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**"The goal of education is the advancement of
knowledge and the dissemination of truth."**

John F Kennedy

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MT is a happening place, where each day is certain to provide food for thought, moments to cherish and instances that offer excitement for each individual associated with the university. The September to December 2021 quarter, like all before it, was no different when it comes to developments that keep everyone engaged and connected to this great seat of learning. It marked the attainment of key milestones, including celebrations over UMT completing 30 years of successful service to Pakistan and the induction of Rector Dr Asif Raza.

More over, whether it were the bittersweet moments during the 21st convocation that brought about nostalgia in faculty and students alike or the buoyancy of freshmen that instilled hope of a vibrant future, there was hardly a day that was without excitement and achievement.

We hope this newsletter serves as a pleasant reminder of all the good we have achieved in the past few months, and helps you reconnect with life in this great place once again.

We wish you all the very best for the future.





UMT Celebrates 30 Years of Educational Excellence

The University of Management and Technology, Lahore marked the completion of 30 years of its educational journey with a grand dinner and Qawali performance held at the UMT Greens on Monday, December 20, 2021.

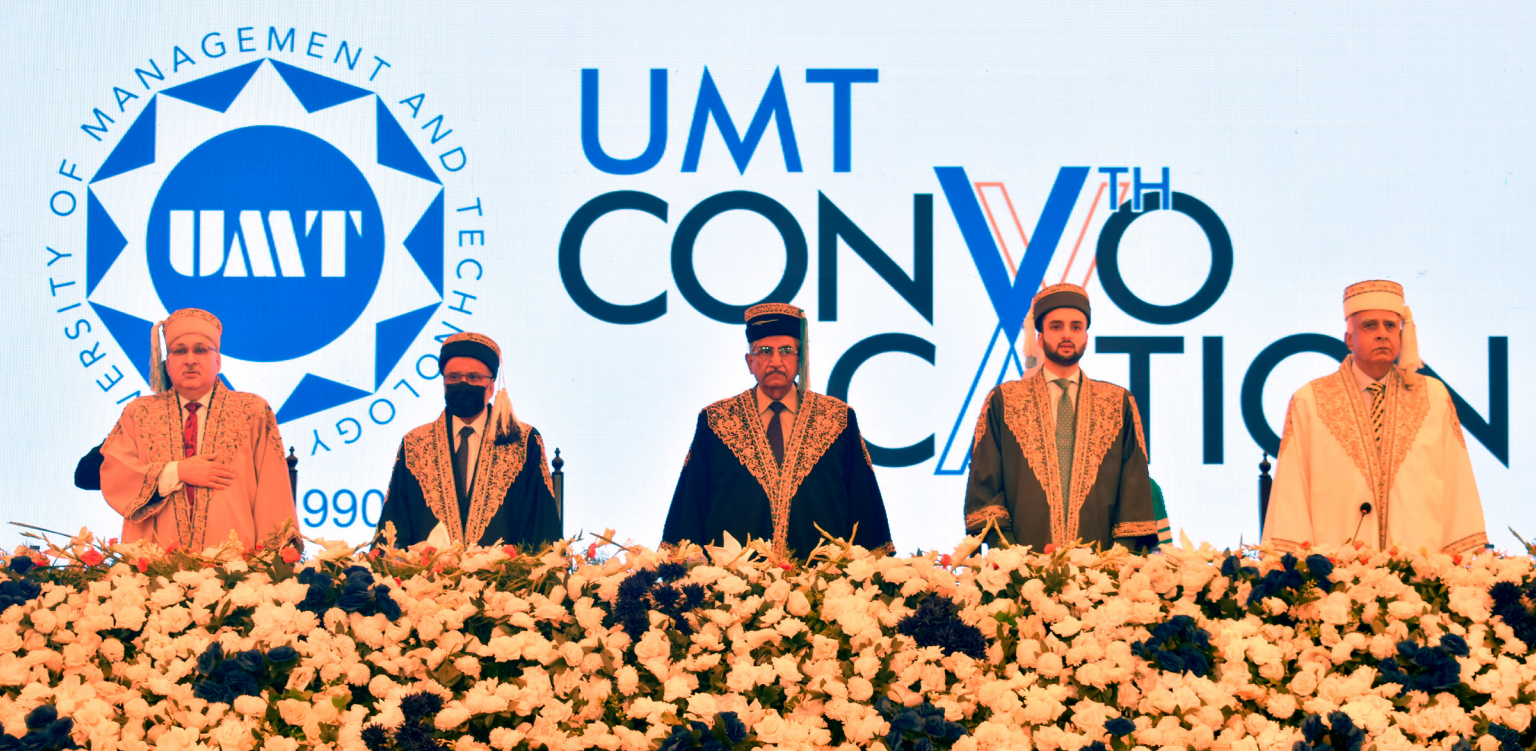
The event was attended by a large number of staff and faculty members as well as UMT President Ibrahim Hasan Murad, Director General Abid HK Shirwani, Rector Asif Raza, Registrar UMT Saleem Ata, and others.

