CM Punjab Shahbaz Sharif visits UMT

The Honorable Chief Minister of Punjab, Muhammad Shahbaz Sharif visited the purpose-built campus of the University of Management and Technology (UMT) on February 1, 2009. He was received by Dr Hasan Sohaib Murad, Rector UMT, Dr A R Kausar, Pro-Rector UMT, Abid Shirwani, Director External Affairs, and other UMT officials. Prof Dr Abdul Raouf, Sitara-e-Imtiaz, University Professor and Advisor, was also present. A large number of students, faculty members and management staff welcomed the honorable guest. The Chief Minister hoisted the national flag at the campus. He also visited the well-stocked library, state-of-the-art laboratories and Information Processing Center (IPC). Speaking on the occasion, Dr Hasan Sohaib Murad, Rector UMT, welcomed Muhammad Shahbaz Sharif on behalf of the UMT community. Dr Hasan observed that unlike others who remained confined to their palaces, Shahbaz Sharif spent fifteen hours a day in public service. He said that here was a leader who observed things for himself, mingled with the people and made his decisions. Equating him with great leaders of our times, the Rector said that he was in the tradition of those regional leaders who had created islands of progress and advancement.

Delegates from 7 countries attend UMT organized 2nd International Conference on Textile and Clothing (ICTC) 2009

Technical Textiles is the most promising area that must attract government priority to lead Pakistan into the new realm of the competitive world. The fact was highlighted by speakers from seven countries who were present in the 2nd International Conference on Textile and Clothing (ICTC) held on May 7-8, 2009 at the Pearl Continental Hotel, Lahore. The ICTC-2009 was organized by the University of Management and Technology (UMT), Lahore and The Textile Institute, UK. The conference attracted a large number of textile experts, researchers, industrialists and textile students.

ICTC-2009 is a serious effort in Pakistan to explore business and value addition opportunities in the promising technical textiles sector, remarked Dr Mirza Ikhtiar Baig, Advisor to the Prime Minister on Textiles, who was the Chief Guest of the concluding ceremony of the 2nd ICTC-2009.

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ILM celebrates 19th Anniversary

The Institute of Leadership and Management (ILM) celebrated its 19th Anniversary on June 16, 2009 by holding a special ceremony commemorating its achievements and unveiling future development goals. Distinguished deans, directors, and senior members of the ILM community attended the event.

Dr Hasan Sohaib Murad, Rector UMT, delivered the keynote address on “Vision 2013: The road ahead”. He said that the renewal of his term as Rector had helped him to renew his commitment to UMT. Making UMT No.1 was his top priority in this term and this could be achieved by leap-frogging rather than waiting for time to run its due course. He said that he wanted UMT to be at the top of the global knowledge community and become an agent of change. In order to do this, the Rector said that a lot of back tasking needed to be done. Describing his future strategy for UMT, he said that he wanted UMT to shift more to research, even at the undergraduate level. He said that benchmarking needed to be done against the best in the world, preferably by following the American model. Evaluation and assessment of students also needed to be done according to the American model. For the future, he also envisaged a faculty linkage program with the global community whereby UMT faculty members would spend time in a foreign university. The Rector also said that the well being of the students was a top priority.

Seminar on Society, Technology and Development

Events, Forums and Publishing (EFP) organized a seminar on “Society, technology and development” on January 20, 2009 at the UMT campus. A G Ghaffari, Director EFP, hosted the event. The seminar was attended by a large number of students, faculty members and UMT officials. The speakers included Prof Dr Mohammad Nizamuddin, Vice Chancellor, University of Gujrat, Prof Dr Muhammad Zakria Zakar, Professor of Sociology, Punjab University, Dr Hasan Sohaib Murad, Rector UMT, Dr A Rashid Kausar, Pro-Rector UMT, and Dr Abdul Hameed, Director School of Professional Advancement, UMT.

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While speaking on the occasion, he acknowledged that textiles generated forty percent employment in the country and constituted sixty percent of the GDP. He said that the National Textile Policy was formulated by the Government after taking all stakeholders into confidence but suggestions for improvement were welcome from all quarters of the world and in particular the makers of the Textile City. He added that the Textile City was being set up with the same purpose and its impact on the industry was being gauged on a daily basis. He also congratulated UMT on holding the conference and said that it was an honor for him to have attended it.

Dr Baig said that the ICTC-2009 would serve as a platform for cross-fertilization of ideas and meaningful interaction of scholars, practitioners and others interested in the textile sector. He expressed the hope that it would give a fresh lease of life to the textile industry and help the textile sector to find a place in the global market. He said that the textile sector was tax free for one year. The government was seeking advice from experts and institutions and the co-operation of institutions such as UMT was essential for the progress of the textile sector. He also promised financial assistance by the government for setting up a Technical Textile Research and Development Center in UMT. He said that the government was considering abolishing all duties on raw materials and friendly countries were being approached to set up a Technical Textile Research and Development Center in UMT. He said that the government was setting up of a UMT Center of Excellence for the promotion of technical textiles. All Pakistan Textile Mills Association (APMTA), Melanex International, Popular Chemicals (Pvt) Ltd, Moderno Fabrics & Apparel, Spelltech Interna- tional, Lahore, Chemicals Traders, Ehsan Chemicals, Elsharif, Lahore, Clairant Pakistan, German Specialty Chemicals, Noon Cooperation, and the Institute for Marketecology (IMO) were the sponsors of this mega event.

