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From the Editorial Desk

As UMT braces itself for an influx of fresh faces bringing in new ideas, hopes and inspiration, there is much that this issue of UMT News has to offer to the bright young men and women who have chosen this University for their higher studies. Apart from a roundup of campus life, academic achievements, conferences and seminars, one thing that does stand out is the fact that UMT students excel in whatever they do; be it academics, sports or innovation. So one does hope that some of our new students will join the ranks of those who have done us proud by winning LCCI Young Entrepreneurs Business Plan Competition or the Business Idea Competition. And if that is not enough, one needs only to remember that yes, we are HEC Chess Champions and we also clinched the intervarsity cricket trophy this year. All this of course, is testimony to the outstanding holistic education, training and development that is the hallmark of UMT. We have some of the finest teachers challenging the minds of students – we have included interview of Dr Abdul Hameed, a leading social scientist and researcher, and all of us will benefit from his insight and experience. Modern universities, apart from academic excellence, quality, student-centered learning and innovative curriculum, must respond to emerging markets and technologies, develop interdisciplinary courses and adopt flexible approaches to modes of study. Those who are already studying here know that this is what takes place at UMT and those who have joined it just now will find that out for themselves in a short span of time. On a final note, it is no small achievement that our BBA and MBA programs have been accredited by the National Business Education Council Accreditation Council (NBEAC) while the BS Computer Science and BS Software Engineering programs have been accredited by the National Computing Education Council Accreditation Council (NCEAC). Congratulations to all who made this possible. Meanwhile, do take the time to go through the pages of this newsletter which comes out this time with a new look. If change is the order of the day, then we hope that this change will be well received.

Happy reading.

First conference of Global Trends in Legal Education (GTLE) hosted by CLP concludes

The Center for Law and Policy (CLP) hosted the first conference of Global Trends in Legal Education (GTLE), titled “Clinical and Experiential Learning,” on August 11, 2012 at Pearl Continental Hotel, Lahore. The conference was designed to analyze the goals of clinical and experiential legal education and to explore the possibility of introducing the same in Pakistan.

Syed Imad-ud-Din Asad, Founder and Director, Center for Law and Policy, Associate Professor and Director, UMT School of Law and Policy, who conceived the idea of GTLE while attending Global Legal Education Forum (GLEF) at Harvard Law School in March 2012, explained the concept and significance of GTLE in his introductory remarks. He was followed by Nina Fite, US Counsel General in Lahore, who formally inaugurated the event. In her speech, she appreciated the commendable efforts made by Professor Asad aimed at introducing improvements in Pakistani legal academia. She highlighted the need for the exchange of knowledge and experiences across borders and the importance of an efficient system of legal education for a country like Pakistan.

The conference comprised of three sessions. During the first session, Elizabeth Badger, Assistant Clinical Professor, Boston University School of Law, explained the main features of the American legal system and then elaborated on clinical education at her law school. Afterwards, Beth Schwartz, Clinical Professor of Law, Fordham University School of Law, explained the dynamics of clinical education in the USA and at Fordham. During the second session, Chad Carr, Lecturer, Harvard Law School, discussed clinical education at Harvard. He was followed by Patrick Cassidy, Director of LL.M. and International Programs, Northeastern University School of Law, who gave the details of the experiential method at Northeastern; and Latika Vashist, Assistant Professor, Jindal Global Law School, who informed the audience of the initiatives taken in India regarding clinical education.

The third session was a panel discussion exploring the possibility of clinical and experiential learning in Pakistan. The panel, which was moderated by Professor Asad, comprised of Aamer Raza Khan, Former Judge, Lahore High Court; Advocate, Supreme Court of Pakistan, Nasira Iqbal, Former Judge, Lahore High Court; Advocate, Supreme court of Pakistan, and Dr D M Malik, Former Principal, Punjab University Law College. The panelists pointed out the deficiencies in the current system of legal education in Pakistan and acknowledged the need for practical legal education in the law schools in the form of clinical and experiential methods. All the sessions were followed by question and answer sessions.

In the end, Dr Hasan Sohaib Murad, Rector UMT, made a concluding speech in which he shared, among other things, the objectives of the newly established UMT School of Law and Policy and the crucial role played by Professor Asad in establishing it.

The audience comprised of lawyers, law professors, students, bureaucrats and staff members from the US Consulate in Lahore. It was the first time that legal scholars from prominent law schools in the United States and India engaged in a dialogue with Pakistani lawyers on such a scale. The event proved to be a tremendous opportunity for both local and foreign scholars to learn from each other's experiences.

The second conference of GTLE will be held on December 15, 2012.



Syed Imad-ud-Din Asad, Director, SLP, Elizabeth A Badger, Assistant Prof, Boston University School of Law, Justice (R) Nasira Javid Iqbal, Chad M Carr, Lecturer, Harvard Law School, Dr Hasan Sohaib Murad, Rector, UMT, Justice (R) Amir Raza Khan, and Prof Dr D M Malik, Ex-Principal University Law College, snapped at the GTLE Conference

UMT hosts National Conference on Islamic Studies

The Department of Islamic Thought and Civilization at UMT organized a national conference on “Islamic Studies: State of Teaching and Research in Higher Education Institutes (HEIs)” at the University campus on April 11-12, 2012. Heads and Professors of Departments of Islamic Studies in private and public sector universities, and post-graduate colleges of Pakistan gathered to reflect on and discuss issues, problems and reformative measures in education and research of Islamic Studies in HEIs of Pakistan. The main objective of the conference was to revisit teaching and research of Islamic Studies in HEIs.

Dr Muhammad al-Ghazali, Judge, Supreme Court of Pakistan, Sharia Appellate Bench and Professor, Islamic Research Institute, International Islamic University, Islamabad, gave the keynote address. He said that teachers and researchers of Islamic Studies should be well-equipped with modern knowledge. He added that the status of Imam and Khateeb demands an intellectual and spiritual approach but unfortunately Pakistan is lacking in this aspect. He advised the teachers and researchers of Islamic Studies to rely on self analysis and take the initiative towards reform without concerning themselves about attaining status in the educational hierarchy.

In his opening address, Dr Hasan Sohaib Murad, Rector UMT, emphasized the need for integration of modern disciplines with traditional Islamic Studies. He said that teachers and researchers of Islamic Studies bear a huge responsibility to rise to the occa-



Scholars and enlightened members of the public attend proceedings of the conference on Islamic Studies



Justice Khalil ur Rahman, former Rector IIU, Islamabad, Dr Muhammad al-Ghazali, Prof IIU, Islamabad, and Dr Muhammad Amin, Chairman, DITC, UMT, at the conference

sion as the Muslim world is facing enormous challenges at ideological and practical levels.

Dr Hasan added that the role of researchers in the field of Islamic Studies has become increasingly important in present times because they have to come up with solutions to the internal problems of the Muslims and respond to the foreign ideological invasion as well. In contemporary scenario he said, only an interdisciplinary approach equipped with modern sociological thought and strong knowledge of Qur'an and Sunnah would work. On an important note, Dr Hasan said there is a real need to rely more on the ijihadist approach.

Justice Khalil-ur-Rahman, Judge (R) Supreme Court, former Rector International Islamic University, Islamabad, concluded the inaugural session.

Earlier, Dr Muhammad Amin, Chairman, Department of Islamic Thought and Civilization, UMT, welcomed the distinguished guests from across Pakistan. He described the objectives of organizing the conference and hoped that the convergence of Islamic Studies' teachers and researchers at UMT would lead to meaningful idea exchange.

The two-day national conference comprised of six sessions; 4 working sessions in addition to inaugural and opening sessions. It concluded after deliberations, discussions and discourse by teachers, researchers and scholars.

Rector UMT presides over meeting of ILM Scholarship Fund

Rector UMT Dr Hasan Sohaib Murad presided over meeting of the ILM Scholarship Fund. Various measures to facilitate deserving students in acquiring higher education at UMT were discussed in the meeting. It was acknowledged that the challenge for UMT is to maintain its status as one of the premier higher education institutions in Pakistan and yet avoid falling into the trap of turning into a purely commercial venture. UMT has successfully maintained its reputation so far but maintaining such standards consumes the major part of our financial resources. This also restricts efforts to give scholarships to all deserving students fulfilling the merit criteria. The University urgently requires sufficient funds to continue its tradition of providing quality education to the deserving. The ILM Scholarship Fund has been set up for this specific purpose. Affluent members of society, philanthropists and UMT alumni who wish to be a part of this nation building effort are encouraged to contribute to the ILM Scholarship Fund generously.



Dr Munawar A Anees delivers Iqbal Memorial Lecture 2012 at Punjab University

The University of the Punjab, Lahore, invited Dr Munawar A Anees, Director, Institute of Islamic Banking and Center for Global Dialogue at UMT, to deliver the Annual Iqbal Memorial Lecture 2012. The lecture, titled "The Muslim Intellect: Triumph and Tragedy", was held on July 5, 2012 at the Center for Undergraduate Studies, Al Raazi Hall, under the auspices of the Department of Philosophy, and presided over by Dr Mujahid Kamran, Vice Chancellor PU.

"The Muslim civilization stands at a crossroads, deprived of its identity and vision." Prof Munawar Anees said on the occasion. He added, "As Muslims we do not have a sound understanding of our faith. Even the early discourse on speculative theology is absent from our circles." Dr Anees added that we are engulfed in seemingly endless wars of rhetoric and anger among ourselves and against the West. He said that orthodoxy has won over reason and rationalism and skepticism and individualism has been 'mercilessly sacrificed' at the altar of a totalitarian puritanism. He said that the nation was suffocating on account of loss of pluralism and progressive thought, which was the distinctive trait of the Muslims in the past. Iqbal's idea of free will, equated with khudi and talem, was a substratum for evolutionary epistemology and was already making inroads into the modern Muslim scholarship. Dr Anees said that Dr Muahhmad Rafi-ud-Din, undoubtedly the greatest Iqbal scholar, was an ardent proponent of Iqbal's philosophy. He said that the challenge of post scientific soci-

ety was that of reasserting a spiritual identity. He added that cultural relativism and plurality as vindicated by postmodernism put an even higher premium on soul searching by Muslims. He said the answer lies not in holding fast to the paling phantom of scientific fundamentalism but in carving new cognitive niches without losing touch with substantive knowledge.

Dr Qalb-e-Abid, Dean, Arts and Humanities, Dr Abdul Hafeez, Chairman, Department of Philosophy, Dr Absar Ahmad, Honorary Director, Quran Academy, faculty members and a large number of students were present on the occasion. In order to pay tribute to the memory of Allama Muhammad Iqbal, Philosopher-poet of the East and a distinguished graduate of the University of the Punjab, Iqbal Memorial Lectures were instituted in 1964. These lectures, arranged annually by the Punjab University Department of Philosophy, have been delivered by eminent Pakistani and foreign scholars.



Dr Munawar Anees, Director, Institute of Islamic Banking and Center for Global Dialogue, UMT, delivers the Annual Iqbal Memorial Lecture 2012 at the Punjab University

UMT observes Sitara Day

Sitara Group Entrepreneurs Mian Bashir Ahmed and Mian Idress share their success story



Sitara Group representatives snapped with UMT officials. Seen on stage from L to R: Mian Javed Iqbal, Director Sitara Group, Mian Idress, CEO, Sitara Group, Mian Bashir Ahmed, Chairman and Founder of Sitara Group, Dr A R Kausar, Pro-Rector UMT and Abid H K Shirwani, Director External Affairs

The Center for Entrepreneurship and Innovation (CENTIN) invited Chairman and Founder Mian Bashir Ahmed and Mian Idress, CEO, Sitara Group, to share the success story of the Sitara Group of Industries with UMT students, faculty and staff members on April 25, 2012.

It may be noted that Sitara Group of Industries is one of the most renowned industrial groups of the country. The Group started its industrial activity with textile weaving sector in 1956 under leadership of two brothers, Haji Abdul Ghafoor (Late) and Mian Bashir Ahmed. Sitara Group by now is in textile cloth finishing and processing, textile spinning, chlor alkali industries and power plant.

