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**"Try not to become a man of success, but
rather become a man of value."
Albert Einstein**



Dr Hasan Sohaib Murad (*Shaheed*)

Memorial Lecture by Mr Hussain Dawood



Dr Hasan Sohaib Murad (Shaheed) Memorial Lecture was organized on Thursday, September 10, 2020. The event began with a trip down memory lane where prominent personalities who had been acquainted with **Dr Hasan Sohaib Murad** in their lives one way or another, including family, friends, colleagues and people who had been inspired by him in anyway, shared how Dr Hasan had left an impact in their lives and the society.

The annual **Dr Hasan Sohaib Murad (Shaheed) Memorial Lecture** commenced with the recitation of the Holy Quran, followed by a welcome note by **Khaild Naqi, Director OCLP**. He welcomed all the esteemed guests and participants. He briefed that the annual event was organized to carry forth the legacy of a visionary. He further talked about who Dr Hasan Murad was as a

human, as a reformist, as an educationist and as a leader. A video which was a walkthrough of the life of Dr Hasan Sohaib Murad was played to remember him through the words of people in whose hearts he shall live on now and forever.

Khalid Naqi, Director OCLP **remembered the great visionary** who laid the foundation of an institute that is proud to serve millions of people today. He introduced the key speaker **Mr Hussain Dawood, Chairman Dawood Hercules Corporation, Engro Corporation, and Karachi School of Business and Leadership**. He talked about a few of his numerous achievements and welcomed him.

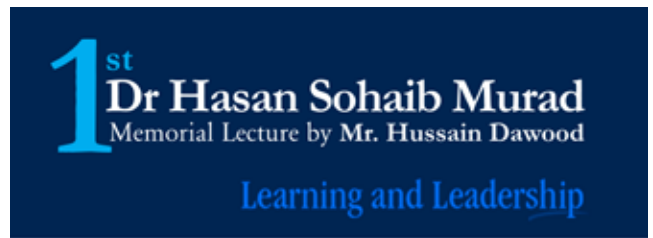
Mr Hussain Dawood thanked the audience for having him as the key speaker. He gave a thought-provoking lecture on the topic of Learning and Leadership. He also talked

about Dr Hasan Sohaib Murad's zeal to bring a change in the educational world of today and briefed how Dr Hasan Murad joined his group as a Financial Analyst in one of his projects. He elucidated that both him and Dr Hasan had the same approach towards **leadership and success** and believed that although both of them belonged to different sectors, with one being corporate and the other being education, their achievements had been the same whatsoever. He further defined leadership and its linkage to learning and also shared his struggles and all that he had learned in his practical life in order to possess the quality of leadership.

The event ended with a speech by **Ibrahim Hasan Murad, President**. He extended immense gratitude towards Mr Hussain Dawood for being a part of the event and enlightening the audience with his wisdom and sharing his experiences. The reason he was proud to host

Dr Hasan Sohaib Murad (Shaheed), a great visionary who laid the foundation of an institute that is proud to serve millions of people today.

Mr Hussain Dawood as the key speaker was because Dr Hasan had worked closely with him. He commended Mr Hussain Dawood for being a poised personality and giving so much to people to learn from. He remembered his father as an educationist who left no stone unturned in revolutionizing the academic world by laying the foundation of UMT and ILM Fund that now serves many. His father always believed in the service of the people and UMT stands tall for carrying his legacy forth.



Guest Speaker:
Mr. Hussain Dawood
Chairman
Dawood Hercules Corporation
Engro Corporation
Karachi School of Business and Leadership





Orientation Week for Fall 2020



Transition from a daunting college life to a carefree and liberating university life can lead to stress and anxiety. UMT aspires to create a welcoming environment for its new intakes. In this respect, an orientation week was celebrated at the Campus from October 12 onwards to introduce new students to the university facilities, student life and academic policies and departments. The orientation aimed to equip students with

information pertaining to their academic courses and necessary resources so they could make appropriate academic plans for their first semester at university. During the O'Week, different stalls were placed in UMT greens to enroll new students to their favorite student clubs. Also, OPA organized different fun-filled activities to entertain new intakes and introduce them to the diverse academic culture of UMT.





19th Convocation of UMT



“Graduation is not the end but the beginning...”

The 19th convocation of UMT took place on **Thursday, October 22, 2020** at **UMT Greens**. Graduates walked down the paths of the university one more time with their heads held high to receive their degrees and have all their hard work paid off. Strict SOPs for COVID-19 were followed by the UMT family in order to stay safe and keep everyone safe.

The convocation commenced with the recitation of the Holy Quran followed by the National anthem. **Sarwar Hussain Naqshbandi**, a **PhD Scholar** of UMT and

a student of **Dr Hasan Sohaib Murad (Shaheed)** shared a heart wrenching piece of poetry he wrote in the memory of his mentor which moved the audience to tears.

