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UMT Rises on the Global Stage: A Remarkable Leap in International Rankings 2026

The **University of Management and Technology (UMT)** has achieved a remarkable milestone, strengthening its global reputation through outstanding performance in leading international university rankings, an achievement that reflects excellence in **research, academic quality, sustainability, and global engagement**.



In the **QS World University Rankings 2026**, UMT is placed in the **1201–1400** global band, with subject rankings in **Mathematics (501–600)**, **Economics & Econometrics (551–700)**, and **Computer Science & Information Systems (751–850)**. The University ranks **351st** in **Asia** and an impressive **156th** globally in the **International Research Network indicator**, highlighting its growing global collaborations. UMT also secured **286th** position in the **QS Sustainability Rankings (Asia)** and **860th** globally.

In the **Times Higher Education (THE) World University Rankings 2026**, UMT is ranked in the **801–1000** band and proudly holds the **No. 1 position** in **Research Quality** among private-sector universities in Pakistan. UMT is also ranked among the top **184** institutions globally in **THE Interdisciplinary Science Rankings** and placed in the **351–400 band** in **THE Asia Rankings 2025**. Further elevating its distinction, UMT has been shortlisted for **THE Awards Asia 2025** in the **“Leadership and Management Team of the Year”** category. These accomplishments mark a proud moment for UMT, reinforcing its position as a globally recognized institution committed to excellence, innovation, and impact.





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UMT Strengthens Huawei Partnership to Advance Digital Education



The President of UMT, Mr. Ibrahim Hasan Murad, visited Huawei Headquarters in Shenzhen, China, as part of the University of Management and Technology's continued efforts to strengthen its collaboration with the global technology leader. During the visit, Mr. Ibrahim Hasan Murad engaged with Huawei's senior leadership to explore avenues for expanding cooperation in artificial intelligence, digital transformation, research, innovation, and advanced technology education. The discussions focused on enhancing existing initiatives and identifying new opportunities for academic and technological collaboration.

“Equipping our youth with digital skills and expertise in artificial intelligence is essential for driving national development and ensuring Pakistan’s competitiveness in the global economy.”
– Ibrahim Hasan Murad

Mr. Murad also acknowledged Huawei's global contributions to innovation and digital transformation, describing the collaboration as a significant step toward equipping Pakistani students with future-ready skills. The partnership is expected to create valuable opportunities in advanced research, technical training, and international academic engagement. The visit further underscores the growing Pakistan–China cooperation in education and technology, opening new pathways for innovation, academic excellence, and technological advancement. UMT remains committed to strengthening international partnerships to promote world-class education and meaningful industry-academia linkages.



A Seat at the Table: Students Connect Directly with University Leadership



The Office of Participant Success (OPS) organized “Meet the Rector” session for SHS Spring 2026 students, at the HS Campus. Designed as an interactive engagement, the session offered students a rare opportunity to connect directly with the institution’s top leadership. The Rector shared valuable insights into the academic vision, future direction, and the importance of student-driven success. The session was attended by senior leadership, including Vice Rector Dr. Ejaz Ullah Cheema, Provost Dr. Tashfeen Mahmood Azhar, Registrar Raja Muhammad Nasir Khan, Director AAQIC Mr. Asif Saeed Haider, Controller of Examinations Dr. Shahid Hassan, and Dean SHS Dr. Muhammad Salman Bashir. Their presence highlighted a strong culture of accessibility, mentorship, and student engagement.

Can Pakistan Fix Its Economy? National Voices Converge to Chart the Way Forward

The 11th Budget Summit brought together leading economists, policymakers, and industry experts to critically assess Pakistan’s economic outlook in the face of rising inflation and mounting fiscal pressures. The event was graced by Rector Dr. Asif Raza, alongside Vice Rector Dr. Ejaz Ullah Cheema and Prof. Abid H. K. Shirwani, underscoring the institution’s active role in fostering meaningful national policy dialogue. Distinguished speakers, including former Prime Minister Shahid Khaqan Abbasi, Shabbar Zaidi, and Dr. Nadeem ul Haque, led in-depth discussions on navigating economic uncertainty and building long-term resilience. Key deliberations emphasized that sustainable economic progress hinges on political stability, policy continuity, and industrial growth. Experts further highlighted the urgent need for structural tax reforms, fiscal discipline, export expansion, and transparent governance to steer Pakistan toward a stable and resilient economic future.