Mian Idress, CEO, Sitara Group, shared the remarkable saga of the success of the Sitara Group of Industries. He said that Mian Bashir Ahmed and Mian Abdul Ghafoor, two migrant brothers from Amritsar built up the Sitara empire brick by brick through sheer hard work and commitment. Every successful company that is expanding has certain success factors. A private entrepreneurship requires decision-making, honesty, no trespassing on each other's domain and acceptance of responsibility of decisions taken. He said that he feels fortunate to have had the training and guidance of his father Mian Bashir Ahmed. Mian Idress apprised everyone that he started his practical training under the tutelage of his uncle, the late Haji Abdul

Ghafoor who was a market leader throughout his life. Both his father and uncle were gentlemen of the first order; they obeyed their elders and parents throughout their lives. They never indulged in overnight get rich schemes or gimmicks and never took up a project solely to make money. Mian Idress said that he has been trained to deliver a product according to its worth. It has been ingrained in him that if a customer is going to pay a certain amount of money for a piece of cloth, he should get full value for his money. He said that he owes market wisdom and values to his elders and family and now the third generation is poised to take over from where the second generation will leave them.

He informed everyone that Sitara Chemical, Sitara Energy and Sitara Peroxide are now public limited companies and this is a transformation. The group is living proof of corporate social responsibility long before it became a catchword and a number of health and educational projects are being run by the group for the benefit of society. These include Aziz Fatimah Hospital, Sitara Institute of Management and Technology, and Aziz Fatimah Girls High School.

Chairman and Founder of Sitara Group Mian Bashir Ahmed won the hearts of everyone through his humility and down-to-earth manner. He said that he owed all success in life to complete faith in Allah. Haji Sahib said that he has never looked back when starting a new project and never relaxed till completion of the task. He said that he set up the first power loom in Faisalabad in 1957 and it has been a story of success ever since.

In his brief remarks, Mian Javed Iqbal, Director Sitara Group, said that he returned home after completing his MBA from Punjab University in 1987. His father advised him to apply the basic economic principles of supply and demand to business practice. Honesty he said is a great but rare characteristic. In economic jargon, it is a commodity that is very rare and naturally in great demand. Any business run honestly is bound to return just rewards.



Faculty members, staff and students listen to the success story of Sitara Group

Abid H K Shirwani, Director External Affairs, traced the journey from ILM to UMT. He said that what made ILM stand out from the rest was the unique thinking behind its establishment. The idea was that skill-oriented education should be given to the youth. For this purpose, special training courses were designed in view of best practices current at the time and the first class of ILM started on June 16, 1990. Later, 3-6 month diploma programs were launched. The overwhelming response of the students led to the pioneering initiative of MBA Executive program in 1992 which was the first degree for working professionals in Pakistan at the time. Later the morning MBA Professional program was also launched – it was called professional because the competitive edge of the program was that the best practitioners were engaged to teach. In fact, ILM holds the distinction of transforming practitioners into faculty.

In 1997, ILM became affiliated with Hamdard and the Punjab Government gave a Charter in 2002. In 2004, the

Charter for UMT was granted. In 2007, all the scattered campuses converged on the purpose-built campus. Abid Shirwani added that today UMT has more than 10,000 alumni spread all over the globe. UMT still has the best faculty; 200 fulltime faculty members are here to teach a wide range of courses. He concluded by saying that the passion and zeal for exploring new horizons and giving the best educational environment to the youth still drives Dr Hasan and his team.

Dr A R Kausar, Pro-Rector UMT, concluded the event. He said that Haji Sahib is a role model for all of us and is leaving a great legacy for future generations. He said that the success story of Sitara Group demonstrates that one does not need a Harvard degree to build an empire; the founding brothers of Sitara Group had little formal education. He said that Haji Bashir is indeed a great business icon. Dr Kausar reminded everyone that Haji Sahib was awarded the *Sitara-i-Imtiaz* in 2006 in recognition of his great civic services and not on the basis of business acumen. This demonstrates Sitara Group's investment in social capital.

Sundus Nazir Soleri, Coordinator, CENTIN, anchored the proceedings. She also presented a brief introduction of the Center. Quoting Thomas Edison, she said that to invent all you need is a lot of imagination and a pile of junk'. CENTIN's mission is to bring new and innovative ideas and set a stage for students to help them in emerging as refined entrepreneurs. It is an assembling machine for new ideas and works to boost the morale of new inventors.

IIB and Farz Foundation ink MoU

A signing ceremony for a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between Institute of Islamic Banking (IIB) and Farz Foundation was held at UMT campus on April 12, 2012. It was presided over by Rector UMT Prof Dr Hasan Sohaib Murad, with Director General IIB Prof Dr Munawar A Anees and Farhat Abbas Shah, CEO, Farz Foundation in attendance. The MoU reflects cooperation between IIB and Farz Foundation for joint publication in Islamic micro financing, execution of research based activities, and collaboration in future projects in Islamic Banking and Finance.



Dr Munawar A Anees and Farhat Abbas Shah sign MoU on behalf of IIB and Farz Foundation respectively

Prof Michael Thorne from Anglia Ruskin University, UK, visits UMT

Professor Michael Thorne, Vice Chancellor of Anglia Ruskin University, UK, accompanied by Syed Abidi of Falcon Education and Consultancy Services (Pvt) Ltd and his team, visited UMT on July 16, 2012. It may be noted that Anglia Ruskin University is one of the largest universities in Eastern England, United Kingdom, with a total student population of approximately 30,000. Professor Thorne was welcomed by Dr Hasan Sohaib Murad, Rector UMT, Abid Shirwani, Director External Affairs, Asad ur Rehman Khan, Director Institutional Linkages (Foreign), and Gulraiz A Dar, Acting Head, OTR. Dr Hasan and Prof Thorne agreed to develop a strong institutional linkage between the two universities and encourage all the departments of both universities to develop strong professional and interpersonal linkages. Dr Hasan emphasized on the exchange and the training of faculty members along with exchanges in research and development in the field of electrical, industrial and textile Engineering. Dr Faheem ul Islam, Dean, SBE, who joined later, ensured Prof Thorne about having an exchange program for students and faculty for research in mutual areas of interests. After having a meeting with the management team, Prof Michael Thorne was invited to UMT board room where he met faculty members and gave a presentation on Anglia Ruskin University history, present day achievements and future objectives. Souvenirs were also exchanged.

Dr Hasan presented UMT shield and a traditional gift to Prof Thorne whereas, Prof Thorne presented Anglia Ruskin University souvenir to Dr Hasan. The visit concluded after a meeting with the faculty members.



Prof Michael Thorne snapped during discussions with Dr Hasan Sohaib Murad, Dr Zafar Iqbal and Abid H K Shirwani

187 students awarded Rector and Dean's Merit Certificates for Fall 2011

A total of 187 students were awarded Rector and Dean's Merit Certificates in a special ceremony held on April 18, 2012 to honor the academic achievements of the students of Fall 2011 semester. Dr Hasan Sohaib Murad, Rector UMT, awarded the certificates and encouraged the students to maintain high standards of academic excellence throughout their period of study. This year, 42 students from SBE, 45 from SST, 41 from SSS&H, 14 from SPA, 24 from IAA and 21 from ITIS qualified for the awards. Asif Saeed Haider, Controller of Examinations, also addressed the students. He said that the bright students gathered here today have achieved all this by virtue of their dedication, commitment and determination to prove themselves.



Winners of the Rector and Dean's Merit Certificates snapped with Dr Hasan Sohaib Murad after the ceremony

UMT and University of Bedfordshire, UK, reach agreement

Another milestone has been achieved by the University of Management and Technology: UMT students can now transfer to University of Bedfordshire from Fall 2013 onwards and complete their final year education in University of Bedfordshire, England, United Kingdom. This has been made possible due to an agreement reached between UMT and University of Bedfordshire, England, United Kingdom.

Efforts of Dr Hasan Sohaib Murad, Abid Shirwani, and Syed Abidi and his team have been instrumental in achieving this milestone.

Students may contact the department of Institutional linkages (Foreign) for getting additional details and how to transfer to University of Bedfordshire, UK.

Power Pack Pouch by UMT students bags 3rd position in Business Idea Competition 2012

UMT Business Idea Competition team with their idea of "Power Pack Pouch" for digital devices secured 3rd position among 40 teams from 36 different universities, including top business and engineering schools from all over Pakistan. UMT students Shahzad Ali, Ahmad Adnan, Hashim Ali Akram, Waqas Kamal and Center for Entrepreneurship and Innovation (CENTIN) Project Coordinator Sundus Nazir Soleri comprise the winning team that earned this distinction for UMT.

Dr Hasan Sohaib Murad, Rector UMT, congratulated Rashid Hussain, Director CENTIN, and the business idea competition team on their achievement, and invited them for a special meeting in his office.

The winning entrepreneurial project is a multipurpose pouch designed by the students for charging digital devices; first, mobile phones, then diversified into extended product lines like laptops, digital cameras, etc. The frame of the pouch is being equipped with highly sensitive panel cells that not only charge the cell phone with sunlight, but also with florescent light, and very little daylight.

The commercial potential of the product is huge. Commuters, students, workers in remote areas with no electricity, and even ordinary people suffering from the electricity shortfall can use the "Power Pack Pouch". The price of the pouch has been set at Rs 300 (approximately) only along with accessories like a USB charging input, extra electricity cable, and most importantly, a six-month warranty with after sales service.

The Business Idea Competition was held on April 6-7, 2012 by FAST National University of Science and Technology at its Lahore campus. The theme of the entrepreneurial competition was "E- Commerce, Energy, and Agriculture".



Shahzad Ali, Rashid Hussain, Director CENTIN, Dr Hasan Sohaib Murad, Rector UMT, Hashim Akram, Sundus Nazir, Project Coordinator, Ahmad Adnan, and M Waqas hold the winning cheque at the Rector Office

A total of 36 teams participated in the event including the top business and engineering schools- FAST, LUMS, LSE, IBA Karachi, IBA Punjab, UET-Lahore, UCP, COMSATS, BNU, NCBA, Kinnaird College, Agriculture University of Faisalabad, Punjab University, University of Peshawar, Superior University and many others. Only 6 teams qualified for the final round of competitions.

It may be noted that the presentation and entrepreneurial ideas of UMT students were considered among the best in the competition. The panel of judges comprised of who-is-who of the corporate sector in Pakistan such as the CEO, Procter & Gamble, Chairman, Unilever Pakistan, prominent scholars, investors and business representatives.

Practitioners and educationists discuss indigenous models of inclusive education at UMT

Leading educationists, special education experts, practitioners, faculty members and students attended a seminar on indigenous models of inclusive education organized by UMT at its campus on May 9, 2012. The seminar was initiated by the Department of Special Needs Education, School of Social Sciences and Humanities.

Dr Abdul Tawab, Honorary CEO, Rising Sun Institute, said that the Institute is working actively to promote community awareness. A comprehensive training program for teachers has been developed. The Institute has conducted 17 courses, trained 490 teachers, and plans to expand and start other projects in the Punjab as well. He said that only 30,000 people have access to some form of special education institute in Punjab while the need is much greater.

Justice (R) Amir Raza, President Pakistan Society for Mentally Retarded Children, said that one percent children are disabled in Pakistan. He said that Amin

Addressing on the occasion, Abdullah Sumbel, Secretary Special Education, said that development of the social sector is a huge responsibility and requires a lot of understanding and technical input. The public sector is deficient in fully comprehending the problems of inclusive education and falls short of acknowledging them but this can be remedied. If we are not reaching out, then you should come to us. All discussions on inclusive education converge on the point that a workable model will be private sector and NGO driven. He said on a positive note that one of the benefits of the conference on inclusive education held on the directive of the CM is the emergence of a policy framework on the subject.