Dr Muhammad Aslam, Rector gave a welcome note where he extended his gratitude to the students, faculty, and the guests of honor for gracing the event. He talked about the different milestones UMT has achieved from the time of its inception. The Rector commended the graduates and urged them to put their learning to

productive use and be model professionals and exemplary human beings. He expressed his trust in the new graduates that with their hard work, dedication and excellent performance, they would be a source of pride for UMT.

Ibrahim Hasan Murad, President shared his thoughts about the evolving times and how UMT has coped and will continue to do so in the future for its students. He exclaimed that the graduating class is imbued with the lasting spirit of constant inquiry and service to the community. They carry with them the essence of ethical and moral behavior fit for responsible citizens of this country. He called the youth the architects for the future and believed that they would build a progressive and prosperous Pakistan.

The honorable guest, **Chaudhary Mohammad Sarwar, Governor of the Punjab** gave an insightful speech for the young graduates to congratulate them for their success. In his address, he paid a glowing tribute to Dr Hasan Sohaib Murad (Shaheed) for being the epitome of empathy. He commended Dr Hasan and his team for their countless contributions, hard work and dedication in leading UMT to the pinnacles of success. He asked the students to revel in joy and celebrate their achievements. He congratulated the graduates for achieving a milestone in their academic careers and making their parents and teachers proud.



“When you leave here, don’t forget why you came...”

The degrees were awarded to the proud graduates for their hard work. It was indeed a proud moment for the students as they crossed the final threshold and entered their next phase of life, equipped and ready to face new challenges.



Setting up of the **Disaster Management Center**

The **Center for Disaster Management** was established on **January 20, 2020 at UMT**. The center's objective is to support the public sector, emergency services, line agencies

and the communities through collaborative research, capacity building, skill development, and knowledge management related to disaster management.

International Recognition and Grant Funds from Ivy League

SGS has won the grant of "**Collaborating the Relief and Recovery Efforts in Post Disaster Situation in Pakistan: Need Assessment and Conceptual Coordination Framework**" funded

by the **Humanitarian Innovation Initiative at Brown University**.

<https://watson.brown.edu/chrhs/research/seed-grant-relief-recovery-pakistan>

OCLP: Induction Session and Recruitment Drive by **National Foods**

National Foods Pvt Ltd conducted an induction and CV assessment session, along with mock interviews for the **positions of Trailblazer and Internships**. They targeted fresh and experienced graduates from Food Engineering (Nutrition Science and Food Technology), Engineering (Mechanical, Industrial and Electrical), and Management Sciences (Finance, Economics, Supply Chain, Marketing, HR and Business Management).

The induction session included all aspects of how National Foods can be a better employer and how a graduate can opt for a smooth

career path. They also held a short quiz and distributed gifts to the attendees.

During the **90 minutes** of the assessment, representatives from **National Foods offered on spot position** to one of our graduates from Industrial Engineering.

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OCLP - Increasing Pakistani Capacity of Women in STEM and Entrepreneurship

A power pack corporate session on the topic of **“Increasing Pakistani Capacity of Women in STEM and Entrepreneurship”** was organized by OCLP on **February 28, 2020**. Two international speakers **Eileen Brewer, Global Consultant** and **Cathy Simpson, Certified Scrum Trainer** were invited from the **USA** to interact with the female students and faculty of UMT and inspire them to become entrepreneurs.

Over **100+ females from UMT** attended the session. The speakers not only enlightened minds, but also persuaded them towards entrepreneurship. The session was a step forward in empowering females.

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Dr Hasan Murad School of Management, UMT among leading Asian Management schools in 2020:

American weekly magazine, **Newsweek**, has called the **Dr Hasan Murad School of Management** at UMT an **emerging key player in the field of business studies**, placing it at par with other top business schools of Pakistan.

As per the magazine, **HSM is one of the leading business schools of Asia in 2020**. Newsweek reports that HSM is ranked among the best business schools in the region

with more than 70 faculty members, more than 27 of whom hold PhD degrees. The corporate world bears witness to the fact that HSM offers quality programs related to management sciences that are rigorous, and are globally recognized.

Newsweek further elucidates that the programs at HSM are geared towards equipping future leaders, professionals and executives with the knowledge, technology,

Newsweek

in their respective organizations. The global

magazine also acknowledged HSM's efforts to become the best in Asia through key initiatives such as AMDIP, which HSM founded.

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LEAD.
OTHERS
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**LEADING BUSINESS SCHOOL
OF ASIA 2020**

Newsweek

Pakistan's Premier General Research University



**President
UMT**

**Helps Make
eLearning
Accessible**

Ibrahim Hasan Murad, President initiated a national campaign titled **#freeinternetforstudents on March 25, 2020**. Through this campaign, he urged the **Prime Minister of Pakistan** to provide free internet services to students to avoid any hindrance in their academic activities, stating that internet is a basic necessity of life across the globe. He disseminated this message through electronic, print and social media platforms and succeeded in creating a new wave among students, leading educationists and the local authorities to support a futuristic digital Pakistan. UMT would like to congratulate our President for his untiring efforts, as the government has announced "**Taleemi Bundle Internet Package**" for students, in collaboration with the

Higher Education Commission of Pakistan and telecommunication companies. This package will provide cheap internet services to students from **08:00 am till 02:00 pm** and students will register for the package through their respective universities.

