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From the Editorial Desk

Universities are, first and foremost, breeding grounds for ideas that serve as catalysts for innovation in diverse fields; be it business, management, engineering or civic service, inter-faith relations and education. The purpose is to drive innovation and research, provide thought leadership and engage like-minded individuals to work towards solutions that benefit the society at large.

This explains why UMT invited corporate leaders, business executives, scholars, researchers and policy makers in international and national conferences held at its campus this year. While the 3rd International Conference on Business Management (ICoBM) drew research papers from 7 countries and attracted representation from 40 national universities, the 4th International Conference on Textile and Clothing (ICTC) brought together renowned conglomerates and experts from UK, Germany, China, and Italy at a single platform to discuss a diverse range of topics such as nano-science in textiles, non-wovens and much more.

The national conference on 'creating space for tolerance in an age of extremism' gave impetus to efforts geared towards interfaith harmony and stepping towards a tolerant society. Delivering the Dr Khalifa Abdul Hakim Memorial Lecture, Dr Munawar Anees raised some thought provoking issues on the Muslim predicament: between tolerance and tyranny. So in the first quarter of 2013, UMT took the lead as a forum for exchange of ideas that will, hopefully, lead to creation of knowledge based solutions for the betterment of the communities. This issue of UMT News provides glimpses of all that went on in these conferences besides covering issues of academic interest as well as the wide range of co-/extracurricular activities that went on simultaneously. This however, is just the beginning of another year of milestones achieved and progress made. And the team of UMT News will be there to keep you updated on all such developments.



Academia should lead the race towards competitive economy

Rector UMT Dr Hasan Sohaib Murad addresses 3rd International Conference on Business Management (ICoBM) 2013

The third International Conference on the theme Entrepreneurship, organized by UMT at its purpose-built campus, scores of presenters and corporate speakers in attendance. **Dr Hasan Sohaib Murad**, Rector UMT and Conference academicians, corporate speakers, dignitaries, public policy makers, representatives of business schools.

3rd ICoBM 2013 Highlights
95 peer reviewed research papers from 7 countries, 40 national universities, 30 corporate speakers, 1500 participants, and 550,000 + hits on social media in two days

Business Management (ICoBM) 2013 on Competitiveness, and Academia", organized by UMT at its purpose-built campus, got off to an impressive start with scores of presenters in attendance. **Dr Hasan Sohaib Murad**, Patron, welcomed all delegates, scholars, academicians, corporate speakers, dignitaries, educationists, government representatives of the corporate world and students of business schools.

It is worth mentioning that organizing partners of the conference included Sukkur Institute of Business Administration (Sukkur IBA), Association of Management Development Institutions in South Asia (AMDISA), Association of Management Development Institutions in Pakistan (AMDIP), and the Higher Education Commission (HEC) of Pakistan. The conference presented an ideal opportunity to network with top corporate leaders. Parallel tracks for academic researchers MS/MPhil/PhD students and corporate speakers took place during the two-day event. Apart from Pakistan, speakers from Malaysia, Latvia, India, Australia, China and UK spoke at the conference.

Elaborating the theme of the conference, Dr Hasan said that this is the third in a series of conferences that UMT has been organizing under triple helix themes geared towards development. These themes help explore the connection for economic development and enable discourse on developing strategies and solutions for common problems. Starting from business development, we are now looking at arriving at solutions through research. Dr Hasan said that business, society and academia have to join hands to reach out to form solutions that lead to integrated development of society.

The theme of the conference, 'Entrepreneurship, Competitiveness and Academia', Dr Hasan added, covers everything. Economic productivity and competitiveness go hand in hand. Productivity covers factors that influence competition. And competitiveness is the overarching point of reference for nations looking for a competitive advantage to attract direct investment. The competitiveness of organizations builds competitiveness of nations and of regions. In the past two decades, nations have become competitive and made solid progress. Sadly, Pakistan is not counted among such nations.

It is time to take Pakistan to a global level of a competitive and knowledge-based society



Dr Hasan Sohaib Murad, Rector UMT, addresses inaugural session of 3rd ICoBM 2013

In 2013, Pakistan was ranked 124 in order of competitiveness out of a total of 144 countries – below even Ethiopia and Uganda. Is this our capacity? Is this what we are worth – a nation endowed with abundant natural resources, strategic location and a young population ready to enter the workforce. Dr Hasan said that we are located in the midst of a region that is growing; India, China, Saudi Arabia and the Middle East have burgeoning economies. Dr Hasan said that the demographic advantage of Pakistan - 120 million of its 200 million plus people are young – should be put to good use and it is the prime responsibility of the academia to tap these human resources and increase competitiveness of Pakistan.

Dr Hasan concluded by saying that it is time to take Pakistan to a global level of a competitive and knowledge-based society. The SME sectors should be the focus of our attention. He expressed hope that ICoBM 2013 will pave the way towards collaborative efforts in this direction. He added that many young management scholars of UMT are presenting in the conference as well and this bodes well for the future.

Welcoming the delegates, Dean UMT School of Business and Economics and Conference Chair **Dr Faheem ul Islam** said that ICoBM has now become a successful annual forum for UMT, SBE and partner institutions. Elaborating upon the changes that have taken place at SBE since the last conference, Dr Faheem ul Islam said that we are living in an era of accreditation. The first peer review of SBE by HEC yielded 91% score. SBE received a score of 94% from AMDISA for SAQS accreditation. The School has the strongest PhD program with 106 fulltime management scholars. He informed the audience that the UMT School of Business and Economics PhD program is the largest in Pakistan. He said that we have 250 fulltime MPhil Management scholars in SBE alone. The spillover of these developments is becoming increasingly visible. By 2015-16, most of the faculty will have PhD degrees. He said that SBE is now the best accredited, best ranked business school in the country and the region.

Chief Organizer of the conference **Dr Rukhsana Kalim**, Associate Dean, Center for Graduate Research at UMT Business School, also addressed the opening session. She said that the 3rd ICoBM 2013 aims to build upon the momentum generated by the previous two conferences. As in the previous two conferences, the 3rd ICoBM also has corporate and academic tracks.

In his incisive analysis of the competitiveness of the Pakistani economy, **Dr Nadeem-Ul-Haq**, Deputy Chair Planning Commission, pointed out that we have no entrepreneurship in the country and no competitiveness except for a few individual beacons of success. He said that growth will take place only when we have a climate conducive to competitiveness.

Dr Nadeem-ul-Haque said that we have over 130 universities in the country but few people are aware of the framework for economic growth. The involvement of the academia in the economic framework for development is essential if we are to achieve any measurable level of

progress. That is why the academia has been asked to give their input through research proposals. By definition, universities and academia are a curious body of people; they ask questions and work towards solutions. Dr Nadeem-ul-Haque said we have to compete globally. But we must learn to invest in communities and build cities. He said that conferences like the present one will yield results only if we undertake serious civil service reform and work with government to conduct research geared towards reform and entrepreneurship.

Prof Dr Christine Ennew, Pro-Vice Chancellor, University of Nottingham, gave the keynote address through video link. She focused on the beneficial impact of international higher education on societies. She said that globalization is not something new in education; scholars have always been on the move and knowledge knows no boundaries. What is new is the scale and diversity in international higher education. The major benefit to the host institution lies in the enhanced capacity of working with the best global talent. There has been unprecedented expansion in the growth of international higher education from 1970 onwards.

She said that foreign students drive innovation and research. The most successful economies in the world are capturing some of the best global talent. She emphasized the point that economies benefit from international higher education. As the academic institutions compete to attract the best talent, the ability to contribute to knowledge economy increases. Direct financial advantages accrue and more funding becomes available for research and development. Dr Christine said that the global talent pool of foreign students drives international competitiveness and leads to solutions of global problems.

In his brief address, **Dr Ghulam Ali** from Sukkur IBA pointed out that Sukkur IBA is offering services in a rural part of Sind and has been ranked as the 4th best in Pakistan by the HEC; this he said is no small achievement. He advised students to sit together, exchange ideas and develop a collaborative approach.

Frank P Talluto from the US Consulate shared the role of the US government in promoting higher education in the country. He said that various development programs funded by the US government have been working with their Pakistani counterparts to promote technology transfer, host business plan competitions, help in eco-

conomic growth and job creation, hire and train more women in the workforce, etc. He also promoted the idea of exchange study programs in the US.

3rd ICoBM 2013 concludes after 2 days of meaningful deliberations

The 3rd ICoBM concluded in a brief ceremony in the evening of February 28, 2013. Giving an overview of the two-day conference, **Dr Munawar Anees**, Director, Center for Global Dialogue, UMT, said that Dr Hasan's impassioned plea to academia and industry to collaborate to raise the level of competitiveness in Pakistan needs to be taken up seriously.

He said that Dr Hasan was right to point out that we can no longer afford to be stuck at the bottom tier of competitiveness.

A wide range of papers ranging from knowledge management and banking remittances to brain drain, IT, e-commerce, globalization, and women in business were presented. Corporate sponsors contributed Rs 1.5 million to the conference.

Dr Munawar Anees said that modern societies present a complex blend of competitive elements and both qualitative and quantitative aspects of growth should be taken into account. He added that leading global thinkers are of the view that responsible competitiveness is an integral ingredient of sustainable development of modern economies. He said that Dr Hasan's stance for vital linkages between professional bodies and academia has been vindicated by the views presented in the conference.

In his brief concluding remarks, Dr Hasan Sohaib Murad, Rector UMT, said that the 3rd ICoBM presented two days of meaningful deliberations as ten concurrent sessions were held on hour-to-hour basis. He said that the conference was protocol free in order to make it an avenue for open discourse and exchange of ideas.

He said that the triple helix themes of the ICoBM help explore linkages and see new connections from another point of view. Over a period of time, a formidable body of knowledge will be built up as a result of the knowledge accumulated during the conferences.

Dr Hasan Sohaib Murad took the opportunity to thank everyone involved in making the 3rd ICoBM 2013 a great success. He expressed his appreciation of the support provided by partner institutions and sponsors.