Raja Anwar, Chairman, Punjab Education Foundation (PEF) and Chief Minister's Education Task Force, emphasized the responsibility and obligation of the state towards children with special needs. He said that a truly welfare oriented state ensures that all its citizens, including those with special needs, are included in all its activities and have access to education and a decent life. Only in this way can we ensure that people like the noble laureate Stephen Hawking who is severely handicapped, are not lost to unsympathetic environment.

Dr Abdul Hameed, Dean, School of Social Sciences and Humanities at UMT, concluded by thanking all the distinguished guests and participants of the seminar. He said that the huge challenges in creating a conducive environment for inclusive education can be met if ownership is divided between all stakeholders. In this respect, parents of children with special needs are the greatest stakeholders. They are the ones who should come forward and motivate the rest of the society to embrace inclusive practices. The real challenge is to activate ownership of special education in governmental and societal sectors. He added that inclusive education is the most effective way to improve school performance. On an important note, he reminded the audience that Muslim culture is inclusive in its nature; all our communal activities ranging from mosque and *madrassa* to the *hajj* are inclusive. He suggested that the Ministry of Education should establish an Inclusive Education Cell



Fazal Hussain, Director, Special Education, Justice (R) Amir Raza, President, Amin Maktab, Raja Anwar, Chairman, PEF, Dr Abdul Hameed, Dean, SSS&H, Abdullah Sumbel, Secretary, Special Education, and Dr Abdul Tawab, Honorary CEO, Rising Sun Institute, snapped at the conclusion of the seminar

Maktab, one of the leading special education centers of the country is surrounded by 4 *katchi abadis*. The outreach program started by Amin Maktab targets such areas by providing street schools. He said that one of the great successes of the center is that the Sialkot Chamber of Commerce will support ten such schools. Support for children of kiln workers in Faisalabad has also been assured. He said that different patterns of working in inclusive education have evolved over the course of time but the best option is to make partnerships with other institutes.



Representatives from educational institutions, students and faculty members attend the seminar on inclusive education

and involve all stakeholders in its working. Representatives of leading institutes of Lahore working in the field of special education made special presentations detailing their methodologies and achievements.

Rafia Amber from Beaconhouse Newlands presented a model of inclusive education and pointed out that the whole society benefits from it in terms of tolerance and responsibility. Saima Kashif, Principal Bloomfield Hall, Gulberg Branch, Lahore, shared the model of inclusive education developed by her. She said that special students in her school receive extra attention covertly and are involved in activities with regular children. Khawar Sultana, Supervisor, Special Inclusive Program Amin Maktab, and PWTB, said that special resource rooms, well thought out implementation strategy, supportive staff and reaching out to special children define the success of efforts aimed at special education.

Abdus Salam from Ghazali Education Trust said that the organization is working in rural inclusive education program in Punjab, Baluchistan and Khyber Pakhtoonkhwa. Dr Faiza, herself a mother of autistic child who has formed an institute for special children, shared her experiences with the audience. Making a presentation on behalf of the Pervarish Pre-School, Asma Nouman from UMT who was also anchoring the proceedings of the seminar, said that the school's teaching techniques center on activity-based learning, modification of syllabus to suit individual needs and allocation of classes as per mental age of students. The major success of the school is that two of its students appeared for board exams for Classes 5 and 8 and passed with flying colors.

UMT again on the victory stand; wins 3rd Prize in the LCCI Young Entrepreneur Business Plan Competition 2012

Rashid Hussain, Director CENTIN, shared this exciting news: "I don't know how to express myself. UMTians have proven again and again, that they are at the top of everything, no matter what field they are in, even if it is education, or extracurricular activities (winning inter-university cricket cup Clash 20) or going to competitions (last week- Fast business plan competition) and YES AGAIN, today UMT has won 3rd Prize in Young Entrepreneur Business Plan Competition' being held under the banner of the LCCI Young Entrepreneur Business Plan Competition 2012."

Project Details: A total of 29 teams participated in this event. However, only 12 teams including UMT qualified for the final round. The final presentations were held at Chief Minister House on April 24, 2012. UMT team comprised of Shahzaib Omar, Hadia Zafar, Fatima Arshad, Hassan Ali Javed, Muhammad Omer, Wahaj Omer; Project Coordinator Sundus Nazir; and Project Incharge Rashid Hussain. Project was titled, "Mosquito Far Square". This is basically an electronic device that emits ultrasonic sound waves through which the dengue carrying female mosquito gets repelled. The beauty of the device is that it is one of its unique and innovative type in Pakistan and equally effective for the nature and eco system of the other harmless mosquitoes'. The students developed this project during their entrepreneurship class with day/night efforts and guidance of Manqoosh ur Rehman, Lecturer SBE.



Hadia Zafar, Fatima Arshad, Mohammad Omer, Rashid Hussain, Director CENTIN, Shahzaib Omar, Hassan Ali Javed and Wahaj Omer snapped at the conclusion of the competition

CLP delegation meets Governor Punjab

Sardar Muhammad Latif Khosa, Former Senator, Former Attorney General of Pakistan, Governor of the Punjab, hosted a delegation from Center for Law Policy (CLP) at the Governor's Secretariat, Lahore, on August 10, 2012. The delegation comprised of Syed Imad-ud-Din Asad, Founder and Director, Center for Law and Policy, Elizabeth Badger, Assistant Clinical Professor, Boston University School of Law, Chad Carr, Lecturer, Harvard Law School, and Sara Mahboob, Assistant Director, Center for Law and Policy.



Sara Mahboob, Lecturer, SLP, Chad M Carr, Lecturer, Harvard Law School, Sardar Muhammad Latif Khosa, Governor of the Punjab, Syed Imad-ud-Din Asad, Director, SLP, and Elizabeth A Badger, Assistant Professor, Boston University School of Law, snapped at the Governor's Secretariat

The Governor welcomed the two foreign scholars and paid rich compliments to Professor Asad and his team for hosting the first conference of Global Trends in Legal Education. Most importantly, he assured Professor Asad of his full support and cooperation. Afterwards he had a detailed discussion with the delegation regarding the nature of federalism in Pakistan; the state of democracy and the challenges to governance in the country; and the deficiencies in the system of legal education.

CLP delegation attends iftar dinner hosted by Rana Mashhood Ahmad Khan, Deputy Speaker, Punjab Assembly

Rana Mashhood Ahmad Khan, Deputy Speaker, Provincial Assembly of the Punjab, hosted an *iftar* in the honor of Center for Law and Policy on August 13, 2012. Rana Muhammad Iqbal Khan, Speaker, Provincial Assembly of the Punjab, and Arifa Khalid Pervaiz, Member, Provincial Assembly of the Punjab, were also present.



CLP delegation snapped on the occasion of the iftar dinner hosted in its honor by Rana Mashhood Ahmad Khan, Deputy Speaker, Provincial Assembly of the Punjab

The Center's delegation included Dr Hasan Sohaib Murad, Patron, Center for Law and Policy and Rector, University of Management and Technology, Syed Imad-ud-Din Asad, Founder and Director, Center for Law and Policy, Associate Professor and Director, UMT School of Law and Policy, Elizabeth Badger, Assistant Clinical Professor of Law, Boston University School of Law, and Chad Carr, Lecturer, Harvard Law School.

In his brief speech, the Deputy Speaker, who is also a lawyer, welcomed the delegation to the Assembly, appreciated the initiatives taken by Professor Asad regarding legal education in Pakistan, and assured Professor Asad of his full support and cooperation.

Afterwards, in their speeches, Professor Badger and Professor Carr applauded Professor Asad for successfully organizing the international conference on clinical and experiential learning. They also expressed their eagerness to participate in similar future activities conducted by the Center for Law and Policy.

Ali Malik, ILM graduate working at Microsoft Headquarters, Seattle, USA, lectures at UMT

Problem solving skills and programming proficiency is a must for success in computer science careers. This was stated by Ali Malik, ILM graduate currently working as Software Development Engineer at Microsoft Headquarters, Seattle, USA during a special talk delivered at the UMT campus. He was addressing students of UMT on the topic of career development in computer science. Addressing the jam packed seminar room, Ali threw light on the ins and outs of achieving success in computer science careers in Pakistan and abroad. He assured UMT students that no extraordinary brilliance is required for making a mark in the field of computer science. This is a field that does not require any special natural skill. The emergence of computer science is a great blessing for developing countries because people with average intelligence can survive in the field and make good money. He ad-

vised the students to maintain good GPA during their studies but concentrate more on developing expertise in what they know. Ali apprised everyone that in Pakistan there are two major career paths for computer science graduates: they may become core programmers or testers. However, core programmers enjoy more prestige and financial benefits than testers. Other fields for computer science graduates include research and program management. He concluded by saying that computer science gives great respect to those who pursue it vigorously. The minimum core criteria for hiring in any company involves problem solving skills, efforts aimed at reaching solutions and making those solutions more efficient.

At the end, a question and answer session was held. Students asked a wide range of questions ranging from hiring processes at Microsoft to the relevance of computer science courses to current industry practices. Ali answered all queries in a comprehensive manner and encouraged students to give their best to this field. Mubasher Baig, Chairperson, Department of Computer Science, thanked the distinguished speaker for giving such an informative lecture and presented a bouquet as a token of appreciation.



Ali Malik talks to UMT students about the job prospects of computer science graduates

Zubair Ahmad and Asher Ramish win Hajj Draw

Dr Hasan Sohaib Murad, Honorable Rector, UMT, conducted the 15th Hajj Draw at the UMT campus on Friday, May 4, 2012 and announced the name of winners. Zubair Ahmad, Technical Support Officer, IPC (Emp Code 9968) and Asher Ramish, Assistant Professor, SBE (Emp Code 0275) were the fortunate winners of the Hajj Draw.

We congratulate the lucky winners and wish them a safe journey to the holy land. We also request them to remember all of us in their prayers.



Dr Hasan Sohaib Murad, Rector UMT, conducts 15th Hajj Draw

DITC organizes Third Annual Seerat Conference

The Department of Islamic Thought and Civilization (DITC) organized its third annual Seerat Conference on the topic of “Love of Holy Prophet SAW is part of our faith (*Iman*)” on April 03, 2012 at UMT campus. A notable feature of this year's conference was announcement of winners of English and Urdu essay competitions on the same topic.

Delivering the keynote address, Dr Muhammad Saad Siddiqui, Associate Professor, University of Punjab, quoted many precedents from history and from Arabic Grammar on the topic in an eloquent manner. He differentiated between love (*Hubb*) and obedience (*Ta'at*). While elaborating various examples from the Quranic Arabic and ancient Arabic language, he affirmed that we as Muslims have no option other than to love the Holy Prophet SAW. There is no other way to have Allah's love except through loving his Prophet SAW. At many places in the Qur'an, Allah has ordained us to love His beloved Prophet SAW and has declared *Iman* incomplete without this love. He also said that this love is not part of our *Iman*. In fact, our *Iman* cannot originate without love of the Holy Prophet SAW.

Dr Fareed Ahmad Paracha presided over the conference. In his oratorical spirit, he quoted incidents from the lives of Companions of the Holy Prophet SAW to support the conference theme. He gave the vote of thanks to the guest speaker for delivering such an articulate address and the host Dr Muhammad Amin, Head, Department of Islamic Thought and Civilization, for inviting him to the Seerat Conference.

Dr Hasan Sohaib Murad, Rector UMT, distributed three consolation prizes of Rs 3000 among students. In his concluding remarks, he asserted the importance of *seerat* in our lives. He said that for us every day is *seera* day and we should not confine the celebration to one month or one day only. He asked Dr Amin to re-announce the essay writing competition on a large scale among students and faculty members.

He said that this competition should be advertised in newspapers and internet to attract a large number of students even from outside UMT. Dr Hasan said that the best articles of students and faculty members would be published in a book form; he also proposed the establishment of Seerat Chair. The event concluded with distribution of souvenirs to the guest speaker and guest of honor.

Dr Zafar Iqbal, Head, Department of Education, Rana Iftikhar Ahmad, Director OPA, and Faculty of Department of Education, and DITC also graced the event. A large number of students were also present at this occasion. Adnan Faisal, a student of MPhil Islamic Thought and Civilization hosted the event.