This great initiative was taken in account of the fluctuating circumstances during dire times. The pandemic has affected academics as much as other sectors and the world now needs to adapt accordingly.

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TOP 600 IN THE WORLD FOR SOCIETAL IMPACT!

301-400 Partnerships for the goals	401+ Decent work and economic growth	201-300 Gender equality	301-400 Quality education	301-400 Good health and well being
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UMT Outshines in THE Impact Rankings 2020

UMT secured 401-600th spot in the overall Impact rankings for 2020, competing among the top-tier higher educational institutes

University of Management and Technology has been ranked among the **top 500** universities of the world in the latest **Times Higher Education Impact Rankings 2020**. The Times Higher Education Impact Rankings are the only global performance tables that assess universities against the **United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)**.

UMT secured **401-600th** spot in the overall Impact rankings for 2020, competing among the top-tier higher educational institutes across the globe. UMT secured **301-400th** spot in the good health and well-being category and 301-400th spot in the **quality education** category, respectively. **Impact rankings 2020** by the Times Higher Education website includes 806

universities from over 86 countries worldwide and ranks **HEIs** on the basis of their collaborative efforts for the fulfillment of UN SDGs. To be able to secure a high position among the top universities is a matter of immense pride.

This reflects the dedication of the university as well as its participants and employees who are working towards building a sound future for humanity. UMT leaves no stone unturned in climbing the ladder of success higher and carrying forth its vision. Every effort that UMT makes is always in line with the mission and vision of the university. The university thrives due to its endless hard work in the corporate as well as the academic arena.



UMT Conducts First Online PhD Dissertation Defense

University of Management and Technology has conducted its **first-ever PhD dissertation** defense through **Zoom**. UMT is now the first Premier Higher Educational Institute in Pakistan to hold an online PhD dissertation defense.

Waqasia Naeem successfully defended her dissertation entitled **“A Critical Discourse Analysis of Actor Delineation, Action Attribution and Event Description in Afghan Wars (1979-1989 and 2001-2008),”** supervised by **Dr Muhammad Shaban**. External examiners for the defense included **Prof Dr Mamuna Ghani, Dean Faculty of Arts, The Islamia**

University of Bahawalpur and **Prof Dr Habib Ullah Pathan, Director English Language and Development Center, Mehran University of Engineering and Technology, Jamshoro**. More than 90 participants, including faculty members and PhD scholars, participated in the session as well. The session was chaired by the honorable **Dr Muhammad Aslam, Rector UMT** who appreciated the efforts of the Office of Controller Examination, Office of Technology Enablement, Office of Campus Management Services and Institute of Liberal Arts. It is indeed an achievement for UMT to be one step ahead than the rest.

PhD Computer Science Dissertation Defense via Zoom

UMT is among the very few universities which are **heading online classes** on **Zoom** successfully. In these dire times, the university ensured not to be held back by the circumstances, but to overcome them and keep moving forth. Another such example was the **PhD dissertation defense** of **Nabeel Sabir** from the **Computer Science Department** which was held on April 23, 2020 via Zoom. The topic defended by **Nabeel Sabir** was **“Bridging the Communication Barrier for the Deaf in Pakistan using Information Technology”**.





University name: University of Management and Technology (Lahore)

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We Work Together, Success Follows

Efforts of the Office of Human Resource has played a pivotal role in achieving this laurel.

discrimination workplace and **disciplinary policy** for its staff members.

An organization is always known for its strong policies as well as its rules and regulations. OHR strives each day to make UMT an ideal workplace for its employees. It not only frames and enforces policies, but also ensures the smooth functioning of the organization. UMT takes pride in being an exemplary workplace. The university has proven to be a safe haven for its employees with its staunch regulations and standards that it makes no compromise on. The Office of Human Resource works with the devotion to improve and thrive every single day which makes UMT an exemplary workplace.



UMT has been nominated for the **Workplace of the Year Award** category, conferred by the prestigious **Times Higher Education**.

THE Awards Asia 2020 celebrates the accomplishments of higher education institutes in the region and honor them in 10 different categories, including teaching and learning, outstanding leadership, technological innovation, support for students, student recruitment campaign and workplace management. Efforts of the Office of Human Resource has played a pivotal role in achieving this laurel. Some of the key initiatives of the OHR include **effective employee engagement**, setting up a top-notch recruiting system, along with enforcing a strict **non-**



CENTIN Organizes Guest Lecture by Sunny Ali

Center for Entrepreneurship and Innovation (CENTIN) invited **Sunny Ali, Founder/CEO Extreme Commerce** to deliver an enthralling session on **“Start your e-Commerce Business through Amazon in Pakistan”** for all the brilliant business minds of UMT on **Friday, June 05, 2020**.