Dr Ghulam Ali from Sukkur IBA receives conference souvenir from Dr Hasan Sohaib Murad



Dr Faheem ul Islam, Dean SBE, explains how the ICoBM has spearheaded progress at the UMT business school



Dr Munawar Anees presents an overview of the 2-day 3rd ICoBM 2013 at the concluding ceremony



Organizers, volunteers and ushers at the concluding ceremony of 3rd ICoBM 2013

Dr Datuk Seri Mohamed shares Malaysian recipe for economic success

In an exclusive corporate session held on day 2 of the conference, Dr Datuk Seri Mohamed Iqbal, Chairman of the Malaysian Institute of Management (MIM), shared the success story of the Malaysian experiment with entrepreneurship that has led to the rise of an enterprising business class. The following is an exclusive report of the widely attended session.

Introducing Dr Datuk Seri Mohamed Iqbal, **Dr Hasan Sohaib Murad** drove home the point that with a population of 28 million people, Malaysia is ranked 14th in global competitiveness. Its trade volume is \$ 1 trillion with a trade surplus of \$ 200 billion. Surely, then, Pakistan has much to partake from the Malaysian recipe of economic prosperity. And Dr Datuk has been associated with the Malaysian economic transformation as academician and institution-builder.

Dr Datuk said that he was more than privileged to be invited to the 3rd ICoBM 2013; he added that the two drivers of economic prosperity are management and technology and so the founders of UMT must be congratulated on their foresight. Addressing the students, he said that textbook learning is different from the real world; there is always something more that the real world can teach you – more competition for one. And this competition will get tougher as more and more players join the race to become successful.

Entrepreneurship is the French word for 'undertaker' which of course means someone who puts you to rest in the grave. But on a positive note, an entrepreneur means a person who organizes a gamut of things for economic success. The question that many people ask is whether entrepreneurs can be made or they are born? There is no simple answer to this question but Dr Datuk illustrated the Malaysian experience to elaborate the situation. Giving a background of the Malaysian foray into the economic sphere, Dr Datuk said that Malaysia became independent from the British Raj in 1957. At that time, Malaysia was number one rubber producer in the world but the economic scene presented a very lopsided view. The political upheaval that followed the May 13 incident led the government to analyze the prevailing economic disparity and embark upon an ambitious program of reform. In Malaysia, 65% people are Malay Muslims while about 30% are Chinese; the Chinese dominated the economy- they were the businessmen while the Malays were rural people. In a nutshell, 60-70% of productive economic assets were in foreign hands. Such social stratification and identification of race with work/job was of course bad for the economy. The New Economic Policy of 1970 gave incentives for the Malay Muslims to become entrepreneurs and businessmen. Dr Datuk was associated with setting up national entrepreneurial center to train entrepreneurs. They studied the Appalachian Indians in Pennsylvania, USA; came to Gujrat, Pakistan; and even to Hyderabad, India. In all three places, some sort of entrepre-

neurship programs were in place. When the team told the Malaysian government that it was time to train, 25 of the initial trainers brought in to train the Malay Muslims resigned and set up their own businesses. That Dr Datuk, added, was proof of the success of the program.

On an important point, Dr Datuk said that Islam encourages and promotes entrepreneurship; the Holy Prophet (SAW) was an entrepreneur. And from a purely social point of view, the *zakat* that a rich entrepreneur pays does more good than an ordinary person's *zakat* because although both pay the same percentage of *zakat*, the entrepreneur's share becomes larger because he earns more.

Today, a strong business class has been created in Malaysia and the Malay Muslim businessmen are going global. The Central Bank lends to people setting up their own ventures. The bank's lending practice has been adapted for indigenous use on the Grameen Model. The Malaysian Institute of Management has set up a business school, not on the HBS model, but on a street smart model suited to local use.

Giving his comments on Dr Datuk's talk, **Dr A R Kausar** thanked the distinguished speaker for sharing the Malaysian model of economic success. He said that during one of his visits to Malaysia, he came across the AL Bokhari University that owed its establishment to an entrepreneur who had devoted some of his money to social work. Today, 10 Pakistani students are studying in the university through a global program that offers education to needy students.

The session concluded on a question and answer session. The audience asked questions ranging from the scope of micro entrepreneurship and role of government in promoting entrepreneurship to how white collar workers may become entrepreneurs.



Attendees of the corporate session on the Malaysian experience in entrepreneurship

UMT hosts 4th International Conference on Textile and Clothing (ICTC) 2013

Strengthen textile industry to revive national economy; speakers at the 4th ICTC 2013

The School of Textile and Design at University of Management and Technology (UMT), Lahore, hosted the 4th International Conference on Textile and Clothing (ICTC) at Lahore Expo Center on March 28-30, 2013. This conference has brought together renowned conglomerates and experts from UK, Germany, China, and Italy at a single platform to discuss a diverse range of topics such as nano-science in textiles, non-wovens, geo-textiles, conductive textiles, recyclable textiles, etc.

In his welcome address at the opening session of the conference, **Dr Hasan Sohaib Murad**, Rector UMT, said that UMT started textile diploma programs in 1992. Today, UMT is offering both graduate and master level textile programs that are being taught using the latest curriculum, best practices, and hands-on learning in the use of modern technology. Dr Hasan said that all programs are based on experiential learning. He added that these programs are so well accepted in the market that the Institute of Textile and Fashion Design in Faisalabad has introduced the same for its students. Deliberating on strengthening the textile education in the country, Dr Hasan Sohaib Murad was of the view that Pakistan Engineering Council (PEC) should also help in registration and facilitation of textile graduates. He advised APTMA representatives to consider setting up a mechanism whereby APTMA itself should accredit textile programs. Dr Hasan added that UMT textile graduates are working in good positions in the textile industry. This testifies to the industry-driven programs that are taught at the university. He said that textile and related industries' exports account for \$13 billion which is a sizable chunk of the total exports of the country. As such, the textile industry is the backbone of the national economy and all of us should do as much as possible to make it grow.

Sheikh Azhar Majeed, Chairman Arzoo Textile Mills and Vice Chairman Federation of Chambers and Commerce, said that the Pakistani textile industry is facing serious energy crisis. He said that out of a total of 365 days in the year, the industry is operational only for 150 to 180 days. This has had a seriously negative effect on the overall productivity of the textile sector and has contributed to a sharp decrease in the country's exports. He said that the deteriorating law and order situation in the country is another factor that has had adverse effects. Buyers hesitate to come to Pakistan and have shifted elsewhere.

Sheikh Azhar further said that in past tenures, 7000 km gas lines were laid for domestic consumers. As things stand today, 70% of the gas is given to domestic consumers; the rest goes to IPPs and CNG stations and the industry gets only a fraction of the gas. In India, on the contrary, there is no policy for giving gas connections to the domestic consumer. Azhar Majeed said that the total import bill of the country is \$ 40 billion while the export bill is \$ 25 billion. The \$15 billion deficit can be removed



Textile professionals and distinguished guests attend proceedings of 4th ICTC 2013

if the textile sector is allowed to flourish. On a positive note, he said that Pakistan has great potential, resources and committed people who can rise up to any challenge. He said that Singapore which is a one-city country with \$ 250 billion exports, has reached this stature through the right policies. Pakistan can also revive its economy provided that the right policies are adopted. He concluded on a special note of appreciation for Dr Hasan Sohaib Murad, Rector UMT, who he said has made significant contributions to textile education through the introduction of industry-driven programs. He said that he was deeply impressed by the quality of the programs and the textile laboratory facilities at UMT. **S M Qutab**, Fellow of Textile Institute (FTI), and Chairman Textile Institute UK (Pakistan Chapter), gave the note of thanks to all the participants, sponsors, exhibitors and textile professionals who had worked hand-in-hand to organize the conference. He said that the collaborative efforts of all of them had made it possible to organize the 4th ICTC 2013. **Chaudhry Usman Ali**, Chairman Sandal Group of Industries, said that the dyeing and chemicals industry was set up in Pakistan in 1980 with help from Bayer. He said that today we share 50% production with them and our exports go to countries like Bangladesh, Spain, Italy and Iran. Chaudhry Sahib added that we can reduce our import bill significantly by strengthening this sector of the economy. At the end, **Dr Nabeel Amin**, Director, School of Textile and Design at UMT, thanked all the speakers, distinguished guests from the corporate and textile sector, delegates, textile professionals and other dignitaries for gracing the occasion with their presence. He expressed hope that the 3-day event would lead to meaningful exchange of information and ideas that would help in developing the textile industry.

It is worth mentioning that the 4th ICTC 2013 was held in collaboration with Textile Institute (TI) UK (Pakistan Chapter), Society for Dyers and Colourists (SDC) UK (Pakistan Chapter) and MEGATECH. The aim of the conference was to showcase sustainable products, exploring ways and means of improving exports.

UMT hosts National Conference on Creating Space for Tolerance in an age of Extremism

Develop solutions and strategies to address extremism: Dr Hasan Sohaib Murad

In the interest of interfaith harmony and stepping towards a tolerant society, Center for Global Dialogue, in association with Institute of Islamic Culture, Lahore, and Institute of Communication and Cultural Studies, University of Management and Technology, Lahore, held a national conference: Creating Space for Tolerance in an Age of Extremism, today at the UMT campus. The conference was attended by intellectuals, dignitaries, enlightened members of the general public and students of the University. In his keynote address, **Dr Hasan Sohaib Murad**, Rector UMT, said that extremism is a known menace that is threatening society and weakening our institutions. The way forward is to address it boldly, develop solutions and strategies and figure a way out of the problem.

Dr Hasan said that extremism has different meanings for different people. Generally speaking, people at difference sides of the fence or at opposing ends of the arena have different takes on various issues. Extremism begins when reasoning is compromised, when our ability to rationalize is affected. This leads to various shades of extremism and affects our ability to live with people of diverse views and faith. Sometimes, extremism is a function of power play and extremist tendencies are manifested as a reaction to display of power. Elaborating the conflict of ideas, Dr Hasan said that the world is a battleground of ideas. Perhaps there is nothing wrong with this contest of ideas. The world's history is replete with examples of execution of power which has been adopted as the preferred methods to enforce the preferred point of view. However, there are also two features of human society that help to deal with this. One is that people want to live in peace. And the other is the law of moderation which says that a moderate view is always good. It is this aspect of human society that enables it to reach out to diverse segments of society for cross-fertilization of ideas.

