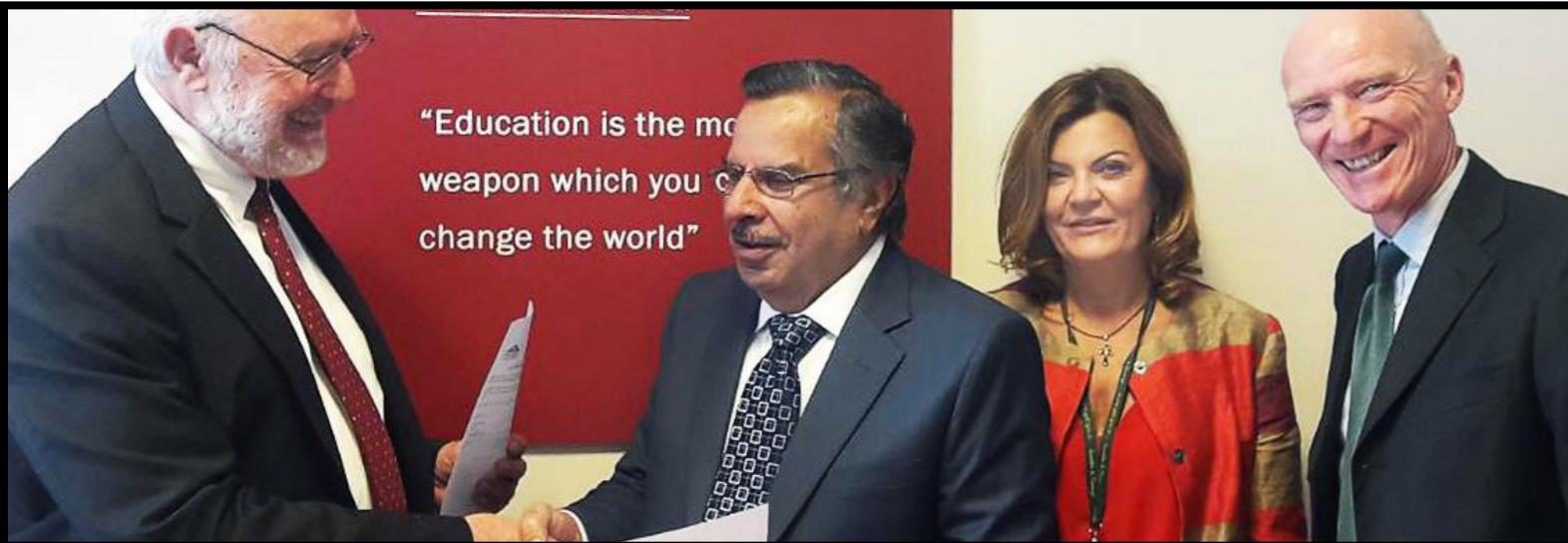
MoU between NAVTTC and Sukkur IBA University

Sukkur IBA University and NAVTTC Karachi office signed a MoU on May 28, 2018 to train 445 youth in different skills at Sukkur IBA University and at its 5 community colleges. The skills include general electrician, industrial electrician, plumbing, pipe fitter, tile fixer, auto cad, beautician, and others. This program enables students with low education to master different skills and earn respectable livelihood for their families.



MoU with Sapienza University, Italy

Sukkur IBA University signed a MoU with Sapienza University, Rome, Italy, for increasing academic cooperation. The MoU includes faculty and student exchange, research collaboration, special short-term programs, and other areas. Both institutions will jointly offer an innovative degree "Masters in Economy, Management and Innovation".



DHO Khairpur Recruitment test by STS

Sukkur IBA University Testing Service (STS) successfully conducted the recruitment test for various positions of District Health Office Khairpur in which 1100 candidates appeared. The test process was conducted smoothly and transparently. Sukkur IBA University's testing service, in a short time, has won the trust and confidence of the government institutes, due to which the government departments prefer Sukkur IBA University for conducting recruitment tests.