CENTIN believes in empowering the youth and giving their aspirations a direction. Through its interactive sessions, CENTIN aims to help students realize their future goals and provide them with a platform full of opportunities that can work as a catalyst and help the young business minds achieve all they want. CENTIN has a futuristic vision and brings giants from the corporate world to enlighten the participants with their experiences and knowledge so they can gain from it and work on their goals.

This was a live interactive learning session, focusing on the possibilities of setting e-commerce business through Amazon in Pakistan. Sunny Ali discussed different strategies and solutions to carry forward e-commerce business initiatives in Pakistan. He also answered the queries of the participants in light of his vast experience of building businesses from scratch and scaling them to greater heights. The Director CENTIN appreciated the efforts of the entire team and concluded this exciting session with a note of thanks. The session was aired on UMT and CENTIN Facebook Pages and more than 1300 people participated in this live session, whereas more than 2000 people watched this session. He was grateful to all the participants for their contributions in the session and looked forward to being a part of such initiatives in the future as well.



UMT 1st in Pakistan to obtain QM (USA) Membership

University of Management and Technology is the first university in Pakistan that has joined hands with **Quality Matters (USA)** — the international leader for quality assurance in online and innovative digital teaching and learning environments. Quality Matters membership will allow UMT to access the comprehensive and research-supported quality assurance processes by QM to design and develop accessible, engaging **online courses**.

The UMT faculty and staff play an integral role in helping the university reach new heights. In order to ensure they have access to the best resources for their development, the university promotes such memberships. Research is important and having access to quality assurance processes is equally important. Due to the ongoing COVID-19 Pandemic, academia had to make a sudden shift to online learning mode. UMT is deeply concerned about quality programming and the overall faculty and learner

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experience. Learner's success is the university's top priority and in order to remove hindrances in learning, UMT has joined hands with Quality Matters (USA).

QM's professional development opportunities will provide faculty and staff with a pathway to develop and strengthen key online design of the program and improve their delivery skills. UMT looks forward to broadening the spectrum for its staff and faculty.

Empowering Your Ambitions!

for the past

30
years



Celebrating
ILM's Journey in Making
a Global Difference

ILM: Where Ambitions meet Destinations

ILM celebrated its academic journey of **30 years** on **June 16, 2020**. An institute was founded in **1990** by a visionary with the aim of shaping the future generations and being a lighthouse of knowledge for them. The vision was to learn, transform, lead and drive change in society.

Dr Hasan Sohaib Murad (Shaheed) was driven by the vision of establishing an institute that believed in imparting knowledge and equipping youth with the skillset to excel in life and serve humanity for the greater good.

We see ILM now as a mature educational institute nurturing scholars aiming for personal and professional growth. ILM stands on the

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be carried forward by
generations.

strong foundation of **quality education, highly qualified faculty** and an utterly **devoted staff** working hard in helping the institute excel leaps and bounds. The buildings of ILM hold sentimental value for many and knowledge illuminates every corner of the campus. The institute is proud to be a source of guidance and success for dedicated **learners transforming into leaders** of today. The university offers quality programs and hands-on learning experience to its participants so they have an exceptional environment to learn and grow in. ILM is a legacy that shall be carried forward by generations.



2020 DIANA AWARD RECIPIENT



UMT Alumnus Granted the Diana Award

The nominees are judged on the basis of 5 key areas: vision, social impact, inspiring others, youth leadership and service journey

Nabila Abbas, Alumnus UMT has been recognized with the highest accolade a young person can achieve for social action or humanitarian efforts – **The Diana Award**. She has been selected from Pakistan for her mission to **educate women and girls** growing up in rural Pakistan, empowering them to achieve their ambitions.

Established in memory of Diana, Princess of Wales, the Award is given out by the charity and has the support of both her sons. The Diana Award develops and inspires positive change in lives of the young people through three key programs, including a mentoring program for

young people at risk, a youth-led anti-bullying ambassadors campaign and a prestigious award which publicly recognizes young people. The nominees are judged on the basis of 5 key areas: vision, social impact, inspiring others, youth leadership and service journey. Nabila also created the initiative **Aviation Literary Forum**, which provides a space to encourage other girls to realize their dreams. She is using her global platform to represent girls in rural Pakistan which is a dire need as the women belonging to rural areas do not have access to quality education or the opportunities to learn and grow. She believes in representing the less privileged women and being their voice.



WE LEAD OTHERS FOLLOW

UMT SCORES 100% IN ONLINE CLASSES

READINESS
DASHBOARD BY HEC

- ✓ University Readiness
- ✓ Faculty Readiness
- ✓ Library Readiness
- ✓ Evaluation Readiness
- ✓ Course Readiness
- ✓ Technology Readiness
- ✓ Student Readiness
- ✓ Laboratory Readiness



UMT Emerges on Top in Online Class Readiness Dashboard

UMT secured hundred percent scores in eight categories.