Dr Rafia Hasan, Member Board of Governors, Institute of Islamic Culture, said that it is imperative that the spirit of the message of a liberal progressive interpretation of Islam be promoted through positive steps that stop retrogressive forces. She added that this was indeed in keeping with the vision of the Quaid-e-Azam and also of people like Dr Khalifa Abdul Hakim whose progressive interpretation of Islam needs to be propagated more widely. She said that she was looking forward to the Dr Khalifa Abdul Hakim Memorial Lecture today which is being delivered by a scholar of international repute and standing. Delivering the Dr Khalifa Abdul Hakim Memorial Lecture for the current year, **Dr Munawar Anees**, Director, Center for Global Dialogue, UMT, spoke on the topic "The Muslim Predicament: between Tolerance and Tyranny". The debate he said, is profuse with an incipient terminology that includes phrases like permissive relativism and rationalist fundamentalism. This discourse has pitted religion against everything else. Dr Anees said that irrespective of cultural and political manifestation of religious sentiment, religion per se has never been uprooted even by the use of force. Religion remains an integral part of the mass consciousness in the South as well as in the North in spite of the onslaught it has faced from communism and secularism. On

an important note, Dr Anees pointed out that fundamentalism is a Christian term that has Christian connotations and dates back to the 19th century Princeton theologians. There are no sociological or historical parallels between the fundamentalists and the Muslims. He said that history bears witness to Muslim tolerance. Compare the massacre of 40,000 Muslims in Jerusalem at the hands of the first crusaders with the recapture of Jerusalem by Sultan Salahuddin Ayyubi who shed not a single drop of non-Muslim blood. Even in contemporary times, the citizens of the only Muslim majority country in the heart of Albania write of the rescue of Jews on their territory by Albanians (both Muslims and Christians) during World War II. He said that the Muslim world today is facing tremendous pressure on account of the post-colonial geo-politics and the Ummah is paying a heavy price for this. Pakistan, the first ever geopolitical entity carved in the name of Islam was torn into two pieces in less than 25 years of its existence. Palestine continues to suffer to this day. Afghanistan lies in ruins. The Islamic world is torn with strife and conflict. And yet people like Bernard Lewis, Danile Pipes and Judith Miller convey that the Islamic world is an enemy of the West. This seems to be a deliberate effort to alienate the Muslim world.



Dr Munawar Anees delivers the Dr Khalifa Abdul Hakim Memorial Lecture

On an important note Dr Anees said that Islam will remain the defining paradigm in the Muslim world. However, the Muslim predicament, no matter, how deep, is not a burden of the West. It is upto the Muslim world to realize that their future lies in their resolve to put their own house in order. Dr Anees reminded the audience that historical evidence favors the view of Muslim fidelity to their religious doctrines. However, the rising intra-Muslim strife, violence against women, sectarian murders, violation of rights of other faith communities, and violence as a political instrument under the guise of Islam are highly disturbing trends that need to be arrested. The universal ideological matrix for compassion, mercy, kindness, forgiveness, harmony and tolerance as enunciated by the Holy Quran and the Prophetic tradition, which depict true Islamic values, must be projected to the outside world.

The event also hosted a multi-faith display, Gifts of Faith, where people from different faiths displayed their prayer books for free distribution or offered event-related items.

Glowing tributes paid to Late Qazi Hussain Ahmed in special ceremony held at UMT campus

A gathering of intellectuals, journalists, scholars and businessmen paid glowing tributes to the Late Qazi Hussain Ahmed, former *Emir Jamaat-e-Islami*, in a special program held in his memory at the UMT campus, Lahore. The program was organized by UMT in collaboration with Pakistan Business Forum and AFAQ.

Eulogizing the services rendered by the respected religious scholar, politician and advocate of the unity of the Muslim Ummah, the speakers were unanimous in declaring that the vacuum left by the demise of Qazi Sahib will never be filled. The speakers included **Dr Shabbir Ahmed Mansoori**, **Asif Luqman Qazi**, **Mujeeb-ur-Rahman Shami**, **Orya Maqbool Jan**, **Zaeem Qadri**, **Dr Hasan Sohaib Murad**, **Shahid Warsi** and **Amir-ul-Azeem**.

Dr Hasan Sohaib Murad, Rector UMT, said that Qazi Sahib was only human but he was unique. He belonged to a family of ulema; he was like the sun that rises every morning to dispel darkness. He said that Qazi Sahib was the rock that never got broken even when it was hit by waves. He was the lighthouse that gave direction to all who were illuminated by its light. Dr Hasan said that we may have buried Qazi Sahib's body but his influence and lasting contributions to the cause of Islam will always be remembered.

Dr Hasan said that it was Qazi Sahib who gave new life to the cause of the unity of Muslim *Ummah*. He gave voice to the sufferings of the Kashmiri Muslims. He raised his voice against oppression of Muslims anywhere in the world. Dr Hasan said that Qazi Sahib was a leader in the real sense of the word. He saw what others could not foresee. He was the personification of goodness and his vision was astounding. Dr Shabbir Ahmed Mansoori, Director Maududi Academy, said that the uniqueness of Qazi Sahib was that every person felt a personal loss in his death. He said that Qazi Sahib was the personification of both *jihad* and *ijtehad*. He was a great orator and could sway people by the force of his argument.

Amir-ul-Azeem, said that Qazi Hussain Ahmed joined the *Jamaat-e-Islami* in 1970 and worked tirelessly for its progress. He went from village to village, door to door, met people from all walks of life. So it is no chance that he became the emir of the *Jamaat-e-Islami* after 17 years of service. His passion and commitment to the *Jamaat-e-Islami* was well known and acknowledged by every single worker of the *Jamaat*. Reminiscing about the vision of the Late Qazi Sahib, Amir-ul-Azeem said that he began working on Central Asia way back in the seventies and produced Russian translations of Islamic literature. No one except Qazi Sahib could have foreseen the significance that these areas would assume towards the close of the century. He said that he alone foresaw how the stage was being set for a unipolar world in the guise of crisis after crisis such as the Gulf War, Iraqi occupation and the Afghan war. Shahid Warsi, Executive Director, AFAQ, said that funeral prayers were offered for Qazi Sahib in 35 countries and the *Imam-e-Kaaba* himself offered prayers for him. Only a leader with a global status can have such a following. Shahid Warsi said that Qazi Sahib visited AFAQ in 2006 and showed keen interest in re-

search and educational projects undertaken by AFAQ. He was opposed to the rising number of educational institutions offering secular education in Pakistan and wanted to change this state of affairs. Renowned journalist Mujib-ur-Rahman Shami, Chief Editor, Pakistan, said that he met Qazi Sahib way back in 1972 through a mutual friend. Even then, Qazi Sahib displayed a special interest in the possible turn of events in Central Asia and Afghanistan. He said that Qazi Sahib was a workaholic; it seems that he never rested and his efforts had a global impact. He was instrumental in the establishment of the *Tehrik-e-Islami* in Afghanistan. Elaborating Qazi Sahib's contribution in the development of the *Jamaat* in Pakistan, he said that he ensured a distinct status to it on the political scene. His efforts were crucial in the formation of the *Milli Yak Jehti Council*, the MMA and the IJI. After Maulana Maududi, he was the most well known face of the *Jamaat* and was a household name.

Zaeem Qadri, MPA, Muslim League (N), said that it is a great honor for him to say a few words in reference to the memory of a man who belonged to all Pakistanis, irrespective of political affiliation. He said that Qazi Sahib had the gift of convincing people through the sheer force of logic. He took this opportunity to convey a special message of condolence from Nawaz Sharif.

Asif Luqman Qazi, son of the late Qazi Hussain Ahmed, said that the greatest service that educational institutions like UMT can render is to educate the young generation about the characteristics that made Qazi Sahib so great. The mission of educational institutions should be to nurture leaders whose hearts beat for the *Ummah*. He said that his lasting memories of his father are that of a person who loved humanity, who wanted to unite the Muslim *Ummah*, who devoted every ounce of his energy towards this cause, who gave hope to others, and in the end, departed for the hereafter as a man who has fulfilled his mission in life.

In his tribute to Qazi Sahib, renowned columnist Orya Maqbool Jan said that his was a graceful presence on the Pakistani political scene. An exceptionally sincere person dedicated to the resurgence of Islam and progress of Pakistan, Qazi Sahib was an ardent admirer of the philosophy and teaching of Allama Iqbal.

The graceful ceremony concluded on a short documentary on the life of the Late Qazi Hussain Ahmed and special *dua*.



Dr Hasan Sohaib Murad, Rector UMT, pays tribute to the great services rendered to Pakistan and Islam by the Late Qazi Hussain Ahmed



Dr Hasan Sohaib Murad presides over 9th Council Meeting of NBEAC

The ninth council meeting of the National Business Education Accreditation Council (NBEAC) was held on January 24, 2013 at Lecture Hall, Higher Education Commission, Islamabad. Prof **Dr Hasan Sohaib Murad**, Chairman NBEAC, presided over the meeting.

Speaking on the occasion, the Chairman welcomed the council members and briefed them about the tremendous progress made by NBEAC in the past few months. The Chairman reported that after pilot project of ten business programs, NBEAC has performed accreditation visits for 6 programs and 3 business schools. The accreditation awarding decision for the 3 business schools has been done during the meeting. He also reported that NBEAC has performed eight Accreditation Guidance Committee (AGC) visits to guide the business schools for preparation of Self-Assessment Report. He appreciated the AIC and AGC members for their commitment to make the visits successful and spared their precious time for the visits. In response to the ABE-Level 6 proposal, Dr Hasan advised the Country Head Mr Abidi to elaborate their agenda and forward to relevant departments of HEC.