The first technical session was chaired by Mr M S Quresh, The Textile Institute, Pakistan. Speakers included Dr Zubair Bandukh (President TIP Karachi), Dr Faheem Udeen (Pak- istan), Asim Ahmed and Faiza Jamil. The second technical session was chaired by Dr Faheem Udeen, UMT, Lahore. Papers were presented by B V oncina (Slovenia, Europe), M Salehi (Iran), Dr Umer Farooq (UK) and Dr Arshad Mehmood. Dr Tanveer Hussain, National Textile University, Faisalabad chaired the third session in which S Ibrahim (Czech Republic), Noaman Haleem (Pakistan), Mushtaq Mangat (Pakistan) and Saad Nooan (Iran) presented their technical papers. Papers were presented by Fariba noj (PU Pakistan), Irfan Ahmed Shaikh (Pakistan), Jausovce, B V onica (Slovenia, Europe), Dr Sarwar Rana (Pakistan) and Ibrahim Sayed in the fourth session chaired by Dr Amjid Hussain Comsats Institute, Pakistan. The fifth and final session speakers included Dr Labos Hes (Czech Republic), Dr Umer Farooq and Dr Tahir Shah who presented their papers. The 2nd International Conference on Textile and Clothing (ICTC) 2009 played host to delegates from seven countries of the world who presented their research papers and emphasized the importance of technical textiles for Pakistan. They also urged the government to take steps to develop technical textiles on a priority basis.

Dr A R Kausar, Pro-Rector UMT, appreciated the leadership and vision of Dr Hasan and said that his operational strengths had helped UMT grow to its present stature. He observed that as UMT entered upon its twentieth year, he was confident that the strength, past history and leadership of Dr Hasan would lead to expansion of the role of educational institutions in the textile sector. Thereby, making UMT a role model in the textile sector.

Dr Abdul Raouf, SI, University Professor and Advisor, advised everyone to build on their strengths in order to achieve their goals. He said that he was very happy to be associated with UMT. Now at the age of eighty, he kept himself updated in order to satisfy his students and worked hard because he had been trained by Dr Baig and others.

Abid H K Shrivani, one of the two founding members, revived memories of the days when he was working along with Dr Hasan to set up ILM. He said that the dream of the Late Kheerum Murad had been realized.
Seminar: Impact of Energy Crisis on Textile Imports

A seminar on the ‘Impact of energy crisis on textile imports’ was held at the UMT campus on January 20, 2009. It was organized by the Textile Department, School of Science and Technology (SST). Tahir Bisharat Cheema, Managing Director, PEPCO, Rehan Nawaz, Chief Sales Officer SNGPL, Ch Masood Ahmed, General Manager Corporate and Retail Sales SNGPL, Dr Hasan Sohaib Murad, Rector UMT, and Mustaq Mangat, Assistant Professor SST, expressed their views on the topic. Faculty members and students attended the seminar, participated in the discussion and benefited from the sharing of views.

Seminar: Role of Media in Pakistan

A seminar on “Role of media in Pakistan” was organized on May 26, 2009 by the Media Society, a student body of Media and Communication Department, UMT. Suhail Warrarich, Director Geo News, renowned journalist and writer was the chief guest. Suhail has a record in the history of journalism in Pakistan by interviewing more than 900 public figures.

The seminar began with recitation of some verses from the Holy Quran. Abdullah Tariq presented a naat. Speaking on the occasion, Suhail Warrarich criticized the role of media in the past by highlighting their role during the various regimes that have ruled Pakistan over the years. A question and answer session was later held. The proceedings were led by Tayyab Farooq Bhatti, Assistant Professor, Department of Media and Communication at UMT. A wide range of questions were asked by the participants. While responding to an interesting question, Suhail Warrarich said that he preferred to treat the interviewee as a friend and adopted a pleasant approach rather than an antagonistic one.

In the end, Dr Zafar Iqbal, Dean, School of Social Sciences and Humanities (SSSH) presented a shield to the honorable guest in recognition of his outstanding performance in the TV Show “Left-Right” and thanked him for sparing the time to visit UMT on the request of faculty members and students of the Department. The seminar concluded with hi-tea and group photo sessions of students and guests.

Seminar: Pak US Relations

Events, Forums and Publishing (EFP) organized a seminar on Pak US relations at the UMT campus on June 16, 2009. Dr Nisar Ahmad Chaudhry, President Pakistan American League, shared his views on the prospects of Pakistan’s relations with the United States. Dr Hasan Sohaib Murad, Rector UMT, and Dr Kamran Siddiqui, Director UMT Evening Programs, also spoke on the occasion. The seminar was attended by students, faculty and staff members who were interested in the subject.

National Conference: Islam and Modernity

The Department of Islamic Thought and Civilization, School of Social Sciences and Humanities (SSH) organized a national conference on Islam and Modernity at the university campus on March 30, 2009. The conference was attended by a large number of intellectuals, academicians and educators from the country.