Dr Fareed Ahmad Paracha, chief guest of the seerat conference, shares his views with the participants of the conference

Journalists invited at UMT to discuss role of media in present times

Renowned journalists and educationists gathered at the UMT Campus to reflect on and discuss issues, problems and reformative measures being adopted by the media. The main objective of the seminar was to understand the current situation and role of media organizations and analyze whether media is playing negative or positive role for the betterment of society and the country as a whole. The seminar titled “The effective role of media in current situation” was organized by the School of Social Sciences and Humanities (SSS&H) at UMT on April 23, 2012. Sajjad Mir, Director news and current affairs, NEWS ONE and famous column writer, was of the view that the media is presenting both sides of the picture but television channels are showing too much violence in programs and news; this creates tension and stress among the viewers. This has forced the public to switch over to other channels that do not depict such scenes. Prof Dr Mughees-uddin Sheikh, Dean, Media and Communication, Superior University, Lahore, expressed disappointment that producers do not have sense of programming and command on their subject which is due to the lack of education and planning. He said that students must focus on their studies if they want to be successful media persons. Renowned journalist, Chief Editor, The daily Pakistan and chief guest on the occasion Mujeeb-ur-Rehman Shami said that in addition to



Sajjad Mir, Director News and Current Affairs, NEWS ONE, responds to questions by the audience

their education students must increase their understanding of world affairs and international relations. The media is providing a platform for building such an understanding. Finally, an exhaustive question and answer session was held. Dr Abdul Hameed, Dean SSS&H, thanked the distinguished guests for sparing their precious time. He said that the issues discussed during the seminar affected all of us. He expressed hope that the young generation and media personnel would better understand their responsibilities for the progress of society. Dr Hameed was of the view that media studies must have a component of social and political theories for better understanding of social phenomena and solutions grounded in local realities. He also took the opportunity to appreciate the efforts of Rashid Khan and his team for organizing the seminar.

Round-table on US security polices and international law

The Center for Law and Policy hosted a round-table with Ehsan Zafar on US security policies and international law on September 3, 2012. Zaffar is Policy Advisor at Department of Homeland Security in Washington, DC.

Ehsan Zafar briefed the small group of participants about the DHS setup and how the United States ensures its observance of international law while implementing its security policies. This was followed by an open discussion which ranged from the ongoing drone attacks by the United States to the mechanism of coordination between various security agencies in the

USA. In the end, Syed Imad-ud-Din Asad, Founder and Director, CLP, thanked the distinguished guest for sharing his views with the participants.



Participants of the round table on US security policies and international law snapped after the discussion

Aqeel Arshad represents UMT at VC Forum, Islamabad

Aqeel Arshad from the Electrical Engineering Department represented UMT at the 2-Day Vice Chancellors' Forum on "Higher Education in the Islamic World: Challenges and Opportunities" organized at Serena Hotel, Islamabad by COMSATS Institute of Information Technology in collaboration with the Islamic Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (ISESCO), Higher Education Commission, Pakistan, Ministry of Science and Technology, Government of Pakistan, and Federation of the Universities of the Islamic World (FUIW) on June 11-12, 2012. Many people visited the UMT stall and took away the university brochures and other promotional material. Visitors were interested in the projects being done in Electrical Engineering Department at UMT. The GSM based weather measurement system project was very informative for the visitors. The professors from Agriculture University showed considerable interest in the system.



Aqeel Arshad from the Electrical Engineering Department at UMT snapped with fellow delegates at the VC Forum, Islamabad

Second HUMA event in Pakistan

Harvard University Muslim Alumni (HUMA) hosted an *iftar* at Royal Palm Golf and Country Club, Lahore, on August 4, 2012 in order to provide a networking opportunity to Harvard alumni in the city. Despite a storm, alumni of Harvard Law School, Harvard Kennedy School, Harvard Business School, and Harvard Graduate School of Education attended the get together. Peter Kovack, Cultural Affairs Officer, US Consulate in Lahore, and Brinille Ellis, Public Affairs Officer, US Consulate in Lahore, were also present.

Syed Imad-ud-Din Asad, Founder and Director, Center for Law and Policy, who coordinated the *iftar*, welcomed the guests and thanked them for making it to the event in spite of the bad weather. The guests appreciated this initiative by HUMA and stressed that in addition to such networking events, HUMA should also organize lectures, group discussions, etc., on issues of national and global concern.



CLP delegation at the iftar dinner hosted by Harvard University Muslim Alumni (HUMA)

Seminar on awareness and environmental control of dengue

The Institute of Audit and Accountancy (IAA) organized a seminar on "Awareness and Environmental Control of Dengue Epidemic" in collaboration with



Dr. Hasan Sohaib Murad, Rector UMT, presents souvenir to Rana Mashood Ahmad Khan, Deputy Speaker Punjab Assembly

Ecogreen Society Pakistan and Environment Protection Department, Government of Punjab on May 22, 2012.

Rana Mashood Ahmad Khan, Deputy Speaker Punjab Assembly, was the chief guest on this occasion. Guests of the honor included Saeed Iqbal Wahla, Secretary Environment Protection Department, and Maqsood Ahmad Luk, Director General, Environment Protection Agency, Punjab. Presentations by the speakers focused on preventive measures for the spread of dengue, clinical presentation of dengue, advice on treatment of patients who are infected with the virus, and tips on keeping the immediate environment free from mosquitoes.

Dr Omayr lectures on Neurosensory Perception and Reflexes in Human Cognitions

The Department of Social Sciences is maintaining its tradition of conducting seminars on diverse topics in the field of social sciences. This time the faculty of psychology arranged a seminar on “Neurosensory Perception and Reflexes in Human Cognitions” on May 11, 2012. Dr Omayr Mehmud, Rector, Behavioral Sciences Center, was the guest speaker. He is an expert in the field of neurosciences who earned his PhD in Clinical Psychology from USA.

The purpose of conducting this seminar was to create awareness among students of psychology and related disciplines about the role of human reflexes that engender higher executive functioning of human capacities.

Professor Dr Abdul Hameed, Dean, SSS&H, graced the occasion with his presence along with the faculty of social sciences. Dr Iftikhar Ahmad welcomed Dr Omayr who talked about brain and human reflexes and its relation to our behaviors. He encouraged students to participate actively in the seminar. This was followed by a question and answer session.

Earlier, the seminar began with recitation from some verses of the Holy Quran by Rashid Khan. At the end, Dr Abdul Hameed concluded the seminar and expressed his views on cognitive psychology. He explained how cognitive psychology emerged from computer sciences in the 1980's. He invited Dr Omayr for another series of similar seminars in the future.

Later, Prof Dr Abdul Hameed along with Dr Iftikhar Ahmad presented souvenir to the esteemed guest as a token of gratitude.



Dr Abdul Hameed, Dean SSS&H, presents souvenir to Dr Omayr Mehmud, Rector, Behavioral Sciences Center

UMT Library marks World Book Day with Mobile Book Fair

The UMT library marked the World Book and Copyright Day by holding a mobile book bus fair in collaboration with Oxford University Press on April 23, 2012, welcoming hundreds of book lovers by giving them a chance to broaden their knowledge by searching titles under one roof. The book fair was inaugurated by Dr Abdul Aziz Bhatti, Dean SST. Library committee members, HoDs and students were also present on the occasion.



UMT students browse for books on OUP mobile book bus

Books on wide range of subject ranging from politics to poetry, economics and education to ornithology and technology were put on sale. Books on academics and general subjects as well as text books were also displayed. English-Urdu dictionaries, as well as Urdu translation of some English titles were available as well. English translation of Urdu and regional language writings, Urdu books published by Oxford University press and encyclopedias caught the attention of most visitors.

It may be noted that World Book Day symbolizes a worldwide support for the liberty of thought, and freedom of information.

Role of Custom Model in Supply Chain Management discussed in 8th Supply Chain Forum



Sakhi Muhammad, Principal Appraiser Customs, FBR, shares his insight on supply chain models with the audience

The 8th CSCR Supply Chain Forum, School of Business and Economics (SBE), UMT, invited Chaudhry Sakhi Muhammad, Senior Instructor of Pakistan Customs, as the guest speaker in a seminar on 'Role of Custom Model in Supply Chain Management' on May 4, 2012. The seminar was attended by more than 30 supply chain professionals from different organizations, SBE faculty members and supply chain students.

This session was held to create awareness of custom models in Pakistan and its role on overall supply chain. The increasing threat of international terrorism and organized cross-border crime requires the enhancement of existing border and frontier controls and effective national and international co-operation between Customs, other law enforcement agencies and business. The greatest challenge for Customs will be to offer facilitated treatment of the vast majority of international cargo movements and passenger traffic, while identifying and dealing with the small percentage that pose a genuine risk to security. Time, quality information and good intelligence are the most critical elements in the application of efficient and effective Customs controls and risk management. These elements have become even more essential in the efforts to increase security along the global supply chain.

All participants took an active part in discussion session and pointed some major issues regarding customs in Pakistan like smuggling, its negative impact on Pakistani economy and the steps taken to control it. They also discussed the challenge posed by counterfeiters. The guest speaker gave detailed answers to each query.

At the end of the seminar, Ijaz Yusuf, Director CSCR, summed up what the guest speaker discussed and added his views. He thanked the speaker and participants and presented shield to the speaker as well. The seminar ended with light refreshments for the participants who enjoyed themselves and interacted with each other informally. Earlier, the seminar started after recitation of some verses from the Holy Quran by Muhammad Bilal, student and an active member of OSCC, UMT. Abiha Syed, Research Associate, CSCR, welcomed all participants and explained the Center's activities for industry and academia.

It may be noted that Chaudhry Sakhi Muhammad is currently serving as Principal Appraiser Customs, FBR, Revenue Division, Ministry of Finance, Model Customs Collectorate, Lahore. He is a lecturer in Law at University Law College, University of the Punjab, Lahore. He is imparting professional training to the Officers/ Executive Staff of Model Customs Collectorate, custom laws and procedures all over the country.

CSCR Forum organizes workshop on operation logistics in collaboration with CMD and GRFC

The CSCR Supply Chain Forum, School of Business and Economics (SBE), UMT, in collaboration with Center for Management Development (CMD) and Global Research and Facilitation Council (GRFC), organized a workshop on “Operations Logistics” on April 2, 2012. It was attended by more than 30 supply chain professionals representing different organizations.

Rizwan Ahmed, Vice President, GRFC, discussed the importance of logistics. He said that the business community should foster fast results by manipulating rapid and express logistics which save time and cost. Moreover, proper planning and scheduling, selection of good service providers, training of staff and complete documentation are the essential elements for managing the cost component during international trade transactions.

Ijaz Yusuf, Director CSCR, introduced the guest speaker Albert Aaldert Jager, Director, aaljager Consulting, Netherlands. Albert spoke about the scope and need of supply chain management in recent times. He added that the stake for different players is extremely high, making it imperative for all partners including suppliers, manufacturers, distributors and customers to behave as if they are part of the same company. Thus, scope of supply chain management is vast. This way only can they enhance performance significantly across the chain. He also gave some tips on how

to achieve supply chain excellence and the challenges and opportunities faced by the organizations regarding this aspect. The interactive workshop concluded on question and answer session. Ijaz Yusuf wrapped up the session and thanked all participants for attending the workshop and making it more interesting through exchange of professional experience and learning.

Earlier, the event started with the recitation of some verses from the Holy Quran by Ahmed Babar, President OSCC, UMT. Abiha Syed, Research Associate, CSCR, UMT, welcomed all participants. She highlighted the Center's objectives and importance of workshops and seminars for personal development and learning.

At the end, Dr A R Kausar, Pro-Rector, UMT, presented shield to the speaker. The seminar ended with light refreshments for the participants who enjoyed themselves while interacting with each other informally.

It may be noted that Albert has been working in international supply chain management and logistics. After having worked for over 30 years (1979 – 2010) in management positions in supply chain management and logistics in well known organizations like Nestle, Flora Holland, Avery Dennison and Yamaha Motors, he started his own company in 2010 as interim and project manager. Currently, he is also an associate consultant on supply chain solution in relocation case studies.