During the meeting, Accreditation Inspection Reports (AIC) of Jinnah University for Women, ISRA, Hyderabad and NUML, Islamabad, were reviewed by the council members. The council decided to award accreditation to two business schools and four programs. All the participants confirmed the decisions taken in the previously held eighth council meeting. The complete rubric for nine performa was approved by the Council Members along with the weightages of performa. The expense statement 2012-13 of NBEAC was also presented before the Council Members. It was proposed to write to different stakeholders to raise funds to strengthen the functions of the NBEAC. At the end of the meeting, First Accreditation Award Ceremony was held to present shields and certificates and reports to the deans and directors of accredited business schools. Being the chief guest, **Dr Javaid Laghari**, Chairman HEC, applauded the progress of the Business Council.

He commented that only prosperity and economics will be the outcome at the end of the day; so the quality of business education should be ensured strictly to produce good quality product. The meeting was attended by **Dr Muhammad Nishat**, **Prof Amanullah Khan**, **Dr Zafar Iqbal Jadoon**, **Prof Dr Mushtaq Ali Sajid**, **Prof Barkat Ali**, **Ashfaq Ahmed Qadri**, **Khalid Khan**, **Fazal Abbas Maiken** and **Prof Dr Anwar Ali Shah**.

UMT sets up School of Governance and Society

UMT has established the School of Governance and society (SGS) in a pioneering initiative to launch interdisciplinary programs in government studies.

These programs would focus on multiple knowledge sources, decision-making hierarchies, functioning, administration, politics and policy paradigms pursued by governments in a dynamic national setting.

The underlying aim of studying government is to enable prospective learners to systematically examine the governmental and social institutions in our society, assess prospects for reform and effect change. A team of dedicated professionals with vast experience has been formed to launch the new school and introduce its programs to

the prospective students. SGS aims to provide a platform for free inquiry on governance and societal issues by producing research and scholarly work on Government Studies and Public Policy. While learning from the global experience like that from the Kennedy School of Government, the UNC School of Government North Carolina, the Department of Government in the London School of Economics, the recently established Blavatnik School of Government in the Oxford University, the École nationale d'administration (ÉNA) in France, Australia New Zealand School of Government (ANZSOG) in Melbourne, the UMT School of Governance and Society will be offering programs, tailored for the needs of Pakistan.

CLP sets up Pakistan's first legal clinic at UMT Law

The Center for Law and Policy (CLP) set up Pakistan's first proper legal clinic at UMT School of Law and Policy (UMT Law) on January 1, 2013. The idea of Commercial Law Clinic (CLC) was conceived by **Syed Imad-ud-Din Asad**, Founder and Director, Center for Law and Policy; Founding Director and Associate Professor, UMT School of Law and Policy, during the first GTLE conference, titled "Clinical and Experiential Learning," hosted by CLP in Lahore on August 11, 2012.

CLC will be offered to UMT Law students pursuing LL.M. in Commercial Law. It will allow the participants to have a thorough experience of commercial practice and, consequently, improve their applied skills in the process. Students interested in learning about the practicalities of commercial transactions will take CLC, as an additional course, for no extra charge.

The participants will gain hands-on knowledge about a number of matters like antitrust, banking and finance, business formation, capital markets, commercial insolvency, commercial leasing, contract negotiation, preparation, and review, corporate governance, corporate restructuring, intellectual property, licensing, mergers, acquisitions, and takeovers, partnership and shareholder agreements, sale of goods, settlement of commercial disputes, transnational commercial law, taxation, etc.

CLP is grateful to **Daniel Austin**, J.D. (Columbia), Associate Professor, Northeastern University School of Law, and **Chad Carr**, J.D. (Harvard), Lecturer, Harvard Law School, for their comments and suggestions that tremendously helped in setting up the clinical program.

MoU signed between BU Law and UMT Law

Boston University School of Law (BU Law) and UMT School of Law and Policy (UMT Law) signed a MoU on March 6, 2013 in order to initiate and promote academic cooperation and interaction between the two. Realizing their common advantage in setting up and developing academic collaboration, BU Law and UMT Law have agreed to focus on the development of the latter's graduate students.

BU Law offers summer programs in London and Budapest; and Executive LL.M. in International Business Law in Budapest. UMT Law will encourage its graduate students to attend the summer programs and to take courses, on a non-degree basis, in the LL.M. The credits earned in the summer programs or the LL.M. will be considered towards the degree requirements at UMT Law.

The MoU was signed by **Willis G Wang**, Vice President and Associate Provost for Global Programs, Boston University, and **Syed Imad-ud-Din Asad**, Founding Director and Associate Professor, UMT School of Law and Policy, at Boston University, USA. **John N Riccardi**, Assistant Dean for Graduate and International Programs, Boston University School of Law, and Professor Asad will be the contact persons at BU Law and UMT Law respectively.



Syed Imad-ud-Din Asad with Professor Susan Akram and Professor John Riccardi

MoU signed between BU Law and CLP

Boston University School of Law (BU Law) and Center for Law and Policy (CLP) signed an MoU on February 26, 2013 in order to initiate and promote academic cooperation and interaction between the two. Realizing their common advantage in setting up and developing academic collaboration, BU Law and CLP have agreed to focus on the development of the latter's faculty and staff.

BU Law offers summer programs in London and Budapest; and Executive LL.M. in International Business Law in Budapest. CLP will send its faculty and staff to the summer programs to take courses, on a non-degree basis, in the LL.M. The credits earned in the summer programs or the LL.M. will be considered towards Continuing Legal Education (CLE).



Syed Imad-ud-Din Asad with Professor John Riccardi and Professor Martin Lacado

The MoU was signed by Willis G Wang, Vice President and Associate Provost for Global Programs, Boston University, and **Syed Imad-ud-Din Asad**, Founder and Director, Center for Law and Policy, at UMT. **John N Riccardi**, Assistant Dean for Graduate and International Programs, Boston University School of Law, and Professor Asad will be the contact persons at BU Law and CLP respectively.

Academic progress made by UMT appreciated in Academic Council meeting

"UMT has grown in every academic department and the market has responded well to the new programs introduced by the University in the past year," stated **Dr Hasan Sohaib Murad**, Rector UMT. He was giving his opening remarks in the 15th Meeting of the Academic Council of UMT. Dr Hasan said that this is the time when wholehearted efforts should be made to excel in all academic parameters. On a special note, he added that quality enhancement initiatives as per the guidelines of the HEC should be strengthened. Deans and Directors of various schools and institutes of UMT, Lahore, presented progress reports of the past year. Semester activity reports and overview of the quality of new programs launched last year were also presented. The discussion focused on new measures to be adopted to facilitate the students and uphold the highest standards of academic excellence. Future development plans, such as the establishment of the Institute of Communication and Cultural Studies, new programs in civil engineering, mechanical engineering, etc, and other academic development initiatives were also discussed. **Asif Saeed Haider**, Director, UMT Sialkot Campus, presented a report on the progress of the campus. He said that the market has given an overwhelming response to the UMT Sialkot campus. The local community has been attracted by the academic quality of the programs and the highly competent faculty. He said that the UMT Sialkot campus is poised to become the referral point for higher education by the local community and adjoining areas.



Meeting of the Academic Council in progress



ILM Fund to empower students to manage finances; Rector UMT Dr Hasan Sohaib Murad chairs meeting



In a special meeting of the ILM Fund chaired by Rector UMT **Dr Hasan Sohaib Murad**, the modalities for the collection and disbursement of the finances of the Fund were discussed. Dr Hasan said that the driving force of the ILM Fund would be the students themselves who will be empowered to manage and disburse the funds through a merit based and transparent process. Dr Hasan added that students would be asked to contribute generously in order to help other students who need financial assistance for pursuing higher education. Every school\institute at UMT will have its own Scholarship Fund Committee.

On an important note, Rector UMT apprised the attendees of the meeting that ILM Fund will have a separate permanent account. The funds collected in the account will be used exclusively for financial assistance of students and will not be utilized for any other ILM Project.

It is worth mentioning that the ILM Fund develops and maintains programs for financial assistance and scholarships to ensure broad student participation that reaches out to all strata of society. The ILM Fund relies on generosity of individuals who are willing to make their contributions to meet the educational expenses of talented and deserving students. The rationale for encouraging students to contribute in the Fund is based on the idea that universities should develop self-sustainable programs geared towards providing a safety net for those students who need financial support to pursue their higher education.

The fund raising initiative of the ILM Fund coincides with the Higher Education Commission's (HEC) National Education Fundraising Week involving all universities of the country. The rationale of this collaborative effort is to encourage people to invest in education because that is the long term solution to our problems as a nation and society. A vibrant higher education sector is vital for sustainable development because it generates new knowledge leading to breakthroughs for the benefit of individuals and society.

SBE-UMT is an affiliate institute of HBS Microeconomics of Competitiveness Network

UMT School of Business and Economics has been displayed on the website of Harvard Business School among the list of Affiliate Institutions - part of the Microeconomics of Competitiveness Network (MOC) of Harvard Business School. This is by far the most influential Global network, led by Harvard University, of over 100 top world universities and over 40 leading research centers in the area of Economic Competitiveness; Business Strategy and Development. The MOC network is much respected by the World Economic Forum, The World Bank, US, EU and Governments of advanced nations around the World. As the MOC Affiliate of Harvard Business School, SBE/UMT, is now allowed to teach Microeconomics of Competitiveness Course, with the same name and latest cases and content that are taught in the MBA Program of Harvard University. Harvard University would provide the cases and the content along with full course platform support to SBE/UMT. The MOC course will be offered in Spring 2013, to PhD, MS/MPhil students and Senior Executives enrolled in the MBA Programs of SBE.

Congratulations!

This is indeed a moment to acknowledge the leadership and vision of Dr Hasan Sohaib Murad for his inspiring leadership and vision and the hard work of SBE teachers who gave their best over the years in building SBE and UMT.

Tin-yu Wang from Hong Kong University of Science and Technology visits UMT

Tin-yu Wang, Director, Professional Program and External Development, School of Engineering Professional Program, Hong Kong University of Science and Technology, visited UMT on February 4, 2013. He met **Dr A R Kausar**, Director IAS, **Dr Abdul Aziz Bhatti**, Dean SST, and Asad-ur-Rahman Khan, Director, International Linkages.

The School of Engineering of the Hong Kong University of Science and Technology (HKUST) is interested in recruiting UMT graduates in joining their MSc Engineering programs in Hong Kong.