In the inaugural session, the welcome address was given by Dr Muhammad Amin, Chair Department of Islamic Thought and Civilization. The keynote address was given by Dr Anis Ahmad, Rector, Riphah University, Islamabad, who said that Islam promotes harmony and peace among civilizations based on justice and equality; as such Muslim intellectuals should welcome inter-faith and inter-civilization dialogue. The conference was divided into three working sessions during which noted educationists and scholars presented their papers. The first working session was chaired by Dr Absar Ahmad, former Head of the Department of Philosophy, Punjab University, Lahore. The session was based on “Western Philosophical Thought”. The second session was based on “Western Ideologies and Movements” and was chaired by Dr Basit Bilal from the Lahore University of Management and Sciences (LUMS). The final working session was chaired by Ahmad Javaid from Iqbal Academy, Lahore and was based on “Islam, Modernity and the Muslim World”. All sessions were followed by question and answer sessions during which the participants raised some thought provoking issues regarding the challenges faced by the Muslim world in modern times.
**Seminar: Engineering Innovations at DESCON and Future Prospects**

A seminar on “Engineering innovations at DESCON and future prospects” was held at the UMT campus on May 14, 2009. The guest speaker was Azeem Akhtar, Business Development Executive DESCON. A question and answer session was also held during which participants asked many pertinent questions regarding the engineering mechanism of DESCON. At the end, a souvenir was presented to the guest speaker as a gesture of good will and appreciation.

**Seminar: The Structure of Child Labor in Punjab**

A seminar was arranged for MS Management students and faculty members of the School of Business and Economics (SBE) on April 22, 2009 by the Graduate Research Centre of the School of Business and Economics. The introductory remarks were given by Dr Rukhsana Kalim, Associate Dean, Research/PhD Program, who also introduced the speaker.

Ahmad Siddiqui, Assistant Professor / Director, UMT Consultants, presented his research paper on the subject 'The structure of child labor in Punjab’. A question and answer session was held after the presentation. The proceedings concluded with a vote of thanks by Dr Rukhsana Kalim.

**Seminar: US - Iran Conflict, Strategic Options and Spillover in Pakistan**

A seminar was arranged for the MS Management students and faculty members of the School of Business and Economics (SBE) by the Graduate Research Centre of School of Business and Economics (SBE) on May 6, 2009. The introductory remarks were given by Zamin Abbas, Research Associate SBE, who also introduced the speaker.

Dr Naveed Yazdani, Chairman, Department of Business Administration, presented his research paper on the “Strategic options of US in its conflict with Iran: Spillover in Pakistan”. A question and answer session was held after the presentation. The proceedings concluded with a vote of thanks by Zamin Abbas.

**Seminar: Sayings, Proverbs, and Politics of Representation**

The Department of English Language, SSH invited Prof Dr Shahid K Siddique for a seminar on “Sayings, proverbs and politics of representation” on May 22, 2009. Dr Hasan Sohaib Murad, Rector, UMT, was the chief guest on the occasion. Shahab Rafi, faculty member at the Department of English welcomed the guests and the participants of the seminar. He expressed his gratitude to the Events, Forums and Publishing (EFP) Division for making arrangements for the seminar. Prof Dr Anjum P Saleemi, Chairman of the Department of English, introduced the guest speaker and invited him for the formal talk. Dr Siddique talked about the influence of society on language and the relationship between language and the speaker. He said that social and political construction assigns roles, expectations and opportunities to males and females, and the same process leads to evolution and growth of stereotypes in a society. He envisaged that stereotypes get strengthened because of their popularity among the people and reinforcement through social institutions such as family, school/college and workplace. He presented examples of proverbs that portray negative role of females in our society. They easily become famous because of brevity and attractive vocabulary. He suggested that critical thinking should be developed among students to discourage the use of these stereotypical proverbs and educational institutions could play an important role for promoting non-sexist language by enabling the students to challenge these stereotypes.

Dr Hasan Sohaib Murad, Rector, UMT acknowledged the excellent efforts of the speaker for creating effort awareness on such a sensitive issue in his concluding remarks. He encouraged the Department to arrange such events frequently.

**Seminar: Innovations in Telecommunication - BlackBerry Technology**

Events, Forums and Publishing (EFP) organized a seminar on ‘Innovations in telecommunication - BlackBerry technology’ on April 30, 2009. The guest speaker was Atif Mushtaq who holds a Master’s degree in Marketing and Finance from University of Indianapolis (USA), and is an Enterprise Solutions Specialist, Mobilink Pakistan.

During the lecture, the speaker pointed out that BlackBerry is the 51st top most brand in the world. It is always connected to the office and helps to send e-mails directly from the handset. A single user can send 2750 mails and make 1444 calls in a year. BlackBerry may be considered the innovative communication of Mobilink Vision. He added that Mobilink covers 95% to 96% percent areas in Pakistan. BlackBerry software can access other sets by messaging or voicemail. It has high resolution, light sensing screen for business tools and reaches business instantly. The lecture was widely attended by students and members of the UMT community. At the end, a shield was also presented to the guest speaker as a gesture of good will.

**Science and Technology Seminar: Introduction to Textile and Apparel**

Events, Forums and Publishing (EFP) organized a Science and Technology seminar on ‘Introduction to Textile and Apparel’ on April 23, 2009. Haroon Asaf, General Manager, Kohinoor Mills Ltd., was the guest speaker.

The textile and apparel manufacturing industries include establishments that turn fiber into fabric and fabric into clothing, and other textile products. The industry is rapidly undergoing transformation and modernization as new products are being developed. The lecture focused on these developments and also provided an introduction to the basic concepts of the industry. It was followed by a question and answer session as well. A shield was also presented to the distinguished guest as a gesture of appreciation.

Textile Productivity Center (TPC), Pakistan Readymade Garments Manufacturers & Exporters Association (PRGMEA), and Pakistan Hosiery Manufacturers Association (PHMA) organized a seminar on the ‘Current financial and energy crisis - Prospects for textile and garments industry’ at the UMT campus on May 28, 2009. The seminar was well attended by textile students, and faculty and staff members.