Step Beyond Borders: Study Opportunities at the Annual Education Expo 2026

The Annual Education Expo 2026 provided students with a valuable platform to explore international academic opportunities and career pathways. Organized by the **Office of Corporate Linkages and Placements (OCLP)** in collaboration with **ABN Overseas Education**, the event connected students with expert advisors for guidance on studying in top destinations including the **UK, USA, Canada, Australia, and Germany**. The expo saw strong student participation, while **Provost Dr. Tashfeen Mahmood Azhar's** presence highlighted the university's commitment to global academic advancement. Attendees benefited from insights on scholarships of up to 50%, IELTS preparation, and personalized counseling on admissions and visa processes, enabling them to plan their international education journey with confidence.



Shaping the Future of Aviation: ICA-2026 Brings Global Experts Together

The **2nd International Conference on Aviation (ICA-2026)**, organized by the **Institute of Aviation Studies (IAS)**, brought together aviation experts, academicians, and industry professionals from Pakistan and abroad. Convened by **Dr. Muhammad Shahid Rana** and led by **Prof. Dr. Ahmad Aizaz**, the conference focused on emerging technologies, aviation safety, innovation, and sustainable air transport. **Maj. Gen. (Retd.) Khalil Dar** attended as Chief Guest, while **Rector Dr. Asif Raza** also graced the event. International speakers from **Türkiye, the UK, and the UAE** shared key insights, while students presented their research, making the conference a valuable platform for knowledge exchange and collaboration.



Where Excellence Takes the Spotlight: Celebrating UMT's Brightest Minds

The Rector's Merit Award Ceremony for the Fall 2025 semester, recognizing outstanding students who achieved a perfect 4.00 CGPA across undergraduate and graduate programs. The prestigious event celebrated academic excellence, dedication, and the pursuit of distinction. The ceremony was graced by Rector Dr. Asif Raza, Prof Abid H K Shirwani along with Vice Rector Dr. Ejaz Ullah Cheema, Provost Dr Tashfeen Mahmood Azhar and Controller of Examinations Dr. Shahid Hassan, while all Deans were also in attendance, reflecting a collective commitment to honoring student achievement. High-achieving students were awarded certificates, medals, and sashes in the presence of proud faculty and families, marking a significant milestone in their academic journey. Beyond recognition, awardees also receive a tuition fee waiver equivalent to six credit hours for the upcoming semester. The ceremony stood as a testament to the institution's culture of merit, motivation, and academic excellence, inspiring students to strive for the highest standards of performance.



Exploring Pakistan's Tech Frontier at UMT

“Pakistan's Tech Frontier: The New Wave of Opportunity” was a prominent technology event held at the **University of Management and Technology (UMT)**, Lahore. The session featured **Mr. Faisal Jeddy, CEO of the Pakistan Software Export Board (PSEB)**, who shared insights on emerging tech opportunities and the evolving digital landscape. The event was also graced by the **Vice Rector Dr. Ejaz Ullah Cheema**, reflecting the university's commitment to promoting innovation and industry engagement. It provided students with valuable exposure to industry trends and the future of Pakistan's technology sector, inspiring them to explore new avenues in the digital economy.



Director AAQIC Engages Final-Year Students in Focus Group Discussion

The **Accreditations and Academic Quality Improvement Cell (AAQIC)** conducted a Focus Group Discussion with final-year undergraduate students of **Fall 2025** programs, moderated by **Mr. Asif Saeed Haider, Director AAQIC**. The session provided a confidential platform for students to share feedback on their academic experience, teaching quality, curriculum effectiveness, support services, campus facilities, and career readiness. Student insights and suggestions will contribute to ongoing efforts to enhance academic quality, strengthen student support, and improve the overall learning experience at **UMT**.



Innovate, Connect, Succeed: SCA Business Fest 2026 at UMT

The School of Commerce and Accountancy (SCA) at the University of Management and Technology (UMT) successfully organized **Business Fest 2026**, a vibrant initiative aimed at promoting innovation, entrepreneurship, and experiential learning. The event brought together academia, industry professionals, entrepreneurs, faculty members, and students, providing a dynamic platform for the practical application of business concepts through startup stalls, interactive workshops, competitions, and cultural performances. The occasion was honored by the presence of distinguished guests, including **Dr. Talat Islam** (IBA, University of the Punjab), **Mr. Bilal Ahmed Awan** (KIPS Education System & FAIDA Foundation), **Ms. Tania Rana** and **Mr. Nouman** (Globe Estate), **Mr. Naeem Mushtaq** (CEO, CELT & EDWORLD), and **Mr. Nouman Mehmood** (Marketing Manager, Gobis Paint). The event was graced by **Dr. Muhammad Gulzar**, Director SCA, along with senior faculty members **Dr. Ijaz Hussain Bokhari** and **Mr. Taha Fraz Haider**. Guest speakers, particularly **Mr. Bilal Ahmed Awan** and **Ms. Tania Rana**, shared valuable insights on entrepreneurship, innovation, and the importance of developing a business mindset among youth.