Although HKUST is only 21 years old, its Engineering School has managed to rise to among the top 30 in the world. It is currently ranked 23rd in the world according to the London Times Higher Education Supplement. Compared to similar ranked engineering schools, tuition fees of HKUST Engineering MSc programs are 1/3 to 1/2 of what they charge in the US or UK.



Dr A R Kausar, Director IAS, presents UMT souvenir to Tin-yu Wang from HKUST

PEC grants re-accreditation to UMT BS-Electrical Engineering Batches 11 and 12

UMT community will be proud to note that Pakistan Engineering Council (PEC) has granted re-accreditation to UMT BS-Electrical Engineering program's intake of 2008 (Batches 11 and 12).

This achievement has been made possible by continuous encouragement of Rector UMT **Dr Hasan Sohaib Murad**. The efforts and hard work of all members of the electrical engineering department at UMT deserve the highest appreciation from the UMT community.

Muhammad Zakria and Muhammad Shahid Hassan win 16th Hajj Draw

Muhammad Zakria, Filing Assistant, ORG (Employee Code 6199), and **Muhammad Shahid Hassan**, Assistant Professor, SBE (Employee Code 6346) have won the 16th Hajj Draw held on Friday, March 8, 2013. **Dr Hasan Sohaib Murad**, Rector, UMT, conducted the Hajj Draw and announced the names of the winners. On behalf of the UMT community, we congratulate Muhammad Zakria and Muhammad Shahid Hassan and request them to remember all of us in their prayers during Hajj.

JICA delegation from Japan visits UMT

The Department of Basic Sciences, School of Science and Technology, UMT, invited a delegation of expert scientists and engineers from Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA), Asia Kyodo-Sekkei Consultant Company (AKC) and TSG/NTDC WAPD to visit UMT on January 23, 2013.

Abid H K Shirwani, Director External Affairs, UMT, gave welcome address to the distinguished guests. **Zaheer Hussain Shah**, Chairman, Department of Basic Sciences, gave an inspiring and informative presentation to the worthy guests, in which he highlighted the UMT academic programs and research activities especially in SST. During the presentation, **Ahmad Abdullah**, Head OHR, **Asif Saeed Haider**, Director, Sialkot campus, UMT, and CoDs of different departments of SST were also present.

JICA is providing high quality international cooperation to meet the needs of people living in developing countries. JICA team group leader **Kenji Nandoh** and other members **Mr Tanaka**, **Mr Saito**, and **Dr Kawanaka** admired the efforts of UMT and gave very positive response for future collaboration in the field of training and research. After the formal presentation sessions in the RS Board Room and lunch, the delegate toured the UMT campus including the laboratories and the library. At the end, Abid H K Dhirwani and Zaheer Hussain Shah presented souvenirs to the honorable guests.



JICA delegates visit SST laboratory

Rector UMT awards merit certificates to students of UMT Sialkot campus

Rector UMT **Dr Hasan Sohaib Murad** was the chief guest in a special ceremony held at UMT campus, Sialkot, on March 14, 2013 to award rector and dean's merit certificates to outstanding students. **Asif Saeed Haider**, Director, UMT Sialkot Campus, was also present on this occasion.

Dr Hasan advised the students of UMT Sialkot campus to devote their full energies towards their education. He said that UMT has set up the Sialkot campus in view of the rising demand for quality higher education that was coming from this area.



Rector UMT Dr Hasan Sohaib Murad presents merit certificate to an outstanding student of UMT Sialkot campus

Dr Munawar Anees conducts seminar on epistemological foundations of research

At the invitation of newly established Institute of Communication and Cultural Studies (ICCS), **Dr Munawar Anees**, Director General, Institute of Islamic Banking, conducted a seminar on teaching research methodology in RS Board Room on February 15, 2013. The entire ICCS Faculty was in attendance since this event was a part of the ICCS program on faculty development. Dr Anees discussed some of the epistemological issues in research methodology. He particularly referred to the role of worldview and values in research constructs and the social impact of manufactured knowledge. In the background of this conceptual matrix he moved on to discuss the mechanical dimension of research involving research paper writing. Here he made reference to issues of style, bibliographical integrity, automated databases, naming conventions, transliteration, etc. Finally, he briefed the audience on research presentation skills.



Attendees of the seminar on epistemological issues in research snapped with Dr Munawar Anees who conducted the seminar

DSS welcomes Rabi-ul-Awwal by discussing faith based compassion

The Department of Social Sciences at UMT organized a seminar to welcome the month of Rabi ul Awwal. The topic of the seminar was 'Following Faith: from Confrontation to Compassion'. **Orya Maqbool Jan**, renowned writer and poet, and **Yasir Pirzada**, famous columnist, were the guest speakers.

Yasir Pirzada, while talking to the students expressed his concern about the growing violence inside our country in the name of religion and the denial of our people towards recognizing the culprits. Orya Maqbool Jan highlighted the importance of following the example of our Prophet (SAW) completely to resolve the conflict and confrontation in the society.



Dr Abdul Hameed, Orya Maqbool Jan and Yasir Pirzada snapped with attendees of the seminar

The audience, which included guests, faculty members and a large number of students, took active part in the discussion. Some students pointed out the role of external powers in exploiting the religious sentiment of the Pakistani people to serve their own interest in the past and promote violence in the country. Others emphasized the need to promote compassion in society which is the essence of the Prophet's (SAW) message. All agreed that the message of Islam has to be correctly understood and practiced in order to bring peace in the society.

Supply Chain Forum: DG, TDA Shahzad Hussain discusses role of supply chain in exports

The 10th CSCR Supply Chain Forum at SBE-UMT invited **Shahzad Hussain**, Director General, Trade Development Authority of Pakistan, as the guest speaker in a session on role of supply chain in exports on March 18, 2013. The seminar was attended by over 50 participants including students, industry members, namely, **Dr Rahat ul Ain**, Director School of Governance and Society (SGS), UMT, **Khurram Yaqoob**, Head, Supply Chain, DHL International, **Mr Azeem**, Head, Supply Chain, Treet Corporation, **Belal Malik**, Manager, Operations and Supply Chain, Engro Eximp Agri Products, **M Ali Afzal** and **Haroon Shaukat Virk**, Engro Eximp Agri Products, representatives from Nestle and Razziq International, and SBE faculty members, namely, **Prof Dr Tashfeen Azhar**, **Umer Ayub**, Program Advisor MBA evening, **Asher Ramish**, Director MBA Program, and **Haris Aslam**, Assistant Professor. The guest speaker highlighted that Pakistan has adopted export promotion strategies and mentioned that more FDIs are important for Pakistan's growth; he also added that outsourcing in supply chain management is very important concept and is in practice. Supply Chain management got importance during the era of globalization. World economy is becoming borderless and integrated, driven by global market forces, global technological forces, global cost forces and political and social factors. Global Supply Chain plays a vital role in economy and supply chain collaboration is top challenge for exporters. After attending this session, the attendees got to know the answers of various questions that pop up in their minds in their practical lives; they also got to know what supply chain has to do with exports and how they complement each other in this era of globalization.

At the end of the session, **Ijaz Yusuf**, Director, CSCR, concluded the session by sharing his views with the participants. Dr Rahat ul Ain presented a shield to guest speaker as a token of thanks. The session ended with the refreshments for the participants who enjoyed themselves and interacted with each other informally.



Dr Rahat ul Ain, Director SGS, presents souvenir to Shahzad Hussain, DG, TDA

Workshop on admission and marketing strategies organized by ILM Colleges

ILM Colleges organized one day workshop on “Admissions and Marketing Strategies” on January 30, 2013. **A G Ghaffari**, Registrar UMT, delivered the welcome address. **Mohsin Akhtar Alam** shared role and responsibilities of Admission Office while **Zahid Waraich** presented personality development and convening techniques. **Muhammad Jabran**, **Abubakar Malik** and **Awais Amin Ahmed** shared the introduction of UMT, and financial and non financial benefits offered by UMT to the students of ILM Colleges.

Abid H K Shirwani, CEO, ILM Colleges, also joined the workshop and said that the admission office is the most important area of a college. Later, **Dr Hasan Sohaib**

Murad, Chairman, ILM Colleges, addressed the participants and shared various aspects of the working of the Admission Office. He said that this year the ILM Group will launch an aggressive admission campaign. Certificates of participation were also distributed among the participants.



Attendees of the workshop on admissions and marketing strategies snapped with Rector UMT Dr Hasan Sohaib Murad

OCS and SPA organize workshop on de-stressing

Office of Career Services (OCS) in collaboration with School of Professional Advancement (SPA) organized One-Day training workshop “Healing Through Mind – De Stressing” at UMT on January 29, 2013.

The speaker, **Salma Chaudhry** trained the participants in the area of mental and physical healing using their hidden potential in the mind. She stressed that the strains and stresses of life scar all of us emotionally and mentally. Healing through mind is therefore applicable to all in general and to those working in stressful corporate roles in particular. The participants from different organizations lauded the steps of UMT to engage and enhance the skills and capacity of working professionals. They praised the training content to benefit them in de-stressing, building positive worldview, ability to create their neuro-nets, and to develop focus and concentration while practicing mental, breathing exercises, and meditation skills development.

Rector UMT **Dr Hasan Sohaib Murad** congratulated OCS staff for organizing such an event and said “such trainings are very fruitful and results in positive energy, mindset and motivation in personal and professional lives of people. Director OCS **Farzoq Ahmad Chaudhry** stated that he believes that the capacity building of corporate sector will help working practices to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of organizations and will enable them to easily adjust in personal and professional lives. He told that Office of Career Services (OCS) is working in bridging the gaps between the two sectors, education and corporate.



Salma Chaudhry explains de-stressing techniques to the attendees of the workshop

The resource person Salma Chaudhry practices business in Manchester UK as an Aesthetician and Nutritionist and Anti-aging consultant with interest in Natural Healing and Sufic Healing (through breathing exercises, color therapy and meditation). She is lecturer on physical and mental well being through spiritual healing since 1995 across Pakistan, India and UK. She has taught Sufism at University of Salford Manchester, UK.