Participants of the workshop on operations logistics snapped with Albert Aaldert Jager after the conclusion of the training

UMT News talks to Saman Sarfraz

Saman Sarfraz, student of MMC Department, Batch 7, recently made waves when a select jury chose her painting for the third prize in 8th All Pakistan Arts and Photography Competition hosted by King Edward Medical College on June 4, 2012. A total of 31 universities from all over Pakistan participated in the competition and it is indeed a matter of great pride for us that Saman's work stood out.

An outstanding student who has maintained her GPA for the last three semesters, qualifying for the Dean's Merit Award as well, Saman is nonetheless one of the most active students of the university in terms of both co-/extracurricular activities. UMT News spoke to her to find out what motivates her and her plans for the future.

UMT News: Mass communication and art; they don't really mix; so tell us how about your interest in art and what drives you to express yourself on the canvas?

Saman: I am a person who is very much straightforward and clear in what I actually want. I do not want anyone to overrule my rights in any way. And I find media as the only powerful source to spread my voice on a larger level. Painting is my passion; whatever I think I cannot always share in words so I draw it on the canvas to let people know what I am thinking.

UMT News: How did you come to know about the art competition at KEMC and tell us something about the theme of your winning painting?

Saman: My friend from the art department informed me about this competition, and the theme of this painting was to picture the real Pakistan and drive home the message that even though there is bloodshed and tears, we still have some hope to bring peace and prosperity.

UMT News: Have you taken any formal training for painting?

Saman: From childhood I am into colors and I loved to spend my leisure time in playing with colors. I didn't take any formal training from anyone; it runs in my veins. My father is a very good artist himself.

UMT News: You have quite a wide spectrum of interests; you have participated in debating competitions, attended workshops on photography and citizen journalism and so on. What drives you on to learn so much?



Painting by Saman Sarfraz that won 3rd place in the All Pakistan Arts and Photography Competition

Saman: I am a lively person full of enthusiasm and I want to explore and compete in the world in my own way. So, wherever I find an opportunity to do it and find myself capable of doing it, I get into it.

UMT News: As a professional journalist, I am assuming that you will take up the profession after completing your degree here, where do you see yourself five years from now?

Saman: After the completion of my degree I will definitely step into my professional life and take on all the challenges that come in the way of a beginner. *InshAllah*, five years from now, I have planned to be an anchor person in a renowned channel.

UMT News: Are you satisfied with the quality of education imparted in the MMC Department at UMT? Do you think that the faculty does justice to a practical subject like mass communication?

Saman: I feel privileged and honored for having such outstanding teachers. My teachers have supported me like my parents not only in studies but whenever I participate in any of the competitions, my teachers appreciate me and help me out in whatever way they can.

UMT News: Why did you choose UMT for your higher education?

Saman: Being in UMT was sheer luck. I never planned to come over here. My elder sisters studied here and excelled really well. So, basically the good impression of UMT was made on me by my sister who made me think of getting admission in UMT. And I am thankful to Allah that I choose UMT as this university gave me the platform I was looking for to explore my potential. Apart from excellent studies, UMT provided me with opportunities to prove myself in numerous ways.

Girls Mania Club organizes Floral Fantasia Competition

Floral Fantasia competition was organized by Girls Mania Club with support of Rana Iftikhar Ahmad, Director Participants Services, in UMT Greens on April 23, 2012. The rationale for the competition was to give an opportunity to UMT female students to demonstrate their creativity.

Floral Competition engaged four groups in exquisite activities that challenged their creative potential. All the participants were awarded with certificates and the winning team was awarded with prize by the guest of honor Attiya Rehman and Amber Awan. Food and other stalls were placed to entertain the audience. UMT Girls showed their participation at their

best. All the girls felt overjoyed to be part of this event. The event was hosted by Mushayada Rauf and organized by Sidra Arshad, President, Rabia Masood, Vice President, and Zareen Anees, General Secretary.



Participants of the floral competition snapped after the event

Welcome party for BS-SS Batch 8

The School of Social sciences and Humanities (SSS&H) arranged a welcome party for BS-SS Batch 8 in the North Lawn of the UMT campus on June 8, 2012. It was hosted by BS-SS Batch 7. Dr Abdul Hameed, Dean SSS&H, graced the event with his presence.

The students enlivened the evening by different entertaining activities that included farewell and thank you speeches, acting round, *lassi* competition, light poetry, and song dedications for faculty members. The welcome party turned into a memorable evening due to the efforts of the students.



BS Social Sciences students and faculty members snapped with Dr Abdul Hameed, Dean SSS&H, after the welcome party

SBE Good Luck Dinner for final year BBA (H) students

The School of Business and Economics organized Good Luck Dinner for final year participants of BBA (H) on June 1, 2012. The event was a self financed activity by the participants and the SBE faculty. Dr Faheem ul Islam, Dean SBE, graced the event with his presence. The program was hosted by Haroon Ahmed and Amna Anjum of Batch 38, and Temur Malik and Maria Jamil of Batch 39. The efforts of students of both batches resulted in putting up a great show that consisted of farewell speech, plays, parodies, and awards for teachers and students. The show was complemented by light music by the students.



Faculty and students enjoy SBE Good Luck Dinner

UMT Rovers Club welcomes Indian Rovers Delegation at Wagah

Muhammad Raheel Iqbal Butt, President UMT Rovers Club, welcomed the Indian Rovers Delegation at Wagah border on May 1, 2012. He was accompanied by Shoaib Virk, General Secretary UMT Rovers Club, Saad Gondal, General Secretary Bulleye, and Yasir Ahmed, Vice President Social Welfare Society. He also presented a bouquet to Gitta Rana, Director Indian Rovers Contingents. GCU Rovers, DPS Rovers, Al Ajhum Group and many other open groups were present to welcome the Indian delegates. Commissioner Lahore, Secretary Punjab Boys Scouts Association and International Rovers Commissioner were also present. Different media representatives covered the occasion and interviewed the UMT, GCU and Indian Rovers Presidents. All emphasized building people-to-people contacts for developing effective and lasting relations. The Indian delegates returned to Lahore on May 7, 2012 after attending a conference and peace camp in Islamabad and Murree. They attended Rovers closing ceremony at the GCU campus. Pakistan and Indian Rovers presented a cultural show. They sang a peace song and performed a short drama on Pak-India relationship. Nazir Ahmed Musical Society of GCU presented live national anthems of both the countries.

Muhammad Raheel Iqbal presented souvenir to Gitta Rana, on behalf of UMT and OPA. He also conveyed a message by Rana Iftikhar Ahmed, Director OPA: "On behalf of UMT and being Director OPA I welcome you

all in Lahore and wish you best of luck in future, and I shall also invite you to visit UMT in your next visit. I am looking forward for our strong and everlasting relationship between Pakistan and Indian Rovers".

Reciprocating the gesture, Gitta wrote a message for UMT authorities: "I am obliged to visit Pakistan and got a lot of love from Pakistani people also, I am thankful to Pakistani Rovers for their awesome welcoming us in Pakistan, I am also grateful to UMT group for presenting the cultural program as well as the beautiful gift. I wish for keeping this relation forever, on behalf of Indian contingent I am thankful to Dr Hasan Sohaib Murad, Rector UMT, for his nice memento, With a lots of Love."

At the end, President UMT Rovers Club thanked Dr Moshin Javed, Advisor GCU Rovers Club, and Hafiz Habib ur Rehman, President GCU Rovers Club, for their hospitality.



UMT and Indian Rovers snapped at Wagah

DELL hosts Annual Dinner 2012

The Annual Dinner of the Department of English Language and Literature (DELL), held on April 6, 2012 was attended by Dr Hasan Sohaib Murad, Rector UMT, Dr Abdul Hameed, Dean SSS&H, Nazir Ahmed Malik, Chairman DELL, and Prof Rao Jaleel.

The function started with the recitation of the Holy Quran followed by *Naat-e-Rasool-e-Maqbool* (SAW).

Many students participated in different entertaining skits and performances. Faraz Mehmood presented a funny *qawali* "Aisay MPhil se *Allah Bachaye*" Abdul

Haye Sahar and Tooba Sahar presented poetry and *ghazal* respectively. Asifa Naz, Zahid, Atif Rafiq, Farhana Abid also showed their performance. Irbaz Khan and Moazzam Hashmi presented *Saraiki* poem and its English version. Ibrar Bukhari and Hasan presented a skit titled "*Paindu*". Rector UMT emphasized continuation of such activities as they boost the morale of students and provide relief from the tough academic routine. Dr Hameed also appreciated the efforts of the organizing committee for putting up such a great show. He congratulated Nazir Ahmed Malik HoD DELL, Shahzad Ahmad, Chairman Organizing Committee, Afzal, chief organizer and his team members.

Alumni Association Interim Body 2012-13 announced

Director OPA Rana Iftikhar Ahmad, has announced "Alumni Association Interim Body" for year 2012-13 with the consent of Rector UMT Dr Hasan Sohaib Murad.

Ijlal Jafri, Head IT, Servier Research and Pharmaceuticals is the President of the Alumni Association Body 2012-13. Ijlal received an MBA (E) degree from UMT.

Abeeda Ayaz, Principal, Pakistan Air Force Montessori School, who completed her MAELM degree from UMT, is the Vice President. Faisal Nazeer Ahmad Dar, Chief Operational Officer, Zin

Technology (Pvt) Ltd, who received MCS(M) is also Vice President. Bilal Bin Asgher, Assistant Director HR, Pakistan Electric Power Company, is the Secretary. Bilal holds an MBA(P) degree. Saood Qaseem, Regional Coordinator (Bangladesh, Pakistan), Institute for Market Ecology, is the Finance Secretary. Saood is the recipient of BTTM(H) and MBA(P) degrees from UMT.

Rana Iftikhar Ahmad congratulated all the office bearers of the Alumni Association Interim Body and welcomed them to their alma mater. In his brief remarks, he thanked them for maintaining their links with the university and expressed the hope that they would continue to learn and contribute while carrying out their new responsibilities.

OPA and AKS organize second photography workshop

Carrying forward the tradition of enriching student life at UMT, the Photography and Film Making Club (AKS) and the Office of Participants Affairs (OPA) organized an interactive workshop on May 26, 2012 under the supervision of Rana Iftikhar Ahmad, Director OPA, and Ali Farid, Participants Executive. Workshop organizers were Izan Shahid, President AKS-UMT, and Bilal Sheikh, Vice President AKS-UMT. The interactive workshop was attended by a large number of amateur photographers and was held at Lawrence Garden and Lahore Polo Club. It turned out to be a very productive effort as the participants were taught the techniques of taking pictures in varied lighting conditions. Giving their feedback, the participants said that such kind of events should be organized more frequently as they had learnt a great deal during the workshop.



Enthusiastic participants of the photography workshop

Eco-Friendly UMT - Think Green and Go Green

The Environmental Protection Society (EPS) at UMT in collaboration with the Office of Participant Affairs (OPA) is actively involved in spreading awareness about greener environment. Dr Hasan Sohaib Murad, Rector UMT, took a special interest in measures designed to create a greener environment. Rana Iftikhar Ahmad, Director OPA, and team member Muhammad Farid, motivated students to participate in green activities such as tree plantation, wall painting and pot painting from May 16-18, 2012. Over 100 students participated in these activities which were quite helpful in bringing home the importance of green environment in the minds of the students. It is worth mentioning that Aroma Qamer, Irum Afzal and Sumraiz Bukhary, active students of the EPS Society, won the appreciation of the Rector on account of their efforts to create environmental awareness. Dr Hasan also took part in tree plantation activity.



Eco-friendly students snapped in front of the campus wall that they painted

BTFD students organize art exhibition

Sajjad Kausar, Principal of National College of Arts (NCA), Lahore, inaugurated an art exhibition organized by a the creative team of participants of five Batches of Bachelor of Textile Fashion and Design (BTFD), Institute of Textile and Industrial Sciences (ITIS), at the UMT campus on April 13, 2012.