Test for Teaching & Non-Teaching Positions

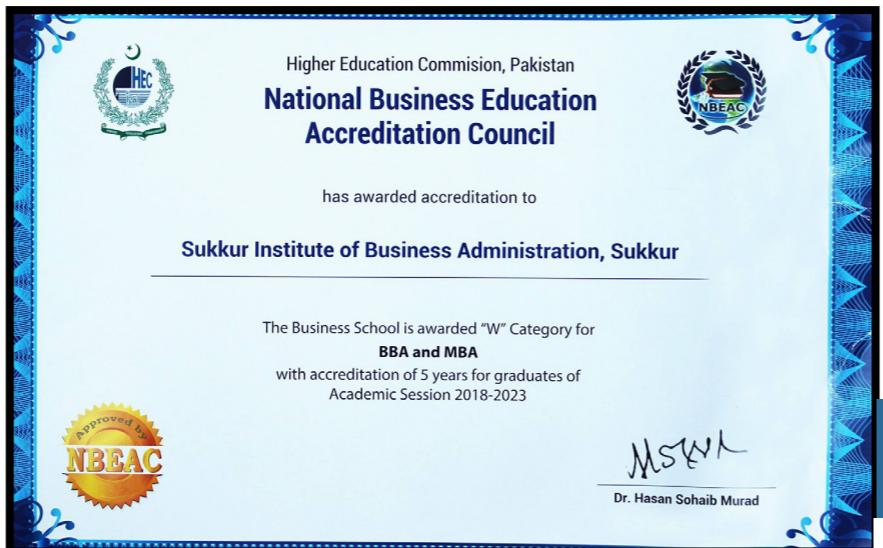
The Human Resource Office at Sukkur IBA University conducted tests against various teaching and non-teaching positions, in which about 500 candidates appeared.



Achievements

Sukkur IBA University Business Department awarded "W" Category by NBEAC

Sukkur IBA University was awarded its NBEAC accreditation with "W" Category; highest category by NBEAC for BBA and MBA programs. National Business Education Accreditation Council is a professional body under the Higher Education Commission and awards various categories to the universities according to their performance. "W" is the top-most category of NBEAC, which has been awarded to Sukkur IBA University for the next five years (2018-2023).



Sukkur IBA University Students win at PROCOM-2018

PROCOM-2018 was held on 21st & 22nd March 2018 in National University-FAST, Karachi. The students of Sukkur IBA University won the competition of "Ad-War" & "Project Exhibition" and were declared Runners up in "idea to product". The following are details of the winning teams.

1. Ad-war: Ali Zaidi (BE 8), Humza Abdi (BBA 8), Raza Zaidi (BBA 8), Fatima (B.Ed.), and Munaza (B.Ed.)
2. Project Exhibition: Tahir Rafique (CS 8) and Sandesh Kumar (CS 8)
3. Idea to Product: Zeeshan Khand (CS 8), Agha Abdul Rehman (CS 8), and Murk Imtiaz(BBA 4)



Team Sukkur IBA University wins big at Hult Prize Competition

Two teams from Sukkur IBA University competed in the regional finals of Hult Prize Foundation, USA; world's largest social engine for students. "Team Hegro Fertilizer" competed in Boston regionals and "Creative Crew" at San Francisco. Ms. Mahnoor Memon, student of BBA VIII, was awarded "best campus director" globally, among 1000 campuses. Team Hegro Fertilizers (Amir Saeed, Asif Afridi, and Sarfraz Ali), students of BS Accounting and Finance III, got honorable mention among 34 competing universities

across the world. Team Hegro fertilizer stood 1st runner up team in the Boston regional round. Team Creative Crew, consisting of Falak Hanif, student of BBA VI, Ghalib Hassan and Akaash, students from Computer Science, made to the top 5 ideas among 38 competing teams from different universities.