Meeting of Ilmians Association and Office of Alumni

Ilmians Association and Office of Alumni held a meeting at UMT Campus on March 5, 2013 regarding Annual Alumni Dinner 2013. **Rana Iftikhar Ahmad**, Director, OPA and Office of Alumni, formally welcomed all the honorable members of Ilmians Association. **Ijlal Jafri**, President, Ilmians Association, presided over the whole session. **Abeeda Ayaz**, Vice President, Ilmians Association, **Bilal Bin Asgher**, Secretary, Ilmians Association, **Saood Qaseem**, Finance Secretary, Ilmians Association, **Sajid Ur Rehman**, Manager, Office of Alumni, and **Muhammad Asad Najeeb**, Asst. Manager OPA, attended the session.

Members of Ilmians Association shared their detailed ideas about the planning and management of Annual Alumni Dinner 2013.



Ijlal Jafri, President, Ilmians Association, presides over meeting of Ilmians Association and Office of Alumni held at UMT campus

MBA (P) Batch 5 Alumni get-together at UMT campus

The Office of Alumni arranged an informal get together for MBA (P) Batch 5 at the UMT campus on January 1, 2013. The event gave an opportunity to the alumni to visit UMT after years to reconnect with their alma mater, reflect on their friendship, and revive their memories. Some of the alumni came from the Gulf and the USA to attend the event.

Rana Iftikhar Ahmad, Director OPA, and officials from Office of Alumni welcomed all the guests. The alumni shared their career pathways and achievements with each other in a friendly environment. Surprise birthday of **Muhammad Abu Al Hasanat Khan** was celebrated. Hi-tea was served on this occasion.

Dr Hasan Sohaib Murad joined the gathering later. He warmly welcomed the alumni and thanked them for visiting UMT. After a 4-hour stay at the campus, the alumni left UMT with fond memories of the evening. They appreciated the efforts of Office of Alumni for providing a platform for this memorable get-together at their alma mater.



MBA (P) Batch 5 alumni snapped with Rector UMT Dr Hasan Sohaib Murad in an informal get-together at UMT campus

Art exhibition by STD students

First semester students of the School of Textile and Design (STD) showcased their work in an art exhibition held at the UMT campus on January 16, 2013. They had been working towards this for the past 5 months. Batch 1 (BFD) presented their art work in different mediums, i.e., acrylic, poster paint, soft pastels, corker pen, ink and art pencils. **Dr Nabeel Amin**, Director STD, **Abid H K Shirwani**, Director External affairs, **Dr Muhammad Yusuf Awan**, Chairperson, Department of Architecture, **Noor Aslam Khan**, Head OFM, and other teachers visited the exhibition. They congratulated **Alvina Fatima**, Lecturer STD, on enhancing the artistic skills and creativity of the students. The art exhibits were greatly appreciated by all those who visited the exhibition.



Students of School of Textile and Design snapped with their exhibits

Department of Social Sciences faculty student meeting

A meeting was arranged by the Department of Social Sciences on January 23, 2013 for the students to offer major and minor multi-disciplinary course choices in Media, Sociology, International Relations and Political Science. Dean SSS&H **Dr Abdul Hameed** chaired the meeting. Faculty members from all the disciplines presented the rationale of the courses and how these may help in making better choices before taking up major and minor courses.

Dr Abdul Hameed said in the opening session that the purpose of this meeting is to eliminate the communication gap between the department and the students. He said the department has taken this initiative to introduce new major and minor course combinations which would be a great experience for the students.

Rashid Khan from Media Studies, **Wasif Ali** and **Haneef** from Sociology, **Fatima Sajjad** and **Haadia** from International Relations and **M Usman Askari** from Political Science presented the core advantages and career opportunities in the desired courses. A large number of students were present and they appreciated the presentations in the multi-disciplinary courses. On this occasion, students showed their reservations regarding practical courses which were taken up seriously by the department chair. The students were assured that they would get complete practical training in addition to theoretical study.



Dr Abdul Hameed, Dean SSS&H, speaks to students and faculty members in the meeting

Dr Abdul Hameed concluded by saying that the department is working on media laboratories for better in-house training of the students.

SPA orientation Spring 2013

The School of Professional Advancement (SPA) organized an orientation session for new students on February 11, 2013. There were almost 70 + students in the orientation relating to different degree programs of SPA. The session started with recitation of some verses from the Holy Quran by **Khurram Khan**, Assistant Professor.

Dr Naveed Yazdani, Director SPA, delivered the welcome speech. He discussed salient features and main rules covering the SPA program offerings. Dr Yazdani introduced all team members formally. He also highlighted the prevailing academic culture of SPA and gave answers to question put up by the students.

At the end, **Shahid Hussain**, Assistant Manager Academics, gave information about the registration process. Overall it was a very informative session for the students. The session ended with hi-tea given to the students.



Naveed Yazdani, Director, SPA, explains the registration process to the SPA participants

Orientation of MS Islamic Banking Batch 3

The Orientation of MS Islamic Banking for Batch 3 Spring 2013 was conducted in the Saleem Asghar Ali Hall, UMT campus on March 5. The ceremony began with recitation of some verses from the Holy Quran by **Mahmood Shah Khan**. For motivation, excerpts of audio recording of Quaid-i-Azam's speech to the State Bank of Pakistan were played.

Dr Munawar A Anees, Director General, Institute of Islamic Banking, gave the welcome address. Mahmood Shah Khan, Adviser Academics, IIB, introduced the participants. **Muhammad Sultan**, Senior Officer Academics, IIB, registered the students for the program.



Dr Munawar A Anees welcomes new students to the MS Islamic Banking program

Islamic mosaic art exhibits by STD students

Batch 5 students of the School of Textile and Design (STD) displayed Islamic mosaic art work done by them on February 13, 2013. They were assigned to decorate a mural of UMT campus and had been working on the project for the past one month. **Dr Hasan Sohaib Murad**, Rector UMT, and **Dr Nabeel Amin**, Director STD, visited the design studio and appreciated all the participants for their participation in the university interior décor. They also congratulated **Sidra Batool**, Lecturer STD, on enhancing the students' skills in Islamic Mosaic Art. Prominent participants comprised of **Iqra, Azka, Saman, Kanza, Zunaira, Maryam, Hareem, Sara and Neha**.



STD students display samples of Islamic mosaic art

Overseas students of UMT visit Fort Rohtas

The Overseas Participants Club of OPA organized one-day trip for overseas students of UMT to Fort Rohtas on January 5, 2013. The purpose of the trip was to give orientation to the overseas students about the historical places of Pakistan. Nearly sixty students accompanied by a faculty member participated in the trip. Students appreciated this initiative by OPA and hoped that such trips would be organized in future as well.



Overseas students of UMT get together at Fort Rohtas for a group photograph

Department of Architecture and Planning celebrates one year of progress

Annual Function of the Department of Architecture and Planning was held on March 9, 2013 to celebrate the progress of department in the past year. There were only 7 students in the department back in 2012 and now there are around 80. The function was attended by Head of the Department and faculty members whereas students performed skits and arranged games that engaged both the students and teachers.



Students perform during the annual function

UMT Rovers Crew First Annual Hike

UMT Rovers took a crew of 10 members to Galliayat on March 15-17, 2013. The expedition was led by President and General Secretary UMT Rovers Crew. The route of the snow hike was through Galliayat and then a tough mountain peak known as Ayubia. The crew successfully hiked the mountain and reached the top. The crew reached base camp before sunset. The very next day the crew trekked to the Neelam River where they had lunch alongside the river bed which was a very great experience. Then the crew took another trail to a very famous spot known as the Saabri Waterfall. The team arrived at Lahore terminal on Sunday evening.



UMT Rovers trek their way to Galliayat

OPA announces executive members and the office bearers for clubs and societies

Rana Iftikhar Ahmad, Director OPA, announced clubs and societies' executive members and office bearers for the year 2013-14 in a special ceremony on January 23, 2013. He said that OPA received 327 CVs this year and 60 students were selected to work for the department and their university for extra and co-curricular activities.

He also shared the performance of every club and society during the past year and guided the members for the upcoming year.

He further explained that some of the societies have been changed all together while some of the societies remained same or underwent some shuffling based on the past performance of the students.

Rana Sb mentioned that Debating Club and Dramatics Society are the backbone of co/-extracurricular activities and he has high expectations from them.

Earlier, the ceremony started with a welcome note by **Usman Khan** in which he explained how OPA works. He talked about the overwhelming number of application OPA received this year and it wasn't an easy task to scrutinize the best amongst them.

Short film produced by UMT students shortlisted for international film festival

A short film directed, narrated and produced by UMT students and OPA Executive members, **Anum Dar** and **Tehreem Rehman** has been short listed in upcoming international Film Festival "FILUMS" to be held in LUMS from February 8-10, 2013. Actors include **Gulshan Faiz**, **Sherbaz Khan**, **Hassan Mustafa** and **Master Luqman**.

Titled "A Glass of Milk", the film has been shortlisted from hundreds of entries.

300+ team members participate in UMT Sports Gala Spring 2013

The weeklong UMT Sports Gala organized from February 11-15, 2013 was well participated and attended by almost all employees. More than 300 UMT team members participated in seven different sports events including Cricket, Athletics, Tug-o-War, Table Tennis, Badminton, Soccer and Chess over a period of five days. Exciting competitions were seen in a congenial and brotherly environment. UMT team members showed great enthusiasm in all sports events. However the tug-of-war and athletics events stole the show. Another highlight was cricket in which OFM Tigers trounced the competition – yet again. Social Tigers were the runner up in the cricket tournament. **Muhammad Usman** from the Registrar's Office was the Best Bowler of the Tournament. **Muhammad Noman Ali**, Class room Assistant, OFM, was Best Batsman of the Tournament. **Mukhtar Hussain**, Lecturer, SST, was declared Man of the Series.

A total of twenty teams participated in the Soccer Tournament which was won by Soccer Strikers while SBR Royals was the runner up. In chess, a total of eighteen players participated and **Zohair Farooq Malik**, Lecturer, IAA, was declared winner. **Saleem Akhtar**, Assistant Manager Sports, OPA, was declared runner-up.