UMT bagged yet another achievement by securing **first-rate scores** in the **online class readiness dashboard** released by the **Higher Education Commission of Pakistan (HEC)**. Due to the pandemic hitting the world, education everywhere transitioned to online modes immediately. While some strived harder than the rest, UMT was the university that stood prepared and resorted to online means instantaneously.

THE Awards Asia explores how universities continue to innovate and help the world navigate an uncertain future. They also offer an international platform to recognize outclass leadership and institutional performance, and celebrate higher education excellence in all of

its diversity. To ensure quality education during a pandemic, eight categories were created to rate an institute's performance. UMT secured **hundred percent** scores in **eight** categories, including course readiness, faculty readiness, technology readiness, library readiness, student readiness, evaluation readiness, and laboratory readiness. This reflects the university's commitment towards imparting quality education despite all constraints and being prepared for any circumstances.

The online class readiness dashboard is an initiative that acknowledges an institute's efforts towards keeping the online academic journey smooth.

OCLP signs MoU with HazelSoft Software House

Office of Corporate Linkages and Placements (OCLP) has signed a **Memorandum of Understanding (MoU)** with **HazelSoft (Software House)** on **July 16, 2020**, in a bid to strengthen industry and academia linkages. On behalf of UMT, the MoU was signed by **Khalid Naqi, Director Corporate Linkages and Placement (OCLP)**, in the presence of **Dr Yaser Daanial Khan, Chairperson Department of Computer Science**. On behalf of **HazelSoft**, the MoU was signed by **Adil Farooq, CEO HazelSoft**, in the presence of **Badar Suhail, Director HazelSoft**.

HazelSoft is a “Delivery Oriented” software firm, well capable of handling any challenges related to software design (mobile, desktop or web), graphics design, software testing, automation

testing and technical documentation. It is a one-stop-shop for high-quality software product development, project management, customized projects, and software testing, having clients in more than **10** countries globally.

HazelSoft will now provide **jobs and internships to the students** of UMT. Moreover, the software house will coordinate for UMT industry advisory board and business leader engagement sessions and will conduct seminars and specialist training programs for UMT students.

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SEPTEMBER 3, 2020
AT 12:00 PM



Institute of
Liberal Arts

VIRTUAL
OPEN
DAY

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Virtual Open Day (VOD)

The Department of English and Literary Studies (DELS) organized the first ever **Virtual Open Day** at University of Management and Technology on 19 August 2020 from 11am to 1.30pm. During the admission phase, the department noticed that due to this being a pandemic year, prospective students faced anxiety and confusion regarding further education plans and modes of learning. They even showed reluctance in exposing themselves to the physical environment still threatened by COVID-19. To address their concerns and also to introduce the degree programs offered by DELS and the faculty, facilities and the hybrid learning environment at UMT, we decided to hold an open day which gave our offer holders and prospective students a virtual experience of being at UMT. The event was attended by **50+ candidates**

not only from different cities across the country but also by international aspirants such as a candidate from the Philippines. Based on this experience, DELS has planned to continue the trend of virtual open day post pandemic in addition to the regular open days we have been holding for years.

Reported by Ms Rabaha Arshad

Lecturer, DELS

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UMT STUDENTS SECURE 3RD POSITION IN UAA POSTER COMPETITION



“Success isn’t just about what you accomplish in your life; it’s about what you inspire others to do.”

The students of UMT exhibit talent and competitiveness in every walk of life. A **student poster competition** was held by the **University Aviation Association (UAA)** whose winners were announced on August 19, 2020. **Amman Mujahid, Talha Esan and Adnon Ali**, along with **faculty advisor Beenish Batul** won **3rd position** for their poster on **Design of Aircraft Propeller Maintenance Facility for General Aviation**.

The University Aviation Association is the sole professional organization that represents the non-engineering/technology sector in college aviation education.

UAA promotes aviation education as a collegiate academic discipline and provides a sound platform for students, faculty, staff and practitioners to share ideas, enhance the education quality and develop strong curricula. Through the combined expertise

of the members, UAA plays a vital role in the enhancement of degree granting aviation programs that represent all the sections of aviation. **UAA represents 105 universities** from around the world out of which one is the University of Management and Technology.

It is indeed a moment of pride for UMT to have its students shine globally on an international platform. We congratulate our students, the IAS department and the entire staff and faculty for helping the university excel leaps and bounds.

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Saudi Ambassador Nawaf Bin Said Al-Maliki Visits UMT

Ambassador of the Royal Kingdom of Saudi Arabia to Pakistan H.E Admiral (retd) Nawaf Bin Said Al-Maliki visited the University of Management and Technology (UMT). **Ibrahim Hasan Murad, President** warmly welcomed the Ambassador. **Abdul Azeez Al Dosari, Senator Hafiz Abdul Kareem, Dr Muhammad Aslam, Rector** and **Professor Sajjad Qamar** were also present.