Eye Tracking; Behavioral Lab Workshop

A two-day training session on "Eye Tracking; Behavioral Lab workshop" was conducted

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at Sukkur IBA University. The workshop was facilitated by Mr. Salman Iqbal, who is an eye tracking device expert in Sweden. The workshop was organized by Dr. Khalid Ahmed, Professor of Economics and initiator of Behavioral Lab at Sukkur IBA University. The workshop marked the inception of the first-of-its-kind behavioral lab in Pakistan with the purpose of helping researchers in various departments but, not limited to,

scholars and relevant staff of Sukkur IBA University, participated. Eye tracker allows researchers to study people's behavior by analyzing head and eye movements. This sophisticated technology supplies very accurate data, based on input from infrared sensors. Later, Dr. Khalid Ahmed presented traditional Sindhi gifts to the guest.

Engineering Dept. Semester Project Exhibition Spring 2018

Department of Electrical Engineering and Sukkur IBA Engineering Society jointly organized the Semester Project Exhibition Spring 2018 at Sukkur IBA University. In this event, students from all the semesters (BE-I to BE-VIII) presented and demonstrated their semester projects. Students developed both the hardware and software projects in their respective domain of engineering knowledge. Vice Chancellor, Prof. Nisar Ahmed Siddiqui, inaugurated the event. HoD Electrical, Dr. Faheem Akhtar Chachar, and other faculty members were also present.



Queue Management System in Admission Office

Sukkur IBA University added another feather to its cap by installing Queue Management System in Admission Office, which is yet another step towards Smart Campus. Sukkur IBA University is the first University in Pakistan to have installed Queue Management System in Admission Office, Administration Block. The Vice Chancellor, Prof. Nisar Ahmed Siddiqui, inaugurated the system. The Registrar, Engr. Zahid Hussain Khand, Head of Departments, Sectional Heads and Staff / Officials of Admission Office were present.



Microsoft Imagine Cup 2018

Sukkur IBA University's "Tech Tor" team won the first position at the regional 'Microsoft Imagine Cup 2018' competition organized by Microsoft Pakistan. In this competition, held in Islamabad on 7-8 May, 2018, 128 projects were submitted by the different Universities, from all across Pakistan, competing in the Microsoft Imagine Cup, 2018. Initially, 28 projects were selected by the Microsoft Team, in which two teams from Computer Science Department at Sukkur IBA University secured a place. At the second stage,



one of the teams from Sukkur IBA University, Tech Tor, secured the first position at Regional Level competition held in Karachi. Sukkur IBA University was also recognized among the top five Universities for the maximum submission of quality projects in the areas of science and technology across Pakistan. We congratulate Mr. Junaid Ali and Ms. Sonam Ramchan from BS (CS) VIII and their supervisor, Dr. Ahmed Waqar, for this success.

Sukkur IBA University Student wins a place in "All Pakistan Pitching Research Competition 2017-18"

Ms. Kiran, MS student of Sukkur IBA University participated in APPRC 2017-18 by pitching her research idea on "What institutional quality means for CO₂ emissions and energy consumption in ASEAN-8: Evidence from the panel data approach". Hosted by the University of Haripur (UoH), Pakistan, this competition was open for the students from all across Pakistan. Initially 30 research pitches were shortlisted by the host University of Pakistan and shared it with UQ, Australia. After review, UQ announced the top 10 research ideas in which Ms. Kiran also secured a place. She

has been awarded with certificate and cash prize. Sukkur IBA University congratulates Ms. Kiran for this achievement.



International Accreditation for AMDISA - (SAQS)

After successfully getting National Accreditation for Business School in "W" category from National Business Education Accreditation Council (NBEAC), International Accreditation Office has started the process of International Accreditation for AMDISA - South Asian Quality System (SAQS) for its Business School. In this regard, mentor of Sukkur IBA University for AMDISA – SAQS accreditation, Prof. Dr. Syed Zahoor Hassan, Ex Vice Chancellor of LUMS, paid a two-day visit to Sukkur IBA University and discussed overall philosophy, structure, and processes to be carried out for preparing initial Self-Assessment Report (SAR) of AMDISA – SAQS.