OFM Tigers stole the show in the tug-of-war while IAA Accountants stood as runner-up. In Badminton doubles, ten teams participated. **Aqeel Baloch** (OHR), **Shakeel Ahmad** (OTR) won while **Attiq ur Rehman** (OTS), **Faisal Imran**

Khan (OCE) were declared runner up. In the badminton singles, forty players participated. **Zohair Farooq Malik** (IAA) won the singles matches while Shakeel Ahmad (OTR) was declared runner-up.

The table tennis doubles was won by Shakeel Ahmad (OTR) and Atiq ur Rehman (OTS). The table tennis singles was won by **Khawaja Muhammad Fahd** (SST). In athletics, **Awais Amin Ahmad** (OIA) won the 100 m (18-30 Yrs) race. **Usman Aslam** (ORC) won the 100 m (31-40 Yrs) race. **Malik Muhammad Zahid** (SBE) won the 100 m (41-50 Yrs) race. **Amin Akhtar** (OFM) won 200 m (18-30 Yrs) race. **Muhammad Awais** (OFM) won the 200 m (18-30 Yrs) race. Usman Aslam (ORC) won the 200 m (31-40 Yrs) race. **Farhan Yahya Ch** (OCE) won the 200 m (41-50 Yrs) race. Amin Akhtar (OFM) won the 200 m (51 Yrs & Above) race.

Muhammad Awais, Muhammad Bilal, Muhammad Amin and **Mehboob Hussain** (OFM) won the 4*100 Relay (18-30 yrs) event. Aqeel Baloch (OHR), **Shakeel Ahmad** (OTR), **Usman Aslam** (ORC) & Muhammad Saeed Ashraf (OFM) won the 4*100 Relay (18-30 yrs). **Pervaiz Maseeh** and **Waris Maseeh** (OFM) won the Wheel Barrow (50m). Muhammad Bilal (OFM) Sack Race (50m) | 18-30 Yrs. Mirza Mubashir Baig (SST) won sack race (50m) | 31-40 Yrs. **Saleem Akhtar** from OPA won the discus throw. **Usman Khan** from OPA won the shot put. **Muhammad Awais** and **Muhammad Bilal** (OFM) won the three legged race (950 m).



Chess players contemplate the next move
A test of strength: tug of war players in action



A batsman takes aim at the ball during the match

Kohenoor TV records youth forum program at UMT campus

Kohenoor TV, in collaboration with Office of Participants Affairs (OPA), arranged a talk show with UMT students in the Youth Forum on January 29, 2013. The topic of discussion was titled "Is the Future of the Educated Youngsters safe in Pakistan". Two groups of students participated in

the talk show. One group spoke in the favor of the while other group gave arguments against the motion. This debate enabled students to understand the current issues of Pakistan's job markets and also enabled them to express their opinions logically in an organized forum. This event was held at UMT Greens. At the end of the talk show, Kohenoor TV anchors also conducted Talent Hunt in which many students expressed their talent through mimicry, singing and acting.

HEC Chess Championship

All Pakistan University Female Chess Championship

UMT organized HEC All Pakistan University Female Chess Championship 2012-13 at UMT on March 2-3, 2013. UMT Female chess team won the third position while Punjab University and King Edward Medical University won first and second positions respectively.



Shamsa Hashmi, Additional Director Sports, PU, presents trophy to UMT female chess team

All Pakistan Intervarsity Chess (Boys) Championship

The University of Faisalabad, Faisalabad organized HEC all Pakistan University (boys) Chess championship, 2012-13 on February 27 to March 1, 2013. UMT Chess team secured third position while University of Karachi and Punjab University first and second respectively. A total 28 universities from all over Pakistan participated in the event.



Chess players contemplate their moves during the match

UMT participates in 11th International Chess Festival, Delhi, India

UMT Chess team participated in the 11th International Chess Festival, Delhi, India, held from January 5-16, 2013. More than 800 players from all over the world participated in this festival. UMT Players represented Pakistan and played very well. The team comprised of **Muhammad Saleem Akhtar**, Manager, while **Muhammad Zahid**, **Ehtisham ul Haq** and **Faryal Gohar** participated as players.



Saleem Akhtar presents UMT souvenir to Bharat Singh Chohan, General Secretary, All India Chess Federation, on the closing ceremony of the Chess Festival

Grand Victory of UMT Cricket Team

UMT Cricket Team has won the Lahore Division Red Bull College Cricket Tournament, Pakistan, after beating Punjab University in a crucial final match. UMT Cricket Team will now face champions from 8 cities in Karachi. The winning team will represent Pakistan in the 9-nation college cricket championship 2013 that will be held in India.



UMT cricket team celebrates victory

CSCR organizes supply chain game competition

The Center for Supply Chain Research (CSCR) organized a supply chain game competition on January 10, 2013. This event was conducted by Asher Ramish, Assistant Professor, Supply Chain Management and Director MBA Program.

The supply chain distribution game is a simulation of a supply chain with four co-makers:

- The retailer has to fulfill the end consumer's orders
- The wholesaler has to fulfill the retailer's orders
- The distributor has to fulfill the wholesaler's orders
- The factory has to produce the units to fulfill the distributor's orders

A total of 170 participants took the role of a co-maker and based on their current stock situation and customer orders, decided how much to order from their suppliers. The game proceeded in weeks. Every week, each supply chain group had to proceed with the steps according to the case instructions.

All co-makers had a common goal: Minimizing costs for capital employed in stocks while avoiding out-of-stock situations. The surprising results of the simulation explained inefficiencies of supply chains known as the Bullwhip Effect. The game competition was a great learning experience for the participants.



Asher Ramish explains the significance of the simulation game

Aneesa Rahat appointed Registrar UMT



In pursuance of the decision made by Selection Board in its fifteenth meeting held on November 14-15, 2012, **Aneesa Rahat** has been appointed as Registrar of UMT for a period of three years with effect from March 04, 2013, replacing **Abdul Ghaffar Ghaffari**.

Ms Rahat has done her MSc in Economics in 1999 and holds extensive professional experience. Prior to joining UMT, she had been working as Director Students Affairs at University of Gujrat and earlier served at LUMS in the Students Services Department. We wish her great success in her new role and responsibilities.

We also commend the services rendered by Ghaffari, who successfully discharged his duties as Acting Registrar of UMT for almost one year. Abdul Ghaffar Ghaffari will be leaving for Canada shortly for his professional and academic pursuits. We wish him best of luck for his future endeavors.

Appointments

Rector UMT Dr Hasan Sohaib Murad has made the following appointments.

Dr Salim Abid Tabassum, Professor, SST has been appointed as Chairperson Department of Industrial and Mechanical Engineering with effect from January 18, 2013.

Dr Muhammad Khalid, Professor, SSS&H, has been appointed as Chairperson, Department of Media and Communication with effect from February 13, 2013.

Dr Mujahid Mansoori, Professor, SSS&H, has been appointed as Director, Advanced Studies Department of Media and Communication with effect from February 13, 2013.

The above appointments are subject to approval from the Board of Governors (BoG).

UMT faculty members earn PhD degrees

PU awards

PhD degree to Dr Humaira Ahmad

The University of the Punjab has conferred PhD Degree on **Dr Humaira Ahmad**, Assistant Professor, Department of Islamic Thought and Civilization, School of Social Sciences and Humanities, Lahore, in the subject of Islamic Studies on March 13, 2013. Her PhD thesis, titled "Modernity, Post modernity and Islamic Tradition" was hailed as a pioneering and trend setting scholarly endeavor from a promising Pakistani scholar.

The thesis explores the challenges facing Islamic scholars in the post modern world through extensive literature review and analysis of the thought systems of both Western and Muslim philosophers and theologians before offering a critical and objective paradigm for future discourse.

GC University awards PhD degree to Dr Sohail Zafar

Dr Sohail Zafar, Lecturer, SST, has successfully completed his PhD degree in the subject of Mathematics on March 22, 2013 from Government College University (GCU), Lahore, Pakistan. His thesis is titled "Combinatorial and Arithmetic Study of Bionomial Edge Ideal".

Congratulations to Dr Sohail Zafar on this achievement. We hope that his students will now benefit from his expertise and insight.



OTS develops solution to access digital resources off campus

The Office of Technology Support (OTS) has developed a new solution to access "Library Digital Resources" off campus for its users.

This system has been developed using CISCO VPN technology. Virtual Private Network, or VPN as it is commonly known, lets people share information across computer networks in a fast, secure and reliable manner. When you use a VPN, a secure connection or tunnel is made between your computer and the University network.

Simply put, now authorized UMT users are able to access digital learning resources from anywhere in the world with the same ease as they do on the UMT campus. All they have to do is log-in using their UMT username and password and follow the instructions.

Users can log-in off campus through this link: <https://dr.umt.edu.pk/library>

OTS may be contacted through IT-help desk (<http://nms.umt.edu.pk>) or e-mail at "ots.support@umt.edu.pk" for any further queries or feedback.

Abstract by UMT alumnus Rashida Manzoor accepted in international conference in UK

Rashida Manzoor, an alumnus of the School of Social Sciences and Humanities (SSS&H) Linguistics program, currently pursuing higher studies in London, has shared with us the news of acceptance of her abstract in Cross-Cultural Pragmatics at a Crossroads III International Conference at University of East Anglia, United Kingdom. Rashida was one of our brightest students during her studies at UMT and she has continued on the path of academic excellence. We wish her all the best in her academic pursuits and hope that she continues to bring a good name to her alma mater.