Addressing the attendants, Ibrahim Hasan Murad said that UMT had achieved milestone after milestone during its 30 years of service in the field of education. Murad said varsity founder Dr Hasan Sohaib Murad (Shaheed) had a vision of providing quality higher education to the youth through UMT and worked tirelessly towards that goal throughout his life.

He said UMT was a unique institute in a way that it inculcated a spirit of humanitarian service in its students besides providing them with educational and career direction. "This is the reason UMT continues producing leaders for the future and will continue this journey in the years ahead," Murad added.

UMT DG Abid Shirwani said the UMT family takes great pride in the fact that it had utilized hard work, passion, and desire for continuous learning to amass countless successes over the years. He said UMT would continue providing quality education to the nation's youth for several more decades. The event concluded with a soul-stirring performance by Fareed Ayaz and Abu Muhammad brothers, who mesmerized the audience with renditions of various Sufi kalaams.





20th Convocation of UMT

The 20th UMT Convocation was yet another milestone in the varsity's journey towards excellence and an opportunity for us all to marvel at how far we have come together in this demanding but fruitful endeavor to provide quality learning to the youth of Pakistan.

The 20th Annual Convocation 2021 was held on October 21, 2021 at UMT Greens wherein a total of 1,658 graduates received their academic honors. The awardees included 822 bachelor's degree recipients, 191 master's

degree recipients, 608 MS/MPhil degree recipients and 37 PhD degree recipients.

Furthermore 10 Patron's Gold Medals, 12 Rector's Silver Medals, seven Rector's Academic Excellence Awards Gold Medal, six Certificates of Excellence, six Research Publication Awards for MS/MPhil students, five Highest Number of Publications (Faculty) and five Highest Impact Factor Publication (Faculty) Awards were also handed over at the annual convocation.

UMT Rector Dr Asif Raza gave a welcome address where he expressed his heartfelt gratitude to the students, faculty, parents and the guests of honor for gracing the event. Addressing the participants, he said the day marked another pinnacle in students' journey and it was the culmination of a long and tough academic journey.

He advised graduates to continue striving to become exemplary professionals and human beings and display tolerance in their professional as well as personal interactions.

Chief guest Dr Samar Mubarakmand (N.I, H.I, S.I, FPAS), Pride of Pakistan, Pakistani Nuclear Physicist and Chairman of the Punjab Mineral Company, addressed young graduates and congratulated them on their success and beginning the new chapter in their journey. He appreciated the efforts of UMT to provide quality education.

President UMT Ibrahim Hasan Murad congratulated the graduates for achieving a milestone and making their parents and teachers proud. He further expressed that youth are the architects of the future and can lead to a developed and prosperous country. "They have the power to change their lives and we at UMT help them fulfill their dreams. We want our graduates to bring the essence of moral and ethical behavior that embodies Islamic values and leaves a mark on human history," Murad added.