Dr Hasan Sohaib Murad, Rector UMT, and Dr A R Kausar, Pro-Rector UMT, graced the event with their presence. Sajjad Kausar was accompanied by special guests including Dr Sajjad H Shami, Chairperson, Department of Electrical Engineering, Dr Mujahid Mansoori, Chairperson, Department of Media and Communication, Noor Aslam Khan, Head OFM , and Mohammed Ibrahim Qazi, Director Foreign Relations, Dr Nabeel Amin, Director ITIS, and other UMT officials.

Giving his impressions on the occasion, Dr Hasan Sohaib Murad, Rector UMT, said that he was impressed by the mature and creative work of the participants. He congratulated Alvina Fatima, Miss Zarwa, Course Instructor, and all the participants of the exhibition. Qulb-e-Bashir Khawar Butt, Associate Professor SSS&H and Dr A R Kausar, Pro-Rector UMT, addressed on the occasion and gave their valu-



Sajjad Kausar, Principal NCA, Lahore, inaugurates the art exhibition

able recommendations. They also congratulated the faculty and students for showcasing their outstanding work. Dr Nabeel Amin congratulated the entire team for making the event successful. At the end of the exhibition, the participants were given certificates of appreciation by Dr A R Kausar. Faculty members and students from Hunerkada, PIFD, LUMS, NCA and UMT attended the exhibition and appreciated the artwork of the students. The exhibition displayed more than 50 paintings covering a wide range of subjects through use of different mediums such as dry pastels, poster paints, acrylic, water painting and digital design. The basic purpose of this art exhibition was to encourage and display the work of students regarding “Sketching and Drawing” of first year and second year batches. It may be noted that both sketching and drawing are core subjects of designing.

UMT Rugby Captain Muhammad Abdullah represents Pakistan in first team of American Football

Muhammad Abdullah Jutt, Captain of UMT Rugby team has represented Pakistan in the first team of American Football in First American Football League (Season one, June 11 to August 27, 2012) league held at Colombo, Sri Lanka. He won the appreciation of his team members on the basis of outstanding performance and sportsmanship. We congratulate our player for being selected in the team.



Muhammad Abdullah Jutt carries the flag at the football stadium in Sri Lanka

UMT wins Clash 20 Inter-varsity Cricket Championship

The UMT cricket team bagged the Clash 20 Championship Trophy after beating the UET team in a thrilling match played at the Aligarh Cricket Ground, Model Town, Lahore. It may be noted that the UET team plays at the national level and winning from such worthy competitors is indeed a great achievement for the UMT team.

Besides UMT, teams from FCC University, LUMS, UVAS, SKANS, COMSATS, National College of Arts, University of South Asia, UET, Lahore, FAST NU, University of Education, Beaconhouse National University, PAC, Rise School of Accountancy, and Quaid-e-Azam Law College participated in the championship. It may be recalled that UMT organizes the Clash 20 Cricket Challenge Championship every year. Top teams from educational institutions of Lahore compete in the event.

Earlier, the UMT team qualified for the final match after beating the University of South Asia by 86 runs in the first semi final played yesterday. Likewise, UET had beaten SKANS to reach the final.

National hero Misbah ul Haq awarded MBA degree in special convocation

National hero Misbah ul Haq was awarded MBA Executive degree by Rector UMT Dr Hasan Sohaib Murad in a Special Convocation held on April 25, 2012 in a star studded ceremony. Dr A F Siddiqui, Associate Dean, SBE, Dr A R Kausar, Pro-Rector UMT, and Asif Saeed Haider, Controller of Examinations, were present on the occasion. Misbah was here at his alma mater as the chief guest of special prize distribution ceremony of the Clash 20 - 8th UMT Cricket Challenge Trophy. Huge crowd turned up to attend the event and celebrate the victory of the home team. Students thronged the campus to catch a glimpse of their hero.

Earlier, when Misbah ul Haq arrived at the UMT campus, he was warmly welcomed by the students and flowers were showered upon him. Representatives of print and electronic media were present on the occasion.



Dr Hasan Sohaib Murad awards MBA Executive degree to national cricket hero and UMT alumnus Misbah ul Haq

UMT Chess team wins HEC All Pakistan Inter-varsity Chess Championship 2011-12

UMT Chess Team won HEC All Pakistan Inter-varsity Chess Championship after beating the team from UET, Lahore in the final match. It may be noted that a total of 20 teams from leading universities from all over Pakistan participated in this championship which was held at UET, Taxila from May 22-26, 2012.

Earlier, the UMT team beat University of Karachi in the semi final and Sindh University, Jamshoro in quarterfinal. The UMT team also won matches against Islamic International University, Islamabad, Agriculture University, Faisalabad, COMSATS Islamabad, and King Edward Medical University, Lahore, during the championship.



UMT Chess team with the winning trophy. Seen in the picture Rashad Rafique, Ehtisham-ul-Haq (Captain), Saleem Akhtar (Assistant Manager Sports, OPA), Raza Saghir Barlas and Faryal Gohar

Prize distribution ceremony of Clash 20 – 8th UMT Intervarsity Cricket Championship

Misbah ul Haq awards winner's trophy to UMT cricket team



Dr Hasan Sohaib Murad, Misbah ul Haq, Mian Munir, Dr Riaz Ahmed and Rana Ifthikhar Ahmad address the large gathering at the Clash 20 prize distribution ceremony

The prize distribution ceremony of Clash 20 – 8th UMT Cricket Challenge Trophy was held at the University of Management and Technology (UMT) campus. Captain of the Pakistani Cricket Team and UMT alumnus Misbah ul Haq was the chief guest of the ceremony. Mian Munir, Former Manager, Pakistan Cricket Team, and Dr Riaz Ahmed, Resident Sports Physician, National Cricket Academy, PCB, were the guests of honor on this occasion.

Misbah was warmly welcomed at the UMT campus by high ranking officials, and a large number of students, faculty members and cricket fans. Presenting the champion's trophy to the UMT cricket team captain Umer Riaz, Misbah expressed profound delight at the victory of the home team. The runner-up trophy was awarded to the UET team on this occasion.

A number of special prizes were also awarded on the occasion. Ghulam Ali from the UMT team was declared Man of the Final Match. Abid Ali, also from UMT, was declared Man of the Series. Ali Yab and Saad ullah Ghouri, from UMT were presented with Best Bowler of the Tournament and Best Batsman of the Tournament awards respectively.

Addressing on the occasion, Dr Hasan Sohaib Murad said that from academia to sports, UMT graduates stand out from the crowd on account of their outstanding performance. While Misbah is undoubtedly

a role model for the youth as someone who excelled in the sports arena while getting a good education as well, god willing, the future holds many *UMTians* like him who will prove their mettle in whichever field they choose. Dr Hasan Sohaib Murad said that he is grateful to Misbah for fulfilling the promise that he had made quite some time ago regarding a visit to UMT. Dr Hasan said that Misbah has brought character and credibility to the game of cricket. He surprised everyone by sharing some of the information that Misbah had given about himself 12 years ago while filling the UMT admission form. Asked to state his strengths, Misbah wrote: honesty, punctuality, sincerity and patience. These were the very same qualities that made him a leader in later years. Dr Hasan concluded by saying that tonight it is homecoming for Misbah but UMT is welcoming one of its most distinguished alumni.

Delivering a well composed and structured speech, Mibah ul Haq said that the weakness of the education system and what it lacks is often the subject of discussions. He said that in his view, the difference between an educated person and an illiterate individual should illuminate the divergence between the two. He advised the students to build their character so that others emulate them and consider them their role models. Recalling the time spent as UMT student, Misbah said that he learned a great deal from SBE faculty. Coming

from a small town like Mianwali, he lacked confidence and presentation skills but the teachers at UMT helped him to overcome these weaknesses, groomed him professionally and instilled values that propelled him on the path of success.

Misbah said that it is a source of great honor and pride for him that UMT has invited him to the prize distribution ceremony of the Clash 20 Cricket Challenge Trophy. He said that UMT will always hold a special place in his heart and he had fond memories of the time that he had spent as a student here.

Dr Raiz Ahmed said that it is not easy playing cricket in hot and humid conditions and that is why one should salute the stamina and commitment of the players. He said that if anyone wants to be fit, he can be fit at any stage. He explained the concept of biomechanics in the fitness regime of ordinary people who may benefit from the same provided that they do not suffer from any ailment. He added that anyone contributing to the world of fitness deserves commendation and as such Rana Iftikhar Ahmad and his team should be saluted.



UMT alumnus Misbah ul Haq responds to the media at the Clash 20 prize distribution ceremony

Earlier, Rana Iftikhar Ahmad, Director OPA, welcomed Misbah ul Haq to his alma mater. He also thanked the distinguished guests for gracing the occasion with their presence.

It may be noted that UMT organizes the Clash 20 Cricket Challenge Championship and invites top teams from educational institutions of Lahore to compete in the event. UMT cricket team bagged this year's trophy after beating UET, Lahore, by 5 wickets, and is the current champion, winning the trophy for the second time in a row.

6th UMT Hostel Sports Festival

Leaders Forum UMT organized the Hostel Sports Festival on May 7-11, 2012. Hafiz Salman Butt, former MNA, inaugurated the festival. Eminent politician Dr Fareed Paracha and Dr Abdul Hameed, Dean SSS&H, graced the occasion with their presence on the second day of the sports festival. Dr Hasan Sohaib Murad, Rector UMT, Abdul Ghaffar Ghaffari, Registrar UMT, Dr Abdul Hameed, Dean SSS&H, and Muhammad Irshad, Captain UBL cricket team, were the guests of honor on the prize distribution ceremony. Dr Hasan appreciated the efforts of the Leaders Forum on providing students with a platform for giving their best in sports and athletics. Abdullah Bin Abdul Aziz (BBA) was chief organizer of the event. Other organizers included Usman Khan (BS) for cricket, Furqan Haider (BS) for football, Yasir Mushtaq (MBA) for volleyball, Aijaz Niazi (BS) for tug of war, Umer Farooq (BBA) for badminton, Muntazir Mehdi (MS) for table tennis, Ali Abbas (BS) for mess competition, Tanzeel Ahmed (BS) for carrom, Luqman Ahmed (BS) for ludo and Adnan Gujjar (BS) for racing. Those who received prizes in the prize distribution ceremony included Tanzeel Ahmad and Rashid, winners of badminton matches while Anees and Waqar were the runners-up. Asad Haroon and Waqas Abdul Razzaq received prizes for winning the table tennis (double) matches while Syed Amir and Rizwan were the runners-up. Waqas Abdul Razzaq was declared winner of the table tennis singles while Shahbaz Ahmad was the runner-up. In the mess competition, Ali Agha was the winner and Bilal Ahmad was the runner up. The Ludo doubles were won by Malik Mazhar and Syed Taqi Shah. Muhammad Arsalan Butt and Abrar Ahmad were declared runners-up. Amir Shahzad won the 100 meter race while Waqas was declared runner up.