Addressing the gathering, Ibrahim Hasan Murad thanked H.E for visiting UMT. He said that Pakistan and Saudi Arabia have brotherly ties based on mutual respect and due to the holiest mosques of Islam, friendship and unity. He also expressed that the relationship of the two countries is like two bodies and one soul which is getting stronger with each passing day. It is because of the love between both the countries that H.E Admiral (retd) Nawaf Bin Said Al-Maliki calls Pakistan his second home.

Ibrahim Murad added that there should be people to people exchanges between the two countries, as Pakistani people love and welcome the Saudi brothers. Furthermore, Ibrahim Murad gave a brief **presentation about ILM/UMT** to the Ambassador and shed light on the joint **collaboration of Pak-Saudi educational institutes**.

Saudi Ambassador H.E Admiral (retd) Nawaf Bin Said Al-Maliki expressed his gratitude towards President UMT for inviting him on this special day. He added that the friendship of Saudi Arabia and Pakistan is in their blood and this is the reason why the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia will always love and support Pakistan. H.E also said that we need to **educate our youth** to respect the **Pakistani Flag**. He was also of the view that there was no shortage of talent in Pakistan. Saudi Arabia has always extended its utmost support to Pakistan and shall continue to do so in order

to bring out the positive aspects of the country.

Ambassador expressed that Pakistan holds an extremely important geopolitical position in the region for the Muslim Ummah. King Salman also felt at home during his visit to Pakistan, he added. Ambassador further added that UMT and Saudi Arabia must work together to foster bilateral relations between both the countries and applauded the educational services rendered by UMT. He also urged the media to project a positive image of Pakistan as it evolves and he stood adamant in his hopes of Pakistan developing and prospering immensely one day. He looked forward to a bright future of Pakistan and a strong bond between the two countries.

At the end of session Ibrahim Hasan Murad, President **presented souvenir** to H.E Nawaf Bin Said Al-Maliki Ambassador of the Royal Kingdom of Saudi Arabia to Pakistan. UMT looks forward to serving the country through its efforts to strengthen ties with regional powers for mutual advantage. Both countries hold equal importance for each other and shall work together for the development and prosperity of the two countries and its people.

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Creative Writing Competition and Award Distribution Ceremony

Department of English and Literary Studies
Institute of Liberal Arts

Although the usual activities on campus had to come to a halt due to Covid-19, yet online platforms were being vigorously utilized for regular classes and academic guidance. During these difficult times, the **Department of English and Literary Studies (DELS)** had been able to tailor its activities to live up to the vision of the institution. **A Creative Writing Competition** on the topics related to the pandemic was organized by the department to encourage the students to showcase their talent and to provide them with a springboard to launch their creative endeavors.

Ms Zuha Khawar, lecturer at DELS, acted as the key organizer of the Competition and the Award Distribution Ceremony. The department got quite an overwhelming response from the students. The jury declared **3 winners** for each of the categories, i.e. short story, essay writing, and poetry. To motivate the participants, **DELS invited Mr Saji Gul, a renowned Pakistani screenplay writer**, who has produced numerous plays for HUM TV network. His critically acclaimed plays such as *Sannata*, *O Rangreza*, *Ittiah* and *Kitni Girhein Baqi Hain* center on contemporary yet sensitive issues like treatment of special children in our society in *Ittija*.

Mr. Gul offered remarks on how to systematically approach screenwriting so as to bring about a change in any society in a forceful yet implied manner. Therefore, he encouraged **the participants to focus on the constituents of playwriting** like the indigenization of the language of the characters, components of a story and how to retain an ideology yet embrace the change. Furthermore, he targeted the

popular culture for suppressing the progressive ideas and invited young students to contribute a fresh perspective in the creative writing domain. In the end, he provided a progressive coda on screenwriting and its power to mobilize the youth for the good of society. This online ceremony successfully stirred the young talent to use their words wisely and creatively. Following his useful interaction, he distributed the certificates and book vouchers to the winners. The ceremony was concluded by the **Chairperson Dr Nadia Anwar** with a note of thanks for the **Chief Guest, Mr Saji Gul, Mr Ahmad Sohail from UMT Press, the organizer, DELS faculty**, and all the participants for their enthusiastic support and a promise to introduce more competitions for students in future where they would be able to exhibit their diverse talents.

Submitted by Amina Qadeer

Lecturer, DELS.

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Seminars 2019-2020

SGS:

A webinar on “**Green Infrastructure and Importance of it for a Country**” by **Dr Karina Vink, University of Twente** was held on **June 11, 2020**.