Competitions & Awards

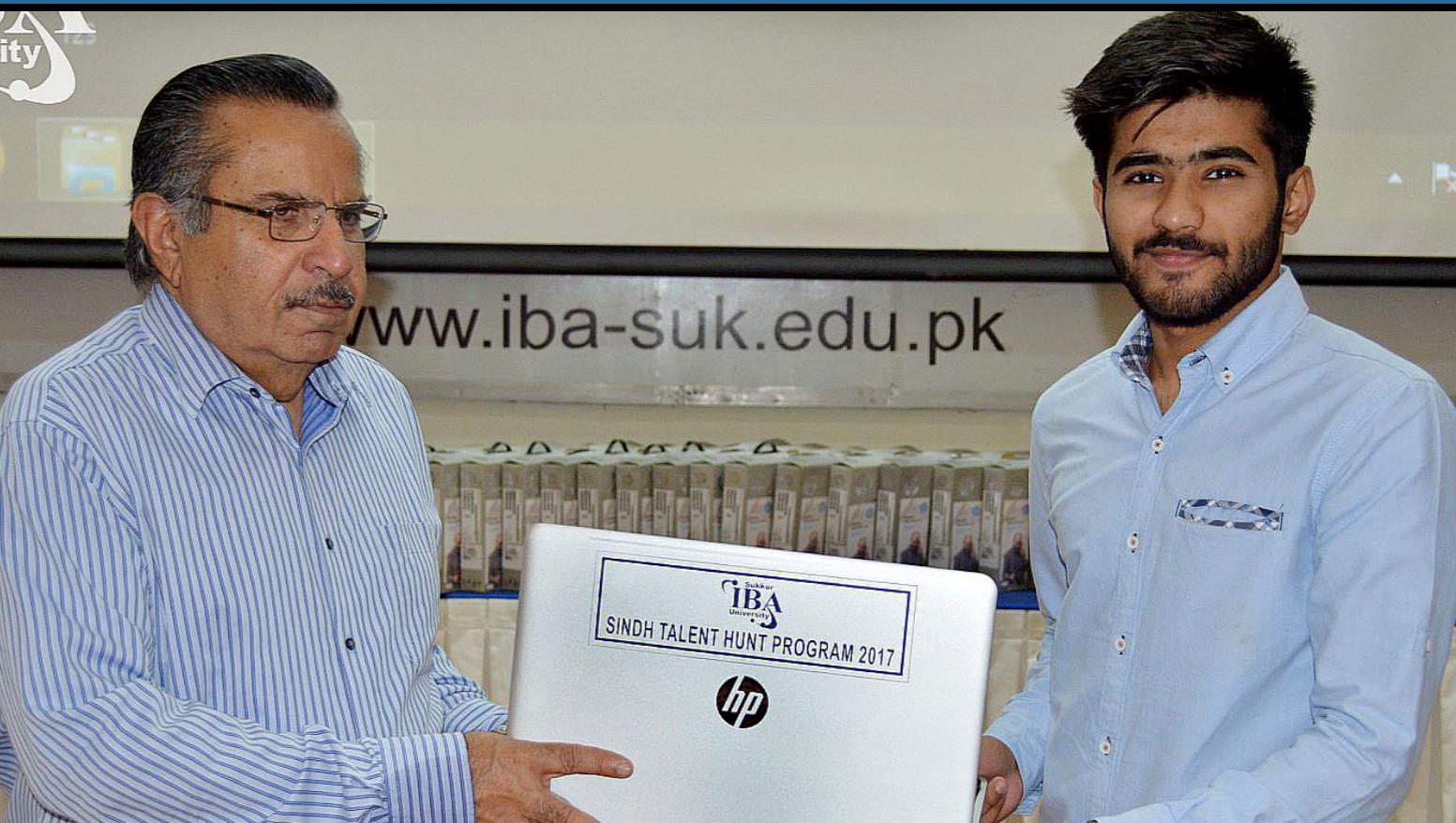
Women Entrepreneurship

TCEL&Inc., in collaboration with Engro Foundation, organized a certificate distribution ceremony for women entrepreneurship project students at Sukkur IBA University. The Vice Chancellor Sukkur IBA University, Prof. Nisar Ahmed Siddiqui, distributed the certificates. Sukkur IBA started this program to encourage women entrepreneurship in the region, in collaboration with Engro foundation.