The seminar began with recitation of a few verses from the Holy Quran. The welcome note was given by Dr Hasan Sohaib Murad, Rector UMT. Those who spoke on the occasion included Shahzad Azam Khan, Former Chairman, Pakistan Hosiery Manufacturers Association (PHMA), Sajid Saleem Minhas, Member Managing Committee, Pakistan Readymade Garments Manufacturers and Exporters Association (PRGMEA) and Muhammad Farooq Saeed Khan, Federal Minister for Textile who was also the chief guest. The speakers highlighted the problems faced by the textile and garment industry under the present financial and energy crisis and suggested solutions as well.

The concluding note was given by Dr Hasan Sohaib Murad, Rector, UMT. A question and answer session was also held during which many thought provoking issues were raised by the participants. The vote of thanks was given by Dr Muhammad Farooq Adam, Dean, School of Social Sciences and Humanities (SST). Souvenirs were also presented to the distinguished corporate guests.

Seminar: Socio Economic Development through Education

A seminar on “Socio economic development through education - The case of Baluchistan and pathways for FATA” was held at the UMT campus on May 2, 2009. The guest speaker was Zafar Iqbal Qadir, Director General, Aiwan-e-Saddar, Islamabad. He is a civil servant and philanthropist who has taken an unprecedented initiative for the development of marginalized population in Baluchistan through a network of schools and learning centers. A question and answer session was also held after the lecture. The concluding note was given by Dr Hasan Sohaib Murad, Rector UMT. The seminar was attended by a large number of members of the UMT community.

Seminar: The Rise of Civil Society in Pakistan

The Department of Social Sciences, University of Management and Technology (UMT) organized a seminar on ‘The rise of civil society in Pakistan’ on May 19, 2009. The keynote speaker was Hamid Khan. Mujib ur Rehman Shami presided over the seminar. Ambreen Salaluddin, gave the introduction. Hamid Khan threw light on the dynamics of civil society and talked about the scope and limitations of the civil society movement in Pakistan. He opined that the civil society that emerged for the restoration of the chief justice of the Supreme Court was basically a non-governmental, non-political and non-religious movement. It touched the core issue of “right to justice” which has been violated time and again. This rise of civil society was unprecedented in the history of Pakistan and demonstrated a new consciousness of our people. The role of Bar Councils in this regard could never be forgotten.

Mujib ur Rehman Shami in his presidential speech, emphasized the need of a vibrant civil society. He identified the vested interests of the government, the establishment and foreign players as barriers to the civil rights movements. He said that no foreign agenda had ever culminated a meaningful civil society anywhere in the world. He also highlighted the role of academia and philanthropic organizations for the burgeoning of a civil society. He appreciated the efforts made by Hamid Khan for civil rights of the people of Pakistan and acknowledged that today he was a role model for all of us. He strongly condemned the use of the bullet as an instrument for human rights. Such movements neither protect the rights of people nor bring a peace which is a pre-requisite for the movement of human rights.

Dr Abdul Hameed, Head, Department of Social Sciences, in his concluding remarks, said that the department would continue this dialogue. He reiterated that a civil society movement needed an agenda that could protect the real interests of the people. The present situation, however, indicates conflicting interests among the NGOs, religious groups and political parties. Each of these segments of our society has a different picture of what Pakistan should look like. There is need to conduct research studies to identify these conflicts and ways to resolve them. The Department of Social Sciences had a role to play in this regard and would make every effort to evolve a common agenda to sustain civil society. The seminar ended with a question and answer session.

Seminar: Economic Stability - Teachings of Prophet Muhammad (SAW)

The Department of Islamic Thought and Civilization organized a seminar titled Economic stability - Teachings of Prophet Muhammad (SAW) on May 18, 2009. Dr Hafiz Mehmood Akhtar, Dean, Faculty of Islamic Studies, University of the Punjab, Lahore was the speaker. He stated that the approach of Prophet Muhammad (SAW) on economic strategy was not only on the material world but also focused on the life hereafter it based on the Islamic moral values of Ihsan and the higher approach of Ihsan. The seminar was attended a large number of students and faculty members.
Seminar: West and Muslim Civilization

The Department of Islamic Thought and Civilization invited Commodore (R) Tariq Majeeed to speak in a seminar on "West and Muslim Civilization". The seminar was held on January 19, 2009. Dr Muhammad Amin, Head, Department of Islamic Thought and Civilization, introduced the speaker. The guest speaker was of the view that the faults and weaknesses in Muslim society and civilization are overly exaggerated and its strengths and assets are concealed or described vaguely. On the other hand, the power and achievements of western civilization are aggrandized, its evils are given little publicity, and some of these are even publicized as desirable accomplishments. The main focus of his discourse was on analyzing what had gone wrong with the Muslim Civilization over time and what was going on in the Western world now. Dr Zafar Iqbal, Dean, School of Social Sciences and Humanities (SSH), presented a souvenir to the distinguished speaker as a gesture of good will. The seminar was attended by students, faculty members and UMT officials. One must commend the organizers of the seminar for initiating this sharing of ideas on an issue that is of special significance in our times when the Muslim world is facing huge challenges. We hope that the points discussed by the distinguished speaker helped all those present to gauge an idea of the strengths of Muslim civilization and not underestimate its contribution to the progress of mankind.