The learning objectives of the webinar included **Understanding Green Infrastructure (GI)** and its benefits, drawbacks in relation to ecosystem services and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

SLP:

1. Webinar Law of Writs – Unlocking the Greatest Constitutional Remedy by Barrister Muhammad A. Qayyum.

The School of Law and Policy was proud to host **Barrister Qayyum**, a **leading advocate** based in Lahore, and managing partner of Qayyum & Associates to have a session with students of SLP on discussing the **Law of Writs**.

The webinar was moderated by **Nyma Anwar Khan, Assistant Professor**, who began the session by introducing the many academic qualifications of Barristers Qayyum which include being a gold medalist of Aitchison College, having a Bachelors from Columbia University, USA as well as having a law degree from St. John’s College, Oxford University.

His preeminent position in the legal profession was appreciated, especially his work as secretary of the Lahore High Court Bar Association (LHCBA), where amongst his many achievements, he pioneered the *Lectures Program*.

The topic at of the webinar was chosen for being one whose importance to newer law graduates, as well as seasoned litigators,

could not be overstated. In an exceptionally comprehensive and interactive session, Barrister Qayyum went over **Article 199** to demonstrate the variety of writs that can be made before a Court to challenge the actions of executive and governmental authorities under Pakistan’s Constitution. The powers of High Courts, the concept of original jurisdiction of the superior courts, as well as issues of judicial activism and restraint were discussed and debated during the webinar. Students also raised questions as to the effect of political history on the development of the jurisprudence related to these powers.

The session ended with a vote of thanks by **Dr Usman Hameed, Director SLP**, and expressed his gratitude to Barrister Qayyum for sharing his many insights with participants of the webinar, and the dialogue that had been initiated amongst the students of SLP due to his efforts.

2. Webinar on “ISP’s and Website Operators - A principled approach to liability in Defamation cases” by Saniya Manzoor.

The School of Law and Policy hosted **Saniya Manzoor**, an **Advocate High Court**, having an **LLM** from the **University College London** to discuss the **liabilities of Internet Service Providers and Website Operators to the tort of Defamation**, on the **May 20, 2020**.

The session began with **Nyma Anwar Khan, Assistant Professor**, welcoming Saniya Manzoor and sharing with the audience her many achievements, including the accolades she has received for her research in the area of Online Defamation.

Saniya Manzoor first focused on discussing the concept of behind the tort of Defamation and the interests it seeks to protect. She went to clarify that the session would be focused

on how the law remains unclear with regards to preserving the same interests in reputation when the defamatory remarks move online. She discussed how the jurisprudence of English Courts could be used to illustrate the approach that Pakistan's legislature and judiciary could take to hold ISPs and website operators liable.

The session proved to be extremely illuminating as participants discussed the incremental nature of the law reform when new technologies appear on the horizon. In addition to many issues that were discussed participants had a particularly animated and engaging discussion with regards to the gaps in Pakistan's own legal regime when it comes to defamation and internet regulation and possible solutions that may exist.

The session ended with a vote of thanks to Saniya Manzoor for her efforts and time in addressing students and participants of SLP on an area of law that has seen little focus and attention by legal practitioners and academics alike.

Launch of SLP Legal Aid Clinic.

In keeping with SLP's mission to provide law students with the most holistic legal education in the country, as well its continued work in advancing the cause of Access to Justice, the UMT School of Law and Policy was proud to announce the establishment of its Legal Aid Clinic through a webinar on **May 15, 2020**.