Sindh Talent Hunt Program Laptop Distribution Ceremony

Sindh Talent Hunt Program Laptop Distribution Ceremony was organized at Sukkur IBA University to award laptops to the students who secured top positions in Mathematics Olympiad and Book Review Completion during Foundation Semester.



Calculus Contest 2.0

Sukkur IBA University, along with Code for Pakistan, Numaish Karachi, and Alif Ailaan, in collaboration with Pakistan Alliance for Math and Science conducted the first-ever Math-A-Thon at its campus. A total of 16 teams participated. The teams comprised of three university students and grade VIII students from government schools. The participants used sports and local games to develop creative and fun ways to teach mathematics to school students. The judges' panel included Dr. Irfan Rind, HoD, Department of Education, and Associate Professors, Dr. Shahid Mughal, Dr. Barkat Ali, and Dr. Siddiqua Mazhar. The participants were awarded with cash prizes and certificates.



Sukkur's First ever MATH-A-THON

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Zonal Skills Competition- 2018

Certificate distribution ceremony of Prime Minister Youth Skill Development Program Phase-IV, Batch-I, was held at the auditorium of Sukkur IBA University. The General Officer Commanding Pano Akil Cantonment, Major General Zafarullah Khan, was the chief guest. Director Centre for Entrepreneur Leadership and Incubation, Ikhtiar Ahmed Khoso, briefed the participants about the program. The Registrar Sukkur IBA University, Engr. Zahid Hussain Khan, in his welcome address, thanked the honorable guests and shed light on the PMYSDP. The Director General National Vocational Technical Training Commission, Abdul Raheem Shaikh, told that initially we



were training 25000 youth under this program. Now, the number has been increased to 100000, so that more youth can get benefit. Later, the chief guest, along with the Registrar and DG NAVTTC, distributed certificates among the winners of different trades.

Prime Minister's Laptops Distribution Phase-IV & V

A laptop distribution ceremony under Prime Minister's Laptop Scheme Phase-IV & V took place at Sukkur IBA University. Laptops were distributed among the PhD/MS/ME/Masters students of Sukkur IBA University as per the Merit List provided by Higher Education Commission of Pakistan. Registrar, Engr. Zahid Hussain Khand, and head of



departments distributed laptops among the students. While congratulating the students, Registrar Sukkur IBA University appreciated the efforts taken by Government and HEC for the promotion of education in the region.

Certificate Distribution Ceremony- 3D Animation Graphics Course

The graduation ceremony of 6 Months 3D Animation Graphics course was held in Sukkur IBA University, in which certificates were distributed among the graduating students. Mr. Faisal Khwaja from MicroVision along with Engr. Zahid Hussain Khand, Registrar Sukkur IBA University, and Dr. Abdul Rehman Soomrani, HoD Computer Science Department, distributed certificates among the students. The 3D Animation graphics course is offered by Sukkur IBA University, in collaboration with MicroVision- School of Animation.



Mock Trading Competition 2018

Finance Society Sukkur IBA University organized a Mock Trading Competition, which was aimed at creating awareness among the students about practical approach regarding financial activities and market knowledge. More than 350 students participated in teams and became part of the one-month-long mock trading competition. Students were given one million virtual money in the account of Sukkur IBA Trading Terminal. Students involved in trading through live market tickers from Pakistan Stock Exchange for all the listed securities. Winners were nominated on the basis of highest portfolio return at the end, and top three teams were awarded shields and cash prize of Rs.20000, Rs.15000, and Rs.10000, respectively.





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