Lecture: Cancer Awareness

Events, Forums and Publishing (EFP) organized a lecture on cancer awareness in collaboration with Shaukat Khanum Memorial Cancer Hospital & Research Centre (SKMCH&RC) on March 3, 2009. Dr Fatima Khawaja, PhD, was the guest speaker. She delivered an informative lecture on various aspects of this disease. Dr A R Kausar, Pro-Rector UMT, also spoke on the occasion and presented a shield to the speaker.

Seminar: Genesis of Power Crisis and Its Management

A seminar on "Genesis of power crisis and its management" was held at the University of Management and Technology (UMT) on April 2, 2009. Saleem Arif, former CEO PEPCO, currently serving as Advisor PEPCO, Lahore, was the guest speaker. He was accompanied by Brigadier (Rtd) Najam-us-Saqib, former General Manager HR WAPDA. The distinguished speaker highlighted power sector reforms, explained the roles and responsibilities of the different power sector players, and discussed the challenges facing the Pakistani power sector. The seminar was attended by a large number of students and senior staff and faculty members. A shield was also presented to the guest speaker as a gesture of good will.

Quranic Lecture on Seerat-un-Nabi

Leaders Forum (SST) organized a Quranic lecture on "Seerat-un-Nabi" by Moulana Dr Aslam Siddiqui, Scholar and Chairman Idara Hudaat-ill-Naas on April 14, 2009. The lecture was preceded by recitation of a few verses from the Holy Quran. Dr Aslam then delivered his thought provoking lecture based on the life of our holy Prophet Hazrat Muhammad (P.B.W.H). He threw light on various aspects of seerat-un-nabi by showing its reflections through the Quran.

At the end, Saffi-ullah Tarar, President Leaders Forum, thanked everyone for attending the lecture.

Seminar: Business Information and Its Security

A seminar was arranged for MS Management students and faculty members of the School of Business and Economics (SBE) on January 16, 2009. Naveed Baqir, Adjunct Faculty Member, University of North Carolina, Greensboro, delivered a lecture on "Business information and its security". Dr Rukhsana Kalim, Professor/Associate Dean, Research/PhD Program introduced the speaker to the audience. A question and answer session also followed the lecture. The vote of thanks was given by Dr Rukhsana Kalim. Dr A Rashid Kausar, Pro-Rector UMT, gave the concluding remarks and appreciated the contents of the lecture. In the end, Dr Tashfeen Azhar, Dean SBE, presented a bouquet and souvenir to the guest speaker as a gesture of good will.
**Orientation Seminar Spring Semester 2009**

A special orientation seminar was arranged for new students for the Spring Semester 2009 of UMT at the UMT campus on February 12, 2009. New students of the School of Science and Technology (SST), School of Business and Economics (SBE), School of Social Sciences and Humanities (SSH), and the Institute of Audit and Accountancy (IAA) attended the seminars. Hundreds of students were present on Orientation Day. A Help Desk was set up to assist them in every possible way.

Orientation seminars are organized after every admission campaign to help students make the transition from their college environment to the academic culture of UMT. These seminars provide information about the academic culture, rules and regulations, facilities, and ethical and disciplinary standards to be maintained during their stay at UMT.

Information related to morning programs i.e. MBA Morning and BBA, offered by the School of Business and Economics (SBE), was provided by Dr. Tashfeen Azhar, Dean SBE, who gave an overview of the programs offered by the school. He also welcomed new students and advised them to keep on dreaming with their eyes open and then act upon their dreams to become successful.

Dr Khalid H Qamar, Dean, School of Science and Technology (SST), conducted the orientation for newly admitted students of the BS, MS and PhD programs in the disciplines of computer science, textile engineering, electrical engineering, and telecom engineering. The students were given valuable information regarding their programs and were also briefed about the high academic performance expected from them.

Dr Zafar Iqbal, Dean, School of Social Sciences and Humanities (SSH), gave an introduction of the various departments of the school and emphasized that student life would be very challenging for them here. He added that the wide range of programs offered by SSH were taught by a dedicated and professionally groomed faculty.

Mehynuddin Tahir Mahmood, Director, Institute of Audit and Accountancy (IAA), gave an overview of the various programs and specializations offered by the institute. He also explained the importance of the accounting profession to the new students. He gave a brief of the various registration procedures, add drop courses, and the rules and regulations governing student behavior at UMT.

**Seminar Assessing the Link Between Intellectual Capital Formation and Performance of a University**

A seminar was arranged for MS Management students and faculty members of the School of Business and Economics (SBE) on January 1, 2009. The introductory remarks were given by Muhammad Nazim, Assistant Professor/Director Center for Globally Responsible Leadership Initiative (CGRLLI), who also introduced the speaker.

Naveed Yazdani, Head, Department of Business Administration, presented his paper on ‘Assessing the link between intellectual capital formation and performance of a university’. A question and answer session was also held. The proceedings concluded with a vote of thanks by Dr Rukhsana Kalim, Professor/Associate Dean, Research/PhD Program.

**Workshop on Office Management**

Office of Human Resources (OHR) organized a two-day workshop on Office Management from May 08-09, 2009. Mr. Salman Saeed Qureshi, Registrar UMT was the workshop leader. The training objectives were to bring uniformity in internal correspondence of the University, to devise a comprehensive filing system for the maintenance of records; to elaborate norms of inter-organization and intra-organization correspondence; to conduct and regulate official meetings; and to provide concept of workflow processes in order to improve efficiency and effectiveness of Organization.

**Training Workshop on Goal, Time and Stress Management**

Office of Human Resources (OHR) organized a two-day training session from April 03-04, 2009 on Goal, Time & Stress Management. Mr. Waqar Ahmed, Assistant Professor SBE and Mr. Mobin Ul Haq, Assistant Professor SBE jointly conducted the workshop.