Winners of the Hostel Sports Festival snapped at the prize distribution ceremony

Research and Publications

- A research paper titled "Three-dimensional squeezing flow in a rotating channel of lower stretching porous wall" authored by Sufian Munawar, Lecturer, SST, has been published in the journal "Computers and Mathematics with Applications" with ISI impact factor 1.747 published by Elsevier.
- Muhammad Irbaz Khan, Senior Research Associate, Department of English Language and Literature (DELL), presented a research paper titled "Humor as an essential component of tourism education" in International Conference on Contemporary Issues in Business Management (ICIBM) 2012 held by University of Central Punjab (UCP).
- A research paper titled "The Triangular Causality Among Education, Health and Economic Growth: A Time Series Analysis of Pakistan" authored by Muhammad Shahid Hassan, Assistant Professor, SBE, and co-authored by Dr Rukhsana Kalim, Professor and CoD Department of Economics, SBE, has been published in World Applied Sciences Journal, Volume: 18, Issue: 2, page 196 - 207.
- A research paper titled "In vitro Total Antioxidant and Radical Scavenging Activities of Organic Extracts from Leaves, Stem and Inflorescence of Cannabis Sativa L" co-authored by Dr Sammia Shahid, Assistant Professor, SST, has been published in the forthcoming issue of an HEC recognized impact factor journal; Asian Journal of Chemistry; Vol. 24, No. 11 (2012), 5067-5072. Impact Factor: 0.3.
- A research paper titled "The Impact of Financial Leverage on Agency Cost: Empirical Evidence from Non-Financial Sector of Pakistan" co-authored by Iftikhar Ahmad, Assistant Professor, IAA, has been accepted for publication in Science Series Data Report, Volume. 4, Issue. 6.
- A research paper titled "The Acquisition of Pragmatic Competence and the Implication of Critical Period Hypothesis" authored by Rashida Manzoor, student of MS (MPhil) Applied Linguistics, Student ID: 090684017(VI) at the School of Social Sciences and Humanities (SSS&H), UMT, and Assistant Prof Nazir Ahmad Malik, SSS&H, has been accepted for presentation at the 19th International Conference on Learning (14-16 August), University of London, London, UK.
- A research paper titled "Numerical Simulation of sea urchin's morphogenesis during its structural development at early stage by using PDE Methods" authored by Raja Noshad Jamil, Assistant Professor, SST, and co-authored by Dr Muhammad Aziz ur Rehman, CoD Department of Mathematics and Assistant Professor, SST, has been published in Archives Des Sciences (2012) Vol: 65 (5) pp 49-58.. The impact factor of the journal is 0.474.
- A research paper titled "Reconstruction of Humanities in Islamic Perspective: A Case Study of Pakistan" authored by Dr Muhammad Amin, CoD ITC & Professor, SSS&H, has been accepted for presentation at First International Congress on Islamic Humanities (ICIH), Tehran, Iran, in May 2012.
- A research paper titled "Islamophobia, Neo-Orientalism, and the Prophet (SAWS)" authored by Dr Munawar A Anees, Founding Director, Institute of Islamic Banking and Center for Global Dialog, has been published in Hikmat-e-Quran, Vol. 31, No. 2, pp 1-10, 2012.
- A research paper titled "Economic Security, Well Functioning Courts and a Good Government" authored by Dr Dawood Mamoon, Associate Professor, SBE, has been published in Emerald Journal series namely "International Journal of Social Economics", ISSN: 0306-8293, August 2012.
- UMT presentation of research papers in the Symposium on Hydrogen and Fuel Cells (SHFC), held from July 9-11, 2012 at Quaid-i-Azam University, Islamabad, includes the following:
 - o "Comparative Analysis of Fuel Cells and Suggestions to Improve their Efficiencies for Sustainable Future" co-authored by Mashood Nasir, Lecturer, SST.
 - o "Model Based Analysis and Efficient Control System Design for Fuel Cell Power Systems" authored by Mashood Nasir, Lecturer SST, co-authored by Dr Abdul Aziz Bhatti, Dean SST, and Waqas Tariq Toor, Lecturer SST.
 - o "Formation of an Electric Equivalent Circuit of PEMFC and its Behavioral Studies Under Steady State and Transient Conditions" authored by Asfa Javed, Lab Engineer cum Lecturer, SST, co-authored by Dr Abdul Aziz Bhatti, Dean SST, and Mashood Nasir, Lecturer SST.
- o "Effect of syngas and coal composition on performance of solid oxide fuel cell" authored by Dr Ayesha Mohy-ud-Din, Assistant Professor, SST, and co-authored by Mehwish Inam, Lab Engineer cum Lecturer, SST and Muhammad Hassan Qayyum Khan, Lab Engineer cum Lecturer, SST..
- o "Dynamic Modeling and Characterization of a Proton Exchange Membrane Fuel Cell" authored by Muhammad Salik, Lab Engineer cum Lecturer, SST, co-authored by Dr Abdul Aziz Bhatti, Dean SST, and Mashood Nasir, Lecturer, SST.
- o "Microcontroller Based Implementation of Fuel Cell/Battery Integrated Hybrid Power Source" authored by Fahad Ali, Lab Engineer cum Lecturer, SST, co-authored by Syed Mohsin Ali, Lab Engineer cum Lecturer, SST, Dr Abdul Aziz Bhatti, Dean SST, and Mashood Nasir, Lecturer, SST.
- Research papers authored by Dr Aziz-ur-Rehman, Assistant Professor and CoD, Department of Mathematics, SST, have been accepted for publication in 2012. These include:
 - o "Fourth-Order Method for the Solution of Diffusion Equation Subject to the Specification of Energy" has been published in Archives Des Sciences, Vol. 65, issue 4. ISSN: 1661-464X. The Impact factor of the journal is 0.474. Dr Muhammad Saeed, Assistant Professor, SST is co-author.
 - o "Fusion Higher-Order Parallel Splitting Methods for Parabolic Partial Differential Equations" has been published in International Mathematical Forum, Vol. 7, Issue 32 pp 1567-1580. ISSN: 1312-7594. The impact factor of this journal is 0.235.
 - o "A Numerical Technique for Heat Equation Subject to Integral Specifications" has been published in ISI Journal Science International Vol. 24, Issue 1 pp 1-6. ISSN: 1013-5316.

Rashid Ali Malik represents UMT in AIT workshop, Thailand

Rashid Ali Malik, Deputy Manager Networks, OIT, attended a wireless networks workshop organized by the Asian Institute of Technology, Thailand, from May 21-23, 2012. The workshop was attended by IT and network professionals from across the world. It is worth mentioning that the cost of the training was borne by HEC. The training provided insight in handling internal campus wireless networks with respect to designing and operating principles.



Rashid Ali Malik, Deputy Manager Networks, OIT, snapped with fellow trainees at the conclusion of the workshop

Rector UMT promotes Gulraiz Dar, Ahmad Abdullah and Muhammad Taufeeq as General Managers

In view of the fulfillment of the requirement of promotion and meritorious services to the University, Rector UMT Dr Hasan Sohaib Murad has promoted the following to the level of General Manager assigned to their current Support Offices as their respective heads.

Gulraiz Dar, Office of the Treasurer
Ahmed Abdullah, Office of Human Resources
Muhammad Taufeeq, Office of Communications and Media

We wish them all the best in their expanded roles and responsibilities and hope that they will continue to serve the university with the same zeal and dedication that has earned them this promotion.

Promotions and appointments

Promotions

The Rector has approved the following promotions on the recommendations of the Staff Promotion Committee. These promotions were made in Promotion Committee meeting held on April 17, 2012.

- Aqeel Baloch has been promoted as Deputy Manager HR, OHR
- Muhammad Usman been promoted as Deputy Registrar, ORG
- Sonia Nuzhat been promoted as Deputy Manager Admissions, OIA
- Muhammad Tariq Abdullah been promoted as Deputy Manager Accounts, OTR
- Saima Shams been promoted as Assistant Manager Networks, OIT
- Hanya Aslam been promoted as Assistant Manager Academics, SBE
- Syed Shahid Hussain been promoted as Assistant Manager Academics, SPA
- Muhammad Jabran been promoted as Senior Officer Admissions, OIA
- Abu Bakar Malik been promoted as Senior Officer Admissions, OIA
- Muhammad Kaleem been promoted as Officer Coordination, ORC
- Ashfaq Hussain been promoted as Assistant Admissions Officer, OIA
- Muhammad Shakeel been promoted as Assistant Accounts Officer, OTR
- Muhammad Abid been promoted as Assistant Accounts Officer, OTR

Appointments

Rector UMT has made the following appointments.

- Naveed Anwar has been appointed as Head, Office of Information Technology
- Asif Saeed Haider has been appointed as Director, UMT Sialkot Campus
- Imran Zahid has been appointed as Controller of Examinations
- Muhammad Ibrahim Qazi has been appointed as Manager Coordination, Office of Rector
- Irfan Tahir has been appointed as Head, Office of Information and Admissions

Dean SBE Dr Faheem ul Islam earns new distinctions



NDU invites Dr Faheem ul Islam to speak to participants of national security and war course

National Defence University (NDU) has invited Dr Faheem ul Islam, Dean SBE, to speak to the participants of the National Security and War Course on September 19, 2012. The topic for the talk is 'De-

veloping Strategic Leadership - Strategic Practitioner and Strategic Thinker'. Dr Faheem will be the single speaker for the three-hour interactive session.

It is worth mentioning that this is a highly privileged invitation from NDU. There are normally 150 plus participants for the talk, all senior military commanders, including One to Three Star Generals and Senior military commanders from friendly nations. NDU has been inviting Dr Faheem regularly for speaking to senior military commanders since 2007.

Dr Faheem ul Islam invited as visiting lecturer in JAMK, University of Applied Sciences, Finland

Dr Faheem ul Islam, Dean SBE, has been invited as visiting lecturer in the School of Business and Services Management from October 19 - December 8, 2012. Suggested topics for lecturing include strategic manage-

ment, international marketing, research method and thesis tutoring. Dr Faheem advised JAMK in its preparation for EPAS Accreditation and also represented it during the Peer Reviewers' visit in April 2012. The International Business (IB) Program at JAMK got EPAS Accreditation in May 2012. JAMK's IB Program is now the top most ranked IB program in Finland. JAMK also launched Finland's first Center for Competitiveness in April 2012 on the advice of Dr Faheem.

Visiting JAMK when SBE is also on a rapid growth and development path will prove to be a substantial but beneficial trade-off and will open avenues for strong future collaboration between SBE and JAMK.

It is worth mentioning that JAMK is ready for collaborating with UMT in launching double degree masters program, joint research and student exchange.

Dr Faheem ul Islam placed on UVAS Syndicate

It is a source of great pride for us that Dean SBE Dr Faheem ul Islam's name has been placed in the panel for membership of the University of Veterinary and Animal Sciences (UVAS), Lahore, Syndicate, by the Vice-Chancellor of UVAS. It may be noted that the UVAS Syndicate comprises of distinguished educationists and eminent personalities who have done exceedingly well in their respective domains.

Dr Abdul Hameed nominated as Member, Board of Directors, CESA

Dr Abdul Hameed, Dean, SSS&H, has been nominated as Member, Board of Directors to represent Pakistan in the meeting of Board of Directors of Comparative Education Society of Asia (CESA) held on July 8, 2012. He also presented his paper on "Sustainable Quality



Dr Abdul Hameed shares his insight on sustainable quality education for the disabled at the 8th CESA conference

Education for the Children with Disabilities in Pakistan" in the "8th Biennial Conference of CESA on Education at the Dawn of the New Decade: When the Quality and Sustainability Movements Converge", held from July 8-11, 2012 in Bangkok, Thailand. Scholars representing over 40 countries of the world presented 280 research papers. CESA and the Faculty of Education, Chulalongkorn University, Bangkok, jointly organized the conference. Chulalongkorn University is ranked 131 in the world ranking of universities.

During the visit, Dr Hameed visited various departments of Chulalongkorn University and explored the possibility of exchange programs. He also delivered lecture to PhD students.

Dr Nabeel Amin selected as Vice President of SDC (UK) for Pakistan

It is a matter of great pride for UMT that Dr Nabeel Amin, Director, School of textile and Fashion (STD) has been selected as Vice President of Society of Dyers and Colorists (UK) for Pakistan.

It is worth mentioning that SDC is the world's highest authority in developing, innovating and creating colors, paints, pigments, cosmetics of all materials and types. This is the only authority that makes standards for testing in all fields and is the only highest professional authority in granting professional degrees in this field.

Dr Iftikhar Ahmad and Dr Ayesha Mohy ud Din selected as HEC Approved Supervisor for PhD students

Dr Iftikhar Ahmad, Professor, SSS&H, and Dr Ayesha Mohy ud Din, Assistant Professor, SST, have been selected as HEC Approved Supervisors for PhD level students funded under various HEC in-country Scholarship Programs (Indigenous PhD Scholarship Scheme).