Advancing Interdisciplinary Research: 3rd International Conference on Life Sciences at UMT

THE Department of Life Sciences at the University of Management and Technology (UMT) successfully hosted the 3rd International Conference on Life Sciences (UMTCLS-2026) as part of the Multidisciplinary Science Congress 2026, bringing together national and international scholars for academic exchange and collaboration. Held under the theme *“Harnessing Life Sciences for Sustainable Health, Environment, and Industry,”* the conference featured plenary sessions on emerging trends in life sciences, along with poster presentations showcasing ongoing research. The conference was organized under the patronage of **Prof. Dr. Asif Raza, Rector UMT**. The organizing leadership included **Prof. Dr. Sammia Shahid (Vice Provost Research)** and **Prof. Dr. Muhammad Imran Jamil (Dean, School of Science)** as Chief Organizers, with **Dr. Muhammad Javaid** as Convener, **Dr. Imran Tipu** as Conference Chair, and **Dr. Muhammad Ali** and **Dr. Iftikhar Ali** as Conference Secretaries. The organizing committee, including **Dr. Muhammad Akram** and **Mr. Aquib Nazar**, supervised key activities of the event. The conference served as a significant platform for fostering innovation, knowledge exchange, and interdisciplinary collaboration in the field of life sciences.



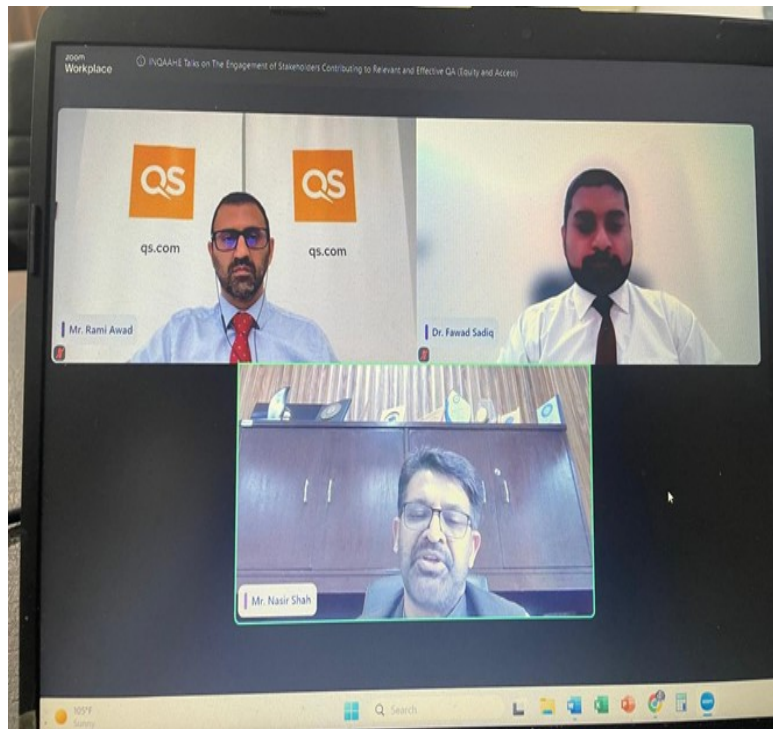
UMT Director AAQIC Participates in RIPE Review as External Evaluator

Mr. Asif Saeed Haider, Director AAQIC, participated as an external evaluator in the **RIPE (Review of Institutional Performance and Enhancement) 2025–2026** of **Baba Guru Nanak University**. During the visit, he assessed institutional practices in line with the **HEC PSG-2023 framework**, focusing on quality assurance, academic governance, program implementation, and continuous improvement processes. He also engaged with university leadership and key stakeholders to review quality assurance mechanisms and documentation. His participation reflects **UMT's** continued commitment to academic excellence and its active role in contributing to quality assurance practices across the higher education sector.



Director AAQIC Represents UMT at INQAAHE Webinar on Stakeholder Engagement

Mr. Asif Saeed Haider, Director AAQIC at UMT, participated in an **INQAAHE** webinar titled *“The Engagement of Stakeholders,”* focusing on the role of students, employers, and support staff in quality assurance. The session highlighted the importance of stakeholder engagement in promoting inclusivity, relevance, and continuous improvement in higher education. Insights from international experts, including **Nasir Shah** and **Rami Awad**, provided valuable perspectives on equity, access, and stakeholder-driven quality enhancement. Participation in such global forums reflects **UMT's** commitment to adopting international best practices and fostering a culture of quality, collaboration, and innovation in academia.