The workshop objective was to help participants look at their goals and related stress with a completely new and positive approach. The participants developed the ability to stay relaxed and use stress for their advantage.

**Seminar on the Roles, Responsibilities and Evaluation of Deans**

A Seminar on the Roles, Responsibilities and Evaluation of Deans was organized under the auspices of Academic Development Center of UMT from April 02, 2009. Mr. Abdul Raouf, UP&A gave a key note lecture on roles, responsibilities and evaluation of deans. All Deans, Academic Department Chairpersons/Heads, and Professors, Associate Professors participated in the seminar.

Ms Neelam Yousaf Wins Talent Contest 2009

Ms Neelam Yousaf, Senior Officer Training & Development, OHR, has won the Talent Contest 2009 organized by Lahore Chamber of Commerce & Industry (LCCI) held on March 29, 2009. The LCCI talent contest was in process for last three months and gone through three rounds of the competition. Neelam has successfully passed interviewing process, semi-final presentation and final competition. The participants were judged on multi-level professional skills and expertise along with their exposure to worldly life. Talent was assessed based upon various criteria like communication skills, presentation skills, audience handling, style of dealing with difficult situations, professionalism, and knowledge ability.

Ms Neelam Yousaf has won this contest and made UMT extremely proud. May Allah bless her with lasting success for the rest of her life.

**Orientation for New Faculty Members**

The increasing number of students and the ongoing development and expansion projects at UMT require the services of additional faculty members in a wide range of disciplines. Many faculty members have joined UMT recently and are making their contribution towards academic development of the university.

An orientation seminar for new faculty members was organized by the Office of Human Resources (OHR) on February 13, 2009 to familiarize them with the academic culture of UMT and engage in mutual sharing of ideas and knowledge. Waqar Ahmed, Assistant Professor SBE, explained organizational structure, policies, and roles. Dr. Sarwar M Azhar gave a lecture on diverse aspects of quality teaching. Dr. Abdul Raouf, Sitar-e-Imtiaz, University Professor and Advisor, spoke on various techniques for effective teaching. Later, faculty members participated in a active question and answer session that was beneficial to the participants. At the end, certificates were awarded to the participants.

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**Orientation for MS Management Program**

The orientation seminar for MS Management program offered by the School of Business and Economics (SBE) was held on February 20, 2009. The students were welcomed by Dr. Tashfeen Azhar, Dean SBE. Dr Rukhsana Kalim, Professor/Associate Dean, Research/PhD Program, gave details of all the evening programs. Dr. A. Karim, Pro-Rector UMT, and Dr. Karim Siddiqui, Director UMT Evening Programs, addressed the students. They advised them to concentrate on their studies and apply themselves to get good grades. Dr. Rauf Butt and Dr. Sarwar Azhar were also present during the orientation.
**Workshop: Inclusive Education**

The School of Professional Advancement (SPA) organized a two-day workshop on “Inclusive education” at the UMT campus on March 26-27, 2009. Speaking on the occasion, Dr Hasan Sohaib Murad said that revolutionary changes were required to reorient the impact of industrial revolution on education. The present school was created to meet the needs of human resource as an input to industrial system. All indicators of good school still better fit to industrial requirements rather than to humanistic demands.

Dr Abdul Hamid, Director SPA, said that inclusive education is a new education movement for reorienting the system of education in terms of its outlook, curricula and system of evaluation. Inclusive education is a right based approach that welcomes human diversity and takes it as an opportunity for holistic development of personality. Dr Abdul Tayab, Director Rising Sun School System, also spoke at the occasion. He was of the view that without inclusive education the dream of education of all the disabled children would not come true as they were scattered everywhere. Dr Naeem-ul-Bin elaborated on various methodological issues. The participants from various school systems of the city actively participated in the workshop.

**Workshop: Managing Relationships**

The Office of Human Resources (OHR) organized a workshop on “Managing relationship” on March 5-6, 2009. Waqar Ahmad, Assistant Professor SBE, was the workshop leader. This highly interactive workshop helped participants learn that customer care comes from the inside of an individual. Thinking of “Customer First” cultivates the desire to provide excellent service whether they are a customer or co-worker.

The workshop inspired and motivated participants to go beyond “customer care” and genuinely strive to bring a smile on the co-worker’s face. It also served to remind them that internal customers are as important as external customers. Organizations must develop customer orientation in their employees to enable them to work in cross functional teams. Developing the ability to manage relationships ensures a climate of trust and harmony. People show empathy and give space to others. They honor other’s priorities and deadlines and extend their help to achieve the same. The interactive workshop was very beneficial to the students.

**Sketching Workshop**

A sketching workshop was organized by the UMT Fine Arts Club on May 19, 2009. It was conducted by Hafiz Umar Iqbal who has taken professional art education from GCU and several diplomas from the Lahore Art Council. The workshop was attended by 15-18 trainees. It was a basic pencil sketching workshop for members of the UMT Fine Arts Club. The workshop content was based on the use of sketching equipment, sketching technique, composition, proportion, still life sketching exercises, and rendering/shading.