Shaban Rafi becomes international referee of Routledge, Taylor & Francis Group

Muhammad Shaban Rafi, Lecturer, SSS&H has become the international referee of Routledge, Taylor & Francis Group. He has been chosen as an editorial team member on the basis of his impact factor publications in the last five years. It may be noted that Routledge, Taylor & Francis is a leading academic and research publisher.

Georgia Tech, USA, admits UMT lecturer Ahmad Usman in PhD program

Ahmad Usman, Lecturer, Electrical Engineering Department, has secured admission in Georgia Tech, one of the top research universities in the USA. This is indeed a matter of great pride for all of us that one of our faculty members has qualified the tough admission procedures of Georgia Tech. We sincerely hope that when he comes back after completing the degree, UMT students would benefit from his education as well. It may be noted that Georgia Tech is consistently ranked in U.S. News & World Report's top ten public universities in the United States.

Minnesota State University offers scholarship to UMT BS Electrical Engineering student Ammar Akhlaq for Fall 2012

It is a source of great honor for us that UMT BS Electrical Engineering student Ammar Akhlaq has been selected to study the Fall 2012 semester in Minnesota State University, in Mankato, Minnesota, USA, under the Global Undergraduate Exchange Program in Pakistan (Global UGRAD in Pakistan) with all expenses paid including accommodation and traveling. It may be noted that Ammar Akhlaq is three time Rector Merit Scholarship holder with GPA 4.0 and a Dean Merit Scholarship holder. His CGPA is 3.97. Ammar belongs to a remote area of Skardu in Gilgit, Baltistan, Pakistan.

UMT BS-EE students and faculty member get top grades from MIT, USA

UMT BS Electrical Engineering students have successfully passed the 14-week online course offered by MIT, USA, during March-June, 2012. It is noteworthy that over 1,50,000 students from all over the world enrolled in the course but only 7100 passed.

The four UMT BSEE students fared as follows: Mohsin Ali Arif, 92%, Grade A, Muhammad Akif, 88%, Grade A, Muhammad Umair Khan, 73%, Grade B, Syed Muhammad Ali Bokhari, 68%, Grade C. Farhan Iqbal, Assistant Prof, Electrical Engineering Department, also took up this course and passed with 91% score, Grade A. It may be noted that MITx offers a portfolio of MIT courses for free to a virtual community of learners around the world.

UMT student Adil Farook pens book on Islam using English lyrics

A student of the UMT Institute of Islamic Banking, Adil Farook is pursuing MS degree in Islamic Banking and Finance. He has authored a book on Islam, capturing the essence and spirit of the great religion through English lyrics. It may be noted that this is the first time that a book on Islam has been written in lyrical style. Many books on Islam can be found which are translations from Persian or Arabic poetry but no original work in the English language is there that uses poetry to convey the message. Adil worked for few years in Ericsson, ZTE, Ufone & NIE after receiving BSc Electronic Engineering degree from GIKI. He then completed 7 postgraduate courses at Institute of Islamic Thought & Civilization (ISTAC) from International Islamic University (IIUM), Malaysia. He was editor of "Al-futuawah" magazine. He also wrote an online booklet on Islamic Philosophy.

Obituaries

Members of the UMT Community suffered the loss of their loved ones during the past few months. *Inna Lillah-e-Wa Inna Ilih-e-Rajoon.*

- Jaffar Ali, Nursing Assistant, OFM, passed away.
- Father of Muhammad Haris, Lab Engineer cum Lecturer, SST, passed away.
- Father of Moazam Jaah, Lecturer SSS&H, passed away.
- Son of Muhammad Khurram Anwar, Class Coordinator SST, passed away.
- Father of Yaqoob Siddique Gill, Carpenter, OFM, passed away
- Mother-in-Law of Anjum Naseem Rao, Lecturer CELL, passed away

May Allah bless the departed souls and give the bereaved families strength to sustain the great loss. *Ameen.*

Institutionalization of social research required to promote local communities of social researchers: Dr Abdul Hameed



Dr Abdul Hameed earned his PhD from The Ohio State University, Columbus Ohio, USA in 1988. While majoring in technology education, his other focus was on special education and curriculum. His academic interests include philosophy of technology, educational change, critical theory, and contemporary research paradigms and attitudes measurement. He received Professor's Award on best academic performance at Ohio State University. A member of the National Council of Social Sciences, gold medalist in MA Education from University of the Punjab, Dr Hameed has 27 years experience of university teaching in various positions. He is well known in the field of research and data analysis. Dr Hameed has given more than 30 international presentations across eleven countries. He is an active member of various academic and professional bodies both at national and international levels. He is playing a leading

role in movement for social inclusion through inclusive education. Currently, serving as Dean, School of Social Sciences and Humanities, UMT News spoke to him on some of his achievements and the future of the social sciences in an increasingly technology-driven world.

UMT News: What is the role of the social scientist in today's technology-driven world?

Dr Hameed: Contrary to science, technology directly interfaces with individuals, families and social institutions. It has to be, therefore, acceptable to the social context where it is produced and marketed. All technological innovations must conform to the local values. Any deviation will lead to immediate rejection. However, the technological mega systems such as systems of communication, manufacturing, construction, transportation, etc. continuously and invisibly shape the ways people perceive themselves and the world around them. These systems, which are initially built to serve humanity, eventually start forcing individuals to fit themselves to the system in order to benefit from it. The Internet and social media, for example, not only transform our lives but also continuously question our system of beliefs. This phenomenon constitutes the core subject of study for a social scientist. Social scientists need to address these issues and come up with solutions for a better social order. We should carefully study the impact of technology as an object (a

layman's view), as a process (technologist's view), as knowledge (academic view) and as volition (political view) so that the challenges can be addressed by creating a collective wisdom and will.

UMT News: What are the challenges facing academia in the social sciences?

Dr Hameed: The content of social sciences is changing at alarming pace whereas the existing research paradigms are becoming more and more outdated and irrelevant. There is need to institutionalize the social research in order to promote the local communities of social researchers. The product of social research is not easily marketable so there will be no buyer to invest. The social institutions under state control are the main consumers of social knowledge. It is, therefore, imperative that the state should come forward to invest in this sector. If we are reluctant to grow nurseries of social research today, how can we expect social scientists to provide sufficient knowledge base for the social problems of tomorrow. The social sector is the largest portfolio of any government but its management has

always remained in the hands of irrelevant people. We have certainly failed to produce quality social scientists in sufficient number across its various disciplines. The result is chaos in our social order.

UMT News: There is a widely prevalent view that there is a shortage of qualified academia to fulfill the requirements of the faculty. Do you agree with this observation?

Dr Hameed: The dearth of social scientists is evident by a large number of professionals trained in hard core sciences or professions who hold key positions in the social sector. Some of them become role models and establish a parallel career track for the youth. Several medical professionals have left health services and joined the social sector. They may be performing commendable services in the field but their contribution to social research is extremely limited. Moreover, it is a great loss to public exchequer as they were trained for an expensive profession but could not sustain. Moreover, careers in social sciences unfortunately could not develop as attractive career paths. The academia in social sciences is no exception.

UMT News: A recent Gallup poll revealed that 67% of our students opt for the hard core sciences while only 33% take up the arts or soft core social sciences in their higher education. Most Pakistanis want their children, especially sons, to become doctors, engineers or army men. How can this mindset be changed?

Dr Hameed: Jobs in the social sector, especially in top slots, are open to all qualifications. The bureaucrats who are simple graduates and generalists by their training predominantly occupy these jobs. Unless these jobs are declared technical positions requiring specific master's degree in the social sciences, they cannot be a priority area of study for bright students. In the absence of meritorious students in these disciplines, the academic rigor is below international standards. Statistically speaking, the number of lucrative jobs in the social sciences is far greater than in hard-core sciences. Good governance is mainly a function of good quality social scientists in a country.

UMT News: One of the major reasons for low turnover of students who opt for social sciences has been the lack of lucrative employment opportunities in the sector but this seems to be changing with the influx of foreign and local development bodies, consultancy work, NGOs and emphasis on policy and development. However, is this a sustainable trend and how can we ensure that young people who take up sociology, history, anthropology or literature, for instance, land respectable jobs?

Dr Hameed: Both public and private sector universities do not intend to heavily invest for the growth of social sciences because of low return. There is a wide gap between the salary package of a professor in the social sciences and the one who teaches hard-core sciences. The influx of foreign funding and an ever-growing body of their functionaries can hardly replace a team of academics of high caliber in social sciences who can supervise research and development activities in our universities. The development of human capital in a discipline is the only key to sustainability.

UMT News: HEC has taken a number of steps to promote quality education in social sciences and humanities such as the establishment of Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Pakistan and a committee for Development of Social Sciences, Arts and Humanities. What substantive measures have been taken by these two bodies to promote the social sciences sector?

Dr Hameed: They are doing good work but all the measures we have discussed above do not fall under their jurisdiction. The budget allocations are more symbolic than realistic. The social sciences are still being treated like a "second citizen" everywhere. These measures have hardly changed the value and status of social sciences in our country. A simple comparison of incentives given for research and development in hard and soft sciences can be an eye opener.

UMT News: As Dean of the School of Social Sciences and Humanities at UMT, you have taken a special interest in setting up the Department of Special Education and creating awareness in inclusive education. What is the reason for this focus?

Dr Hameed: I wish to help in making UMT a comprehensive university serving all shades and segments of society. A social scientist must promote human diversity without classifying and labeling to exclude any group of individuals. The seeds of social inclusion are first sowed in universities by accommodating all humans irrespective of their apparent differences. Moreover, Pakistan has recently ratified the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities. We simply wish to implement it.

UMT News: What is the future of academic collaboration with foreign universities in social science research? Are there any such ventures in the offing at UMT?

Dr Hameed: We have initiated dialogue with few foreign universities. But the country is passing through difficult circumstances. A meaningful collaboration starts with exchange of faculty and students. Only one-way exchange is possible these days because of security reasons. We plan to change our direction from West to East. The East has better potential for academic collaboration, I believe.

UMT News: What potential areas of research would you suggest for SSS&H researchers, both faculty members and PhD/MPhil scholars?

Dr Hameed: New lines of research based on ground realities need to be initiated in all social sciences. Prof Dr Hasan Sohaib Murad, Rector UMT, is very supportive for the development of social sciences. A number of initiatives have already been taken by him such as establishment of School of Law and Policy, Institute of Communication and Cultural Studies, Centre for Woman Studies and Special Education. We have recently established Department of Clinical Psychology. We are in the process of setting up Departments of Sociology, Political Sciences, International Relations and Psychology. The main purpose of these seats of higher learning is to boost research activities in these disciplines.

UMT News: How can we build the capacity of young faculty members and PhD/MPhil scholars to conduct both qualitative and quantitative research?

Dr Hameed: The best way of capacity building is to engage in practical research. Since we have failed to establish indigenous lines of research, our researchers do not feel motivated for putting in their best efforts. There is a dire need to develop new lines of research based on our social problem. Research on given alien agenda, even with flooding of funds, cannot create a natural research culture.

UMT News: UMT is better known for its business management, IT and engineering degrees although we are offering some very strong programs in the social sciences as well. How can this perception be changed?

Dr Hameed: Only by producing quality research and disseminating it through our own research journals. The perception of social sciences is not confined to UMT only. We need extended and sustained team efforts for this purpose. We must promote professional bodies in each discipline of social sciences at the national level.

UMT News: What are your short term and long term goals for the School of Social Sciences and Humanities at UMT?

Dr Hameed: Short-term goals include the strengthening of existing departments of the school by inducting the best possible faculty and attracting bright students. Our undergraduate programs have recently reached the first and the toughest milestone of “break even”. The Rector has already advised me to convert these programs into departments. We are focusing on the field of Psychology with its various shades. As far as the long-term goals are concerned, probably sky would be the limit. We wish prospective participants should identify UMT with its School of Social Sciences and Humanities, a vibrant, progressive and still indigenous seat of higher learning. This school houses five faculties of the UMT Charter. The SSSH may give birth to new schools such as School of Communication and Language or School of Islamic Culture and Civilization in future.

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