Freshmen Orientation and Welcome Dinner

The Orientation Program for inductees of the Fall 2021 Admissions was held between October 20 and November 5 to help new participants build trust, belonging and a connection between faculty, staff, fellow participants and break through cultural, social, and other barriers to

enable a successful transition to the university environment. The orientation was held with an aim to facilitate initial academic advisement, course selection, the registration process, promote positive attitudes and acquaint new inductees with co-curricular activities at UMT.



Key Highlights

Addresses by the UMT Rector, Director General Abid HK Sherwani, Deans/ Directors/CoDs

These addresses aimed at welcoming new participants and provide them a gist of UMT's role in education, its environment and its culture.

Orientation Participant Guide

Participants were provided Orientation Participant Guide that helps educate, enlighten and guide participants about the UMT culture, values, policies and procedures, rules and regulations and deadlines.

Alumni Participation Courtesy by Office of the Alumni Relations (OAR)

A number of UMT Alumni participated in orientation activities and shared stories of their successes for motivating new students.

Introduction of Batch Advisors

During the orientation, participants were informed about academic advisors and their role and also guided about how to contact them for counselling.



Help Through Information Desks

Throughout the orientation program, information helpdesks were placed and designated staff from all management and student facilitation departments remained at the help desks to guide participants about various academic and non-academic policies and procedures.

Exciting Performances

Special and engaging performances by students of the Drama Club, Symphony Club, and members of the Pakistan Forum were staged to entertain new participants. Audience were specially all praise for Siraiki, Niazi, Balochi, Gilgit Baltistan and Chitrali students' cultural shows.

T20 ICC World Cup Match Screening

OPA especially arranged and broadcasted the live streaming of the ICC World Cup T20 Cricket Match between Pakistan and Australia to help students familiarize with the vibrant campus life at UMT.

Campus Tour

Participants were given a tour of their respective school/institute, faculty offices, Information Processing Center (IPC), Learning Resource Center (LRC), Participant Relation Section (PRS), the mosque, gym, medical unit, surveillance room, Symposium Cafe and university cafeteria.

O'Fiesta

An exciting festivity-filled event titled O'Fiesta was organized by OPA on November 10 & 11, 2021 to introduce clubs, societies and university life and to provide entertainment to new students. A large number of registrations were received for each club and society, highlighting the enthusiasm exhibited by the new participants in co-curricular activities.

Food Stalls

The new participants were also seen enjoying delicious food items made available during O'FIESTA 2021.

Long Service Award



The Office of Human Capital Management organized the “Long Service Award” ceremony on November 26, 2021, to honor staff members for their lengthy services to the university. The event was attended by UMT President Ibrahim Hasan Murad and Rector Asif Raza besides other senior management and staff officials as well as faculty members.

During the ceremony, UMT president said the management considered themselves extremely lucky “because we are all working as a family in a major organization”.

He said success of any organization required a strong affinity between the organization and its employees.

“UMT is indeed very fortunate to have

staff members whose years of dedication, commitment and loyalty have shaped and contributed towards the success of the institution,” he added.

He praised and congratulated all recipients of the Long Service Award and urged them to continue working with the same dedication and zeal for the provision of improved educational services. Rector Dr Asif Raza said UMT was one of the best universities in Asia and the credit for UMT’s achievements went directly to the tireless efforts of the late founder Dr Hasan Sohaib Murad (Shaheed). He said the staff and faculty played a major role in the success of UMT, urging participants to continue working together for further development of the institution.



UMT PhD Faculty Strength Crosses the 250 Mark

Since its inception, the University of Management and Technology has always remained cognizant of the importance of research and has been endeavoring tirelessly to create an educational environment centered on research. This has been the reason that the university has always sought to build a faculty consisting of international as well as national academics and scholars with backgrounds in research who can help the varsity become a citadel of research and innovation.