**Training: Intellectual Performance Measurement**

The Department of the Auditor General of Pakistan, Performance Audit Wing organized a five week training program from February 10 to March 14, 2009. Neelam Yousaf, Officer Training and Development, UMT was invited by the Performance Audit Department, Government of Pakistan, to provide training to the foreign participants on “Intellectual Performance Measurement”. Neelam spoke on the emerging issues of intellectual assets, intangible resources of the organizations, brand value and importance of knowledge worker in the organization. The methods for intellectual assessment, job of performance auditors and general guidelines to measure intellectual performance were also shared.
Workshop:
Demonstrating Ownership and Initiative

A workshop on “Demonstrating ownership and initiative” was organized for faculty members in the UMT Board Room from February 11-13, 2009. Waqar Ahmad and Mobin-ul-Haque, Assistant Professors SBE, conducted the workshop.

The workshop equipped participants with confidence and courage to take initiative by developing in them a high level of ownership. Participants were encouraged to come up with creative ideas to bring about positive changes in UMT. The faculty members came up with various suggestions leading to expansion in the schools and other education related activities.

Hands-on Training Workshop: System and Network Administration for RedHat Linux

A two-day hands-on training workshop on “System and network administration for RedHat Linux” was organized by the Office of Information Technology (OIT) on January 2-3, 2009. The workshop was conducted for Windows power users and support personnel who want to familiarize themselves with Linux and gain experience with its operating environment. In his opening words, Nauman Nadeem, Head OIT, introduced the various services offered by the Department. He also explained the need for conducting the workshop.

Muhammad Rashid Ali Malik, Assistant Manager Networks, was the workshop trainer. He demonstrated the installation and configuration of the operating system, and the use of dozens of Linux commands with focus on system and network administration.

Dr. Abdul Rashid Kausar, Pro-Rector UMT, graced the event with his closing remarks. He also awarded certificates to the participants of the workshop. He stressed the importance of conducting such a workshop for both working professionals and students who wanted to update their skills or learn new avenues of knowledge. He also appreciated the efforts of the OIT team for organizing such an excellent workshop and hoped that more events of this kind will be held in the future.

Training:
Using SPSS for Performance Analysis

A training workshop on “Using SPSS for Performance Analysis” was held at UMT. Abid H K Shirwani, Director External Affairs, invited participants from nine countries for performance audit training. The participants were favorably impressed by the academic environment of UMT and service of the administrative staff. Mushtaq Mangat, Assistant Professor, Department of Textiles, UMT conducted the training. He shared the applications of SPSS tools for performance evaluation, data management and various statistical techniques used for performance assessment. Dr. Hasan Sohaib Murad, Rector UMT, also addressed foreign delegates undergoing training. Tahir Mehmud, Director General Performance Audit Department, Government of Pakistan, was also present on the occasion. The workshop was a sub-component of the forty-day training package organized by the Performance Audit Department, Govt of Pakistan. The sub-component was organized by Institute of Research Promotion (IRP).

Workshop:
CV Writing and Interview Skills

A workshop on CV writing and interview skills was conducted by two alumni Ms Saqiba Zahoor and Ms Mehreen for the students of Batch 39. The trainers helped students write professional CVs and also advised them on how to handle interview questions. Mock and live interviews were conducted by HR managers of three companies. About seven candidates were short-listed and two of them are now employed. Such workshops should be conducted regularly at UMT to facilitate students and well build good relations with our alumni us.
Ibrahim Qureshi, CEO Raffles Visits UMT

The University of Management and Technology (UMT) invited Ibrahim Qureshi, CEO, Raffles Private Limited, Pakistan, to give a talk to the students and staff of the university on March 12, 2009. Ibrahim Qureshi is an alumnus of UMT. UMT has started a series of talks based on the achievements of leading personalities from the business world. This series is titled ‘From Success to Significance: Life Story of a CEO’. The distinguished guest met with students, faculty members and staff of the university during the visit. Dr A R Kausar, Pro-Rector UMT, also awarded a shield to Ibrahim Qureshi.

PEC Accreditation Visit

Pakistan Engineering Council (PEC) Accreditation Committee visited UMT from January 15-16, 2009 for accreditation of Electrical Engineering programs offered at UMT. They reviewed the curriculum of the Electrical Engineering programs offered at the School of Science and Technology (SST) and facilities available. PEC regulates the engineering profession in the country and maintains realistic internationally relevant standards of professional competence and ethics for engineers. Its main statutory functions include registration of engineers, consulting engineers, constructors/operators and accreditation of engineering programs run by universities/institutions.

The Pakistan Engineering Council (PEC) Accreditation Committee and UMT officials in progress

Fine Arts Club Arranges Visit to the Puppetry Museum

Fine Arts Club arranged its first event in the form of a visit to The Puppetry Museum set up by the Late Rafi Pirzada. The trip accommodated 30 participants which included members of the Fine Arts Club, office bearers of OPC, Reboot and Sports Club. Office bearers of all clubs and societies were invited by the Fine Arts Club. Office bearers of the club include Umera Shaukat, Anila Younas, Bilal Farooq and Naeem Bashir.

Hafiz Umair Iqbal from OPA accompanied the group. The museum is a three-storey building. Each storey displayed various puppets. Some of these were imported while some belonged to famous puppet shows of PTV. The students thoroughly enjoyed the display of this art form. They also had the privilege to hear “Riyaz” of Mr Shah Nawaz who had been a student of the Late Ustad Nusrat Fateh Ali Khan for seven years. This visit provided a good platform to gather all those who shared a common interest and promote an understanding of puppetry.