Research and Publications

- A research paper titled "Efficient Solution to Physical Cell Identity Assignment Problem in 3GPP Long Term Evolution" authored by **Muhammad Basit Shahab**, Lecturer, SST, and co-authored by **Ayesha Iqbal**, Lab Engineer cum Lecturer, SST, has been accepted for presentation in the 6th Joint IFIP Wireless and Mobile Networking Conference (WMNC 2013) being held on April, 23-25, 2013, Atlantis The Palm, Dubai. The conference is sponsored by IEEE, IEEE UAE Section and IEEE Communication Society. The paper will be published in IEEE Xplore.
- An article titled "Conceptualizing Terrorism Trend Patterns in Pakistan an Empirical Perspective" authored by **Muhammad Feyyaz**, Assistant Professor, School of Governance and Society (SGS), has been published in Perspectives on Terrorism, UK, Vol. 7, No 1 (2013).
- An article "Facets of Religious Violence in Pakistan" authored by **Muhammad Feyyaz**, Assistant Professor, School of Governance and Society (SGS), has been published in Counter Terrorist Trends and Analysis, Singapore, Volume 5: Issue 02, Feb 2013.
- A research paper titled "In Vitro Assessment of Protection from Oxidative Stress by Various Fractions of Mazus Pumilus" authored by **Dr Sammia Shahid**, Assistant Professor, SST, has been accepted for publication in "Journal of the Chemical Society of Pakistan", an ISI indexed journal (ISSN-0253-5106) with impact factor 1.377.
- A research paper titled "Screening of Abutilon muticum for Bioactive Constituents, Mineral Contents, Antioxidants and Hepatoprotective activity" authored by **Dr Sammia Shahid**, Assistant Professor, SST, has been accepted for presentation in 13th International Conference titled "Functional and Medical Foods with Bioactive Compounds: Science and Practical Application", to be held in Kyoto Prefectural University of Medicine, Kyoto, Japan, on May 11-12, 2013.
- A research paper titled "Smart Grid Architecture and Communication Using Heterogeneous Communication Techniques in Different Tiers" authored by **Waqas Tariq Toor**, Lecturer SST, co-authored by **Muhammad Basit Shahab**, Lecturer, SST, **Muhammad Shoaib**, Lecturer, SST, **Asif Hussain**, Assistant Professor, SST, and **Mashood Nasir**, Lecturer, SST, has been accepted for presentation in the 4th International Conference on Power Engineering, Energy and Electrical Drives (POWERENG), May 13-17, 2013, Turkey, Istanbul.
- A research paper titled "Implementation of radionuclide scanning in medical science" authored by **Mashood Nasir**, Lecturer, SST, and co-authored by **Dr Ayesha Mohy-ud-Din**, Assistant Professor, SST, has been published in International Bhurban Conference for Applied Sciences and Technology, January 15-19, 2013.
- A research paper titled "GC-MS and HPLC as the Analytical Tools in Solving the Taxonomic Controversies of Plants" authored by **Dr Ayesha Mohy-ud-Din**, Assistant Professor, SST, and co-authored by **Mehwish Inam**, Lecturer, SST, has been published in International Bhurban Conference for Applied Sciences and Technology, January 15-19, 2013.
- The following research papers have been accepted for oral presentation in 4th IEEE International Conference on Power Engineering, Energy and Electrical Drives (POWERENG) to be held on May 13-17, 2013 in Istanbul, Turkey.
 - o "Transient and Steady State Solution of N-Dimensional Coupled Networks and Development of Equivalent Pi and T Matrix Networks with Distributed Parameters" authored by **Dr Abdul Aziz Bhatti**, Dean, SST.
 - o "Residual Fault Currents and Recovery Voltages under Microcomputer Based Restructurable Control of Balanced UHV Lines" authored by **Dr Abdul Aziz Bhatti**, Dean, SST.

- o Model Formulation and Design of an Efficient Control algorithm for Fuel Cell Power System, authored by **Mashood Nasir**, Lecturer, SST, and co-authored by **Dr Abdul Aziz Bhatti**, Dean, SST, and **Waqas Tariq Toor**, Lecturer, SST.
- o Characterization of Biodiesel Samples produced from Fresh and Waste Vegetable Oils to evaluate their Feasibility for Power Generation, authored by **Mehwish Inam**, Lecturer, SST and co-authored by **Dr Ayesha Mohy-ud-Din**, Assistant Professor, SST, **Dr Abdul Aziz Bhatti**, Dean, SST, and **Mashood Nasir**, Lecturer, SST.
- o Formulation of a Precise Model for Analysis and Characterization of a Proton Exchange Membrane Fuel Cell, **Muhammad Salik**, Lecturer, SST, and co-authored by **Dr Abdul Aziz Bhatti**, Dean, SST and **Mashood Nasir**, Lecturer, SST.
- o Smart Grid Traffic Modeling and Scheduling Technique for Communication using 3GPP Long Term Evolution authored by **Muhammad Basit Shahab**, Lecturer, SST, and co-authored by **Asif Hussain**, Assistant Professor, SST, **Muhammad Shoaib**, Lecturer, SST, and **Waqas Tariq Toor**, Lecturer, SST, has been accepted in an oral presentation after revision at POWERENG2013.
- o Forward Fly-back Voltage Balancing Circuit for Series Connected Super Capacitors Using Digital Control authored by **Asif Hussain**, Assistant Professor, SST, and co-authored by **Muhammad Basit Shahab**, Lecturer, SST, has been accepted for oral presentation after revision at POWERENG2013.
- A research paper titled "Relationship between Emotional and Behavioral Problems and School Performance of Adolescents" authored by **Dr Sadia Saleem**, Assistant professor, SSS&H, and co-authored by **Dr Zahid Mahmood**, Professor, SSS&H, has been published in FWU Journal of Social Sciences, Winter 2012, Vol. 6, No. 2, 187-193.
- A research paper titled "Need For Smart Transmission Grid In Pakistan: Technical And Non Technical Challenges In Its Development" authored by **Imran Ali**, Lecturer, SST, and co-authored by **Faran Awais Butt** and **Ahmed Malik**, Lecturers, SST, has been accepted for presentation at IEEE BEIAC [Business, Engineering & Industrial Applications Colloquium] to be held between 7-9 April, 2013 in Langkawi, Malaysia.
- A research paper titled "An Empirical Study of the HR Professionals' Effectiveness in the Largest Privatized Bank of Pakistan" authored by **Aqeel Ahmad**, Lecturer, SBE, and **Dr A Rashid Kausar**, Prof, SBE, has been accepted for publication in the Terengganu International Management and Business Journal (TiMBeJ) Volume 2, Issue 2.
- A research paper titled "Efficient Solution to Physical Cell Identity Assignment Problem in 3GPP Long Term Evolution" authored by **Muhammad Basit Shahab**, Lecturer, SST, and co-authored by **Ayesha Iqbal**, Lab Engineer cum Lecturer, SST, has been accepted for presentation in the 6th Joint IFIP Wireless and Mobile Networking Conference (WMNC) being held on April, 23-25, 2013, Atlantis The Palm, Dubai.
- A research article "Fixed points of Suzuki-Zamfirescu Hybrid Contractions in Partial Metric Spaces via Partial Hausdorff Metric" authored by **Basit Ali**, Lecturer, SST, has been published in "Journal of Fixed Point Theory and Application" by Springer Open Journal. Impact factor of the journal is 1.63.
- A case study "Consumer Behavior: Buying a Cell Phone" authored by **Salman Zaheer**, Research Associate, SBE, has been presented at AJMC 2013 held on January 18-19, 2013 at LUMS.
- The daily Dawn has published an article titled "The ethical framework" written by **Ahmad Raza**, Research Fellow, ORC. The article draws attention to the ethical framework provided by Islam by referencing from Surah Luqman.
- Research papers titled "Does Growth Led Inflation Hypothesis & Locus Critique Exist in Pakistan" and "Urbanization as a Way to Open Economy: Empirical Evidence From Pakistan" authored by **Muhammad Shahid Hassan**, Assistant Professor, SBE, have been published into the World Applied Sciences Journal. This journal is also in the list of Thomson and Reuters.

Final year projects of Computer Science and Electrical Engineering students win ICT funding

The UMT community will be glad to know that three CS and three EE final year projects have collectively won funding of Rs 473, 780 from Ministry of Information Technology ICT R&D Fund. This is a great achievement and serves as a shining example of the highest standards of teaching at UMT.

Congratulations to **Saira Karim**, (CoD CS) and supervisors: **Syed Farooq Ali** (CS), **Khan Nazir** (EE), **Syed Mohsin Ali** (EE) and **Muhammad Haris** (EE).

Special thanks to **Rauf Ali**, Director Projects EED who put in tremendous effort in shaping the final outcomes.

UMT alumnus Imran Ali receives PhD scholarship from University of South Australia

It is a source of great pride for the UMT community that one of our alumni, **Imran Ali** who received MBA Executive degree from School of Business and Economics in 2008-10, has been awarded fully funded PhD scholarship (business and management) from University of South Australia.



It is worth mentioning that Imran was one of our star students and received Rector's Medal on account of outstanding academic achievement. Sharing this news with his teachers at UMT, Imran has attributed this achievement to the scholastic teaching of his teachers and the excellent learning environment at SBE. Congratulations to Imran and all the best to him for the future. We hope that he does well at the University of South Australia.

In memory of Salma Khan

A condolence meeting was held on February 20, 2013 at UMT Campus in memory of the Late Ms Salma Khan, Lecturer, SSS&H, and her father who passed away in a road accident on Friday, February 15, 2013 near Rawalakot, AJK. *Inna Lillah-e-Wa Inna Lih-e-Rajioon*. May Allah bless their souls, place them in heaven and give their family strength to sustain the great loss.

Dr Hasan Sohaib Murad, Rector UMT, and other high ranking officials paid tribute to the late Ms Salma Khan. The special condolence meeting was attended by colleagues and faculty members who were saddened at the sudden loss of a good friend and colleague. The meeting concluded with a special *dua* to bless the departed souls.

Dr Hasan Sohaib Murad, Rector UMT, announced re-naming of HEC Scholars Lab as "Salma Khan HEC Scholars Lab".

Obituaries

Members of the UMT community suffered the loss of their loved ones during the past few months. *Inna Lillah-e-Wa Inna Lih-e-Rajioon*.

- Father of Adil Masood Qazi , Assistant Professor, STD, passed away
- Mother of Muhammad Rasheed, Van Helper, UMT Hostel, passed away
- Father of Muneer Hussain Shah, Security Guard, OFM passed away
- Mother of Imran Ali, Lab Instructor, SST has passed away yesterday
- Son of Amer Saeed, Lecturer, SBE , passed away
- Mother of Kabir Ali, Security Guard, OFM, passed away

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



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