Recently, UMT crossed an important milestone in this regard when the strength of its PhD faculty crossed the 250 mark. The feat represents the university's continued efforts towards becoming the premier higher education research institution in the country. It is only with a pool of distinguished scholars and academics rooted in research that a university can truly aspire towards creating a culture that is based on research, generates new knowledge and learning, offers solutions to emerging challenges and inspires the coming generations to think beyond what appears humanly possible.

UMT Awards 100th PhD

UMT achieved another major milestone in the outgoing quarter when it completed the award of the 100th PhD degree, a testament to its continued efforts to create new knowledge and encourage research to find solution to emerging problems. The PhD work of scholars graduating from UMT has been recognized both at the national as well as international level by experts.

UMT offers PhD in Education, Applied Linguistics (English), Literature, Management, Statistics, Clinical Psychology, Mathematics, Computer Sciences, Chemistry, Islamic Thought

and Civilization, Food Technology, Islamic Banking and Finance, International Relations, Media and Communication, and Architecture where participants are prepared for conducting scholarly research to transform into a dynamic and vibrant leader in the field of education and management.

UMT feels proud to announce that 100 Doctoral students have completed their degree requirements in multiple disciplines. Doctoral Graduates have presented their research work in Conferences organized by the Universities throughout the world. Novel Research work by the PhD Graduates was published in high impact factor journals as recognized by HEC and other ranking agencies of the world.

This achievement is a tribute to our founder, Shaheed Prof Dr Hasan Sohaib Murad whose visionary mentorship and love for knowledge empowered UMT to showcase talent and grow to the best of its abilities.



UMT Holds Investiture Ceremony of 3rd Rector

The University of Management and Technology (UMT) held an investiture ceremony in honor of the newly appointed Rector Dr Asif Raza. Dr Raza, who took over as the 3rd rector of UMT, has served Pakistan Air Force and retired as PAF Air Vice Marshal. During his service, he has overseen various projects of national interests which include Avionics Project JF-17 as its director. He has also served as Pro-Rector in NUST for 12 years. In recognition of his services he was conferred the Hilal-e-Imtiaz (M) and Tamgha-i-Imtiaz (M).

The ceremony was attended by President UMT Ibrahim Hasan Murad, Director TKS Mariam Murad, DG UMT Abid Sherwani, the outgoing Rector UMT Dr Muhammad Aslam, Dr Mujahid Kamran, Mr Saleem Ata, Head OSSV Major (Rtd) Ibrar Hussain, Registrar UMT, Deans, Directors and UMT faculty and staff. The UMT president appreciated the hardworking and passionate faculty and staff of UMT, adding that they were carrying forward the vision of Dr Hassan Murad (Shaheed) to create an institution that was based on values and merit. He stated that the vision of UMT was to become one of the top 100 universities in Asia by 2030.

He also paid tribute to the services rendered by Dr Aslam the outgoing Rector UMT and welcomed Dr Asif Raza onboard.





UMT named Among **Top Asian Institutions by QS**

UMT recorded a notable improvement in Quacquarelli Symonds (QS) Asian Rankings 2022 by moving up several places in a report that ranked 650 universities. Published in the month of November 2021, the QS ranking placed UMT in the 451-500 band, up from previous year's band of 501-550.

The ranking has proved that UMT is one of the best platforms for learning and cutting-edge

research. This landmark was accomplished by UMT through engagement and collaboration with organizations, International research networks and good relationships with employers that exposed it to the much needed international focus. Furthermore, extensive research contributions, highly cited research papers, and proficient academic staff is paving the way for the bright future of UMT in innovation and world class education.

UMT Named Among **World's Top 550 Sustainable Universities**

The University of Management and Technology (UMT) received another feather in its cap by significantly improving its ranking by more than 100 positions in the UI GreenMetric Ranking 2021.