UMT's Aviation Program Under National Spotlight as NTC Conducts Key Accreditation Visit

The National Technology Council (NTC) conducted a two-day accreditation visit to the Institute of Aviation Studies (IAS) at UMT to evaluate the BS Aircraft Maintenance Engineering Technology (AMET) program. The evaluation team, comprising Prof. Dr. Salim ur Rehman (Team Lead), Prof. Dr. Iqbal Rasool (Expert), and Hafiz Ghulam Muhammad (NTC Representative), reviewed key aspects of the program, including curriculum, faculty, laboratories, assessment practices, and student support services. The visiting team was received by Dr. Ahmad Aizaz, Dean IAS, along with Dr. Faran Ahmed Hameed, Program Manager – Aircraft Maintenance Engineering, faculty members, and administrative staff of the Institute. The visit provided an opportunity to showcase IAS's commitment to academic excellence, continuous quality improvement, and compliance with national accreditation standards. Mr. Asif Saeed Haider, Director AAQIC, facilitated the accreditation process and extended institutional support throughout the visit.



Setting the Standard: UMT's Department of Education Completes NACTE Accreditation Phases I & II

The Department of Education (School of Social Sciences & Humanities) at UMT successfully hosted the **NACTE Formal Accreditation Visit** in two phases for its teacher education programs. **Phase I** evaluated **BS Education** and **BS (Hons.) Special Needs Education**. The **NACTE team**, led by **Dr. Muhammad Tanveer Afzal** (Team Leader), along with **Dr. Javed Iqbal** and **Dr. Shamsa Aziz** (Secretary NACTE), conducted orientation sessions, document reviews, classroom observations, infrastructure visits, and interviews with faculty, students, alumni, and leadership. **Phase II** assessed **MPhil Educational Leadership and Management**, **MPhil Special Education**, and **PhD Special Education**. The evaluation was carried out by **Prof. Dr. Riffat-un-Nisa** (Team Leader) and **Ms. Beenish Asmat Ullah**. Activities included program documentation analysis, faculty interviews, class observations, and debriefing meetings. The department acknowledges the support of the **Rector, Provost, Dean SSSH, Chairperson, Director AAQIC, Registrar, Controller of Examinations**, and all **faculty and staff**. These visits reaffirm **UMT's** commitment to academic quality, continuous improvement, and national accreditation standards.



Food Science & Technology Program Receives **NAEAC** Accreditation

The Department of Food Science & Technology at the University of Management and Technology (UMT), Lahore, has been awarded accreditation by the National Agricultural Education Accreditation Council (NAEAC), Higher Education Commission of Pakistan. The program received the W3 category in recognition of its academic quality and adherence to national standards. NAEAC congratulated the faculty, administration, and students on this achievement and wished the department continued success in maintaining and enhancing the quality of agricultural education. This accreditation reflects UMT's unwavering commitment to academic excellence and quality assurance in food and agricultural sciences.



Global Milestone: **UMT Faculty Appointed Research Fellow at INTI International University, Malaysia**



UMT has strengthened its international footprint by signing a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with INTI International University, Malaysia. Facilitated by Dr. Saima Saqlain on behalf of the School of Media and Communication Studies (SMCS), the partnership reflects a shared commitment to advancing global academic collaboration. The MoU outlines cooperation in student mobility, visiting scholar programs, joint research and publications, and academic exchanges. It also includes opportunities for conferences, seminars, training programs, and other scholarly activities. This collaboration is expected to enhance academic exchange, boost research productivity, and create meaningful opportunities for students and faculty, further reinforcing UMT's commitment to internationalization and academic excellence.

Transforming Healthcare: SPH Hosted 2nd International Conference on Healthcare Challenges and Innovations

The School of Pharmacy (SPH) at UMT successfully organized the *2nd International Conference on Healthcare Challenges and Innovations in the 21st Century (HCIC 2026)*, bringing together national and international researchers, academicians, healthcare professionals, and innovators. The conference aimed to bridge the gap between academia, regulatory bodies, and the healthcare industry. Key discussions centered on digital health technologies, artificial intelligence in medicine, emerging pharmaceutical innovations, and evidence-based healthcare solutions. The event featured keynote talks, expert panel discussions, workshops, and student poster competitions. **Highnoon Laboratories** co-sponsored the conference. Experts from **Pakistan, Spain, South Korea, and Serbia** shared valuable perspectives on transforming patient-centered care through research, technology, and clinical practice. The event was graced by **UMT Rector Dr. Asif Raza, Vice Rector Dr. Ejaz Ullah Cheema, Provost (Research) Dr. Sammia Shahid and Dean of the School of Pharmacy Dr. Waqar Aman**, who attended and lent their support to the proceedings.



Driving Impactful Research: Solving National Priorities & Global Challenges