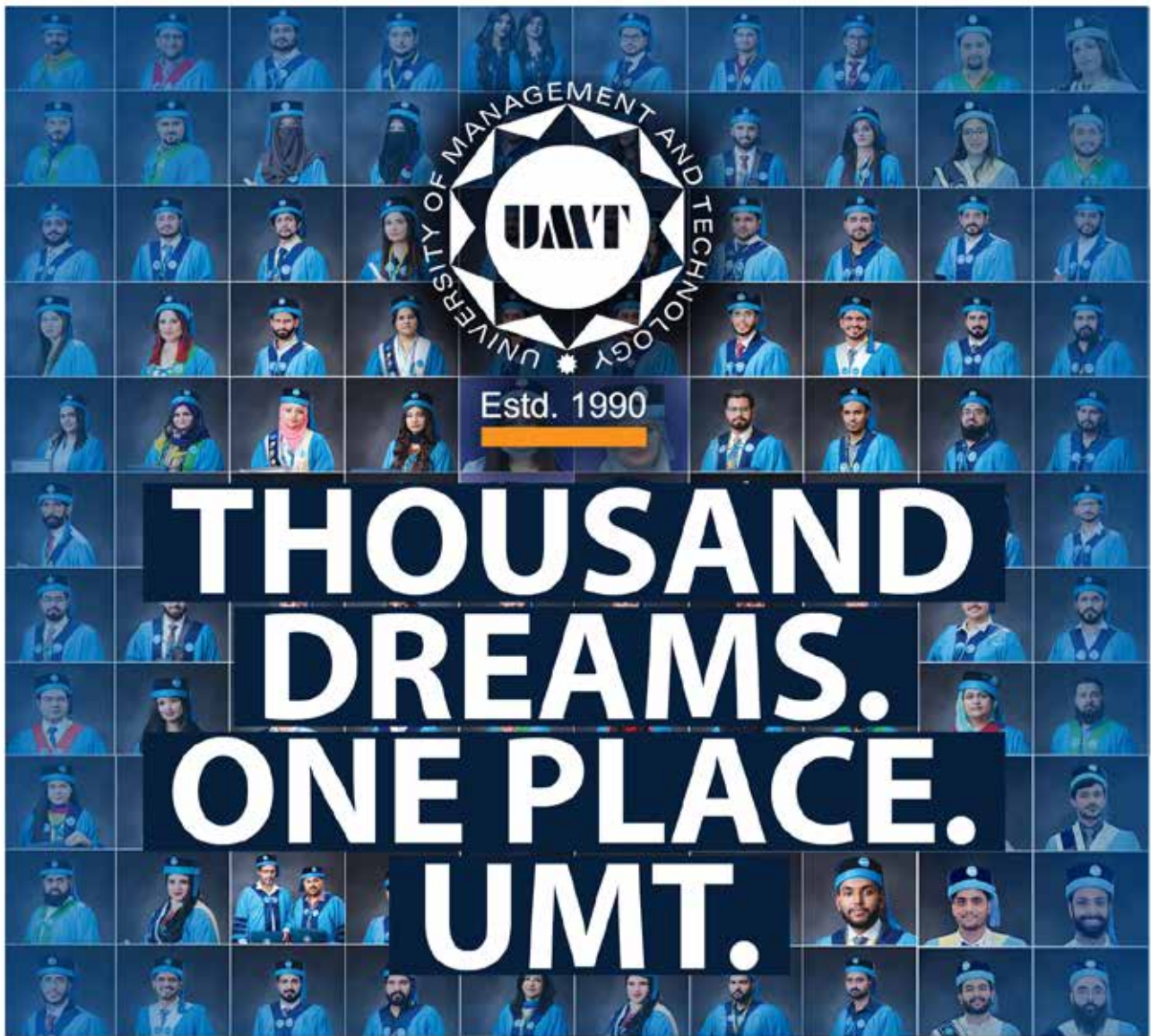
The event was chaired by **Dr Usman Hameed, Director**, and moderated by **Nyma Anwar Khan and Khuzaema Gauhar Siddiqui, Assistant Professors**. Our distinguished panelists, included **Barrister Bahadur Ali Bokhari**, a highly experienced **specialist criminal advocate** in the United Kingdom, and part of the School's adjunct faculty, as well as **Zeeshan Ahmad Malik, an Advocate High Court**, who is managing partner of the Legal Mentors, a Law Firm based out of Lahore.

The purpose behind the clinic is for students of law, under the supervision of experienced

lawyers, to have the opportunity to provide free legal aid services to under-privileged and low-income communities in Lahore who are struggling to find quality representation to fight their on-going legal battles. The Clinic aims to increase the availability of low-cost legal representation to those in need, while instilling within our students a greater sense of professional commitment to public service. The Clinic is a great platform for all the aspiring lawyers of UMT to showcase their abilities and put them to good use by serving the ones who cannot otherwise afford legal representation. This also serve as an opportunity for the students to learn from and develop a sense of responsibility towards their profession and society.

During the webinar, many issues regarding the specific and important role that law schools play in advancing the cause of justice was discussed, as well as how such clinics can be used to improve the quality of legal education. In addition to this, the functions and modalities of the **SLP Legal Aid Clinic** itself were discussed in detail and various valuable suggestions came to light during the session. These included the use of the internet to increase the reach of Clinic, as well honing its focus on three broad areas namely, **Legal Advice, Advocacy and Alternative Dispute Resolution**.

After an animated and engaging session, the webinar ended with a vote of thanks by **Dr Hameed** to all participants for their valuable insights, as well as his hope that the work of the Clinic benefits those who need it the most. This initiative is not only for the students but the less privileged community as well. UMT believes in giving back to the community for which it takes such key initiatives.




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Successful Launching of Spring Campaign 2021

Thousand Dreams- One Place UMT embodies UMT's vision to produce future leaders and front-runners who can lead and steer society towards progression. Our diverse student body represents our untainted reputation in the academic milieu, as a university of choice

for outstanding students. The Campaign was successfully launched on January 1, 2021 across all platforms and received positive reviews. The Campaign was carefully planned and executed to epitomize UMT's vision and mission to transform learners into leaders.

An aerial photograph of a forest floor, showing a complex network of tree roots and a path. The roots are light-colored and form a dense, interconnected web across the dark, textured ground. The path is a narrow, winding line that cuts through the root network. The overall color palette is dominated by dark greens and browns, with the roots providing a stark contrast.

“When we strive to become better than we are, everything around us becomes better too.” — Paulo Coelho

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