The ranking is a testament to UMT's efforts to incorporate comprehensive sustainability in its operations.

The UI GreenMetric is an annual international ranking of the sustainability performance of universities. It ranks universities on the basis of six indicators – setting and infrastructure, energy and climate change, waste, water, transportation, and education and research. The ranking is a way to recognize institutions that are making efforts to reduce their carbon footprint and playing a role in combatting global climate change.

UMT performed superiorly on all indicators, especially in the education and research segment.

For the UI GreenMetric Ranking 2021, UMT progressed from its 620th spot to 512th position globally. A total of 52 universities from Pakistan participated in the UI GreenMetric Ranking 2021, with UMT securing the 21st position.

Annual Mega Career Fair 2021



UMT held its Annual Mega Career Fair 2021 in December 23, 2021. The theme for this year's career fair was "COVID ZERO Workscape – Reimagine, Reinvent, Reboot". More than 100 national and multinational companies' had their stalls set up and carried out on-spot recruitment of participants.

A large number of fresh graduates and other students visited the arena organized by the Office of Corporate Linkages and Placements (OCLP) and exchanged their resumes with the recruiters of all corporate organizations. Recruiters had conversations with young and fresh graduates and evaluated their knowledge, skills and passion to work in corporate culture.

Mr Amer Hashmi Chairman - Special Technology Zones Authority - (STZA), President UMT Ibrahim Hasan Murad, Rector UMT Dr Asif Raza, and Director OCLP Khalid Naqi inaugurated the job fair.

OCLP also organized a Qawali Night for participants of the fair to make the event a memorable one.





Quaid Day Celebrations at UMT

To pay a tribute to father of the nation Quaid-e-Azam Muhammad Ali Jinnah, a flag hoisting ceremony was held at UMT with prayers for the safety, success, and progress of our motherland. A special event was also arranged by Sitara-o-Hilal Foundation (SHF) with the aim to educate our youth with the principles of Quaid. In this regard, various activities were undertaken, including national song performances, performance by the UMT Drama club, cultural dances as well as a cake cutting ceremony. Ibrahim Hasan Murad, President UMT/ILM and Founder SHF along with Mudassar Riaz Malik, Director General Social Welfare, were the chief guests at the occasion.





19th International and 31st National Conference on Emerging Trends in Chemistry

UMT Department of Chemistry, School of Science hosted a two-day 19th International and 31st National Conference on Changing New Trends in Chemistry.

Dr Shahid Mehmood, chairman Pakistan Science Foundation, Dr Ata-ur-Rehman Chairman Prime Minister's Task Force for Science and Technology, researchers from different countries, scholars, vice chancellors of different universities and civil society members attended the conference.

National and International researchers presented 290 research papers on various topics on the latest trends in the field of chemistry.

Conference Chairman Dr Samia Shahid said the purpose of the conference was to highlight new challenges in the field of chemistry.

Addressing the closing ceremony, UMT Director General Abid Sherwani said it was indeed a good gesture that experts and researchers

from all over the world had gathered at UMT to shed light on the trends in chemistry. He said our Muslim chemists had proved their mettle through their research.



Annual Mock Interviews 2021

Prove A Great Hit

The Office of Corporate Linkages and Placements (OCLP) organized mock interviews on December 2, 2021 with the collaboration of top corporate players, industry experts, corporate trainers, and recruiters. More than 25 organizations from multiple domains participated in the activity.

The organizations that provided their valuable time and expertise were Odyssey Solutions, ISB Global, WBM Foundation/ WBM International, Rainbow Obesity and Eating Disorder Centre, Connect HR, Bin Rasheed Group, Fast Cables, Kualitatem Private Limited, OZI Tech, Avanceon LP, Global Healthcare, Challenge Apparel, Haleeb Foods, ZS Rehabilitation, Allied Marketing Pvt Ltd, Marham Pvt Ltd, Intellisnc Space, Reliance Law Chamber, Wilshire, Pervaz Iqbal and Associates, Ghani Glass, E-Build Pakistan,

Amentis Technologies, and others. Insightful interviews were conducted with all organizations and a special interactive activity was planned between the organizations and the relevant faculty.





Special Talk on “Corruption in Our Society”

In his talk, he thanked UMT for inviting him and said he was pleased to interact with a huge crowd of enthusiastic and passionate youth. Khawar shared the diagnosis for corruption saying that we need to start with the character building of our youth from our homes and institutions.

Moreover, he said that we need to instill the fear of punishment and that those who break the laws must be held accountable. He advised the use of technology to end corruption speedily and recommended crafting our own corruption prescription.

Special Assistant to CM Punjab on Information and Special Initiatives Hassan Khawar visited UMT on December 16, 2021 to speak on “Corruption In Our Society”. He began his visit with a dua for the martyrs of the Army Public School Peshawar.





UMT Celebrates International Day on Diversity

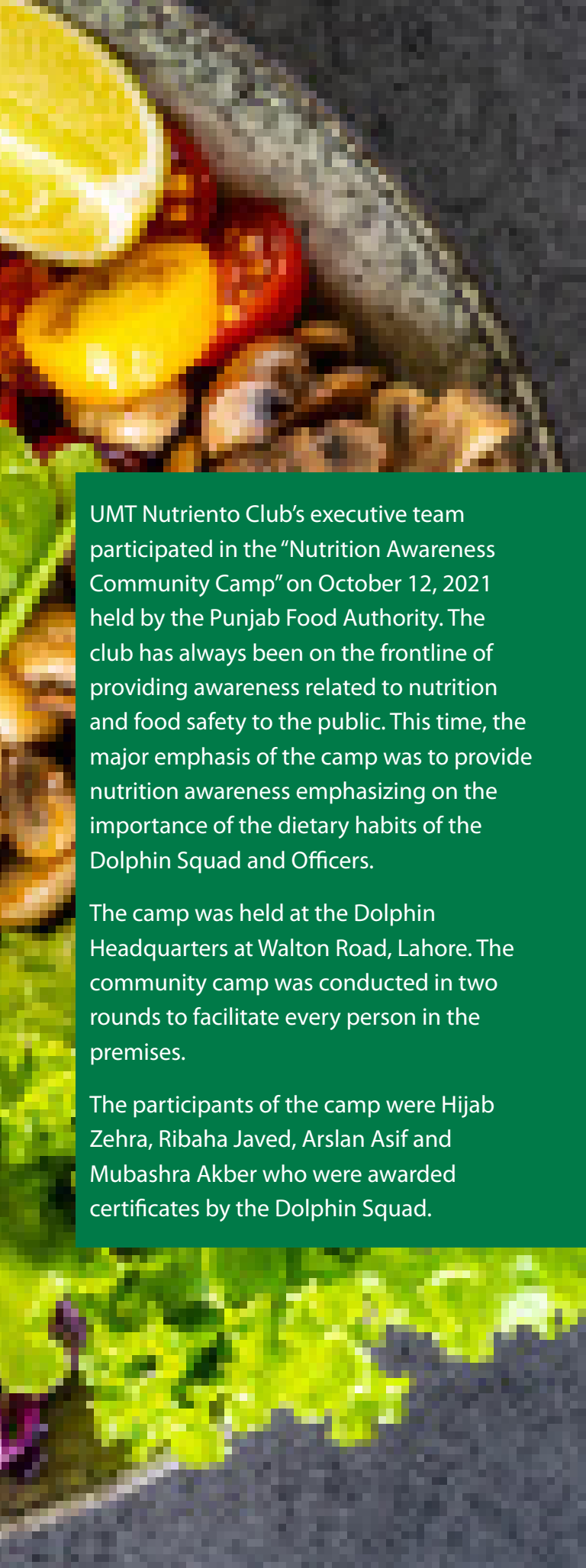
Office of Internationalization (OIN) at UMT celebrated the 1st edition of International Day on Diversity. Director Office of Internationalization Asif Saeed Haider in the ceremony hoisted the flags of Yemen and Pakistan.

To promote cultural diversity, traditional dances of Afghanistan, Yemen, Turkey, and Pakistan were performed in the ceremony. A large number of overseas students participated while putting up their exhibition stalls.

Speaking on the occasion, UMT DG Abid Sherwani said without investment in higher

education there was no way to compete with other nations of the world. "Students of UMT are from several countries, races, and religions, and have different interests, skills, and beliefs which promotes peace and makes UMT an interesting place to study," he said. The DG said universities must come forward to play their role in the development of cultural harmony.

He said UMT was providing equal opportunities to every student and even students from UAE, Turkey, Afghanistan, Somalia, and Yemen are receiving higher education on scholarships at UMT.



UMT Nutrient Club's executive team participated in the "Nutrition Awareness Community Camp" on October 12, 2021 held by the Punjab Food Authority. The club has always been on the frontline of providing awareness related to nutrition and food safety to the public. This time, the major emphasis of the camp was to provide nutrition awareness emphasizing on the importance of the dietary habits of the Dolphin Squad and Officers.

The camp was held at the Dolphin Headquarters at Walton Road, Lahore. The community camp was conducted in two rounds to facilitate every person in the premises.

The participants of the camp were Hijab Zehra, Ribaha Javed, Arslan Asif and Mubashra Akber who were awarded certificates by the Dolphin Squad.

Nutrition Awareness Community Camp



Sustainable Development Initiative's (SDI) Achievements

Under the vision of the UMT President, Sustainable Development Initiative (SDI) began working with an aim of transforming positive energies of students towards community service and volunteering to build socially responsible empathetic future leaders.

SDI provides a platform for planning, designing, and implementing numerous programs for the students of UMT to analyze and carryout the art and science of community focused leadership. SDI is also facilitating UMT students to serve their mandatory 80 hours of community service with its partner NGOs.

During this summer SDI engaged 500+ students in community service, during this engagement SDI also initiated a plantation drive. It was heartening to note that with this engagement, UMT students not only completed 100,000 hours in community service, but also planted 10,000 trees.

Dr Nauman Khalid

Ranked Amongst World's Top 2% Scientists

School of Food and Agricultural Sciences (SFAS)
Director Dr Nauman Khalid has been ranked amongst the top 2 percent scientists in the world, according to the results of a study led by researchers from Stanford University.

The study was conducted to establish a comprehensive database of the world's most frequently cited scientists. This database includes the top 2 percent scientists of the world from different fields on the basis of standardized citation indications, among other variables.

Dr Nauman Khalid has extensive experience in formulating new emulsifiers, the extraction of surface-active molecules and the encapsulation of highly volatile bioactive compounds. With considerable expertise in food safety and quality management systems, he has published over 150 articles from which 100 have been published in high impact research journals.



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Futurizm's Startup "Aabshar" Named Among Top 100 Global Startups

Futurizm's graduate startup Aabshar was named among the top 100 out of more than 1,500 startups in University Startup World Cup held in Denmark.

The event was arranged by Venture Cup Denmark who provided amazing opportunities for learning to the Aabshar team before the semifinals.



UMT Open House 2021

UMT Open House event was conducted to undertake an information dissemination activity for prospective students. During the Open House, Office of the Information and Admissions provided aspiring participants of all undergraduate/graduate/doctoral programs a peek into the university's student experience and offered them key information on what makes UMT a unique place to pursue a degree.

The Open House was a great opportunity to understand how UMT faculty focused on students' interests towards a "creative career" and meet and learn from the faculty, current students and alumni, as well as gather information regarding academics, facilities, campus culture and campus life.





**"Education breeds confidence.
Confidence breeds hope. Hope
breeds peace." — Confucius**

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