Department of Media and Communication Students Visit Mangla Dam

Students of the Department of Media and Communication went on a trip to Mangla Dam on January 31, 2009. They were accompanied by Tayyah Farooq Bhatti, Assistant Professor at the Department of Media and Communication, School of Social Sciences and Humanities (SSH). The students had plenty of opportunity to enjoy themselves at Mangla where they ate a delicious lunch while sitting on a raft in the middle of the lake. Later they took a ride of the lake on the boat. Then there was a sitting arrangement at the resort where students enjoyed tea and cookies along with the beautiful sunset. There was little time left for exploring as the students had to embark on the return journey as well. However, they did explore the lake. The return journey turned out to be a fun-filled affair. They arrived back at the campus safely at night. Such excursions should be planned more often to encourage students to interact informally with their class fellows and teachers.

Beaconhouse A-Level Students Visit UMT

A delegation of 30 A-Level students from Beaconhouse School System (Canal Branch) visited University of Management and Technology (UMT) on February 16, 2009 along with Ms Scherish Tahir, Career Advisor. The students were given a brief presentation introducing UMT by Madiha Shairwani, Marketing Communications Officer, OCM. Dr Khalid Qamar, Dean SST, gave an overview of the programs offered at the School of Science and Technology. Adeel Shauikh, Assistant Professor, School of Business and Economics, and Muhammad Jawad Qureshi, Research Associate, Institute of Audit and Accountancy (IAA), also spoke to the students.

Later, the students were taken on a round of the campus. They visited the library, science and engineering laboratories, Information Processing Center (IPC), and the Office of Admissions (OAD). The students were favorably impressed by the well-stocked library, and the science and engineering laboratories.

Visit by a group of students from Beaconhouse School System (Canal Branch)
However, as time was running out, students departed on the return journey to the campus. With a loud clang and the ceremony ended leaving everyone with a feeling of patriotic fervor. The crowd waved their national flags. After the lowering down of the flags, the two gates were shut lowed by the national anthem. As the guards assembled on each side, the Indian and Pakistani students had been brought here to witness the flag ceremony.

Dr Hasan Sohaib Murad, Rector UMT, spoke on the occasion and welcomed the students to UMT. He assured them that they would receive the best quality of education should they choose UMT for their higher studies. He said that while most private sector universities thrived on minimal faculty, UMT had 130 full time faculty members in addition to 70 part time teachers drawn from the corporate and industrial world. As such, UMT offered the best blend of academic and professional experience to its students. He informed the students that at present UMT had 30 teachers with PhD degrees to their credit while another 15 were already pursuing doctoral degrees in prestigious institutions at home or abroad. In the next 2 years, 50-60 teachers with PhD degrees would be teaching at UMT.

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BS Social Sciences Students Visit Shalimar Gardens and Wagha Border

Students of BS Social Sciences went on an educational and recreational trip to Shalimar Gardens and Wagha Border on January 7, 2009. The fifteen member student group was accompanied by Ilyas Ansari, Assistant Professor SSH, and Ambreen Salahuddin, Lecturer SSH. This trip was arranged for Pakistan Studies students to help them learn about their cultural heritage. Foreign students were particularly interested in the gardens. The teachers briefed them about the history of the Gardens, and the culture and life style of the Mughal period. Later, they headed towards Wahga Border which is the area between India and Pakistan. The students had been brought here to witness the flag ceremony.

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City School Students Visit UMT

A group of over 60 A-Level students from City School, Ravi Campus Lahore, along with their teachers, Waseem Hassan (accounting teaching) and Ilyas Khan (GP teacher), visited the UMT campus on January 13, 2009. They were cordially received at the campus.

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ALL ABOUT KNOWLEDGE, UMT

Yet another issue of UMT News is in your hands. From a range of innovative, market-relevant and knowledge supplemented programs, strategic partnerships and initiatives to the number of events held, there was so much to report. Simply, we could not cover all.

From educational programs to executive development, from corporate research to business consulting, and from software solutions to media and publishing, one thing is central to all UMT initiatives: Knowledge.

Knowledge rekindles the flame of innovation. Knowledge balances creativity and practicality. Knowledge is power, to assume control. Knowledge is wisdom, to discharge responsibility. Knowledge makes us look, what we so often overlook. Knowledge helps us see, what is obvious.

UMT advances the knowledge frontier, fosters learning revolution and builds upon technological evolution. To this end, UMT processes, manages, develops, creates, and disseminates knowledge. Participants learn how to acquire and utilize knowledge to live up to their leadership potential. Resource persons empowered by knowledge, transform knowledge as they learn, unlearn, and relearn.

Instep with the contemporary challenges and market needs, UMT is all about knowledge. If you aspire to create a world of your own, control your destiny and shape the future of society, join UMT– a gateway to the knowledge cosmos, and explore the world of opportunities available to match your dreams.

As ‘zeal without knowledge is fire without light’, don’t take chances, when it comes to your own future.

Drive for knowledge. Drive to UMT.

A G Ghaffari
Editor
The Office of Participants Affairs led by Rana Iftikhar Ahmad, General Manager Participants Affairs at UMT organized the 6th UMT Cricket Challenge Trophy 2009 from March 24 to April 7, 2009. It was sponsored by Acson International, Urbansole, TCS and Bata Pakistan. The co-sponsors included Watson Telecom, Coca-Cola Pakistan, Shandy cola Pakistan, Jockey, and SparkleTV. Media partners were City 42, Mast FM 103 and Daily Times. Other collaborators included Red Bull, Topaz Communication, A&A Enterprises, Parks & Horticulture Authority.

Fifteen teams from the educational institutions of Lahore participated in the tournament. University of Management and Technology (UMT), National College of Arts (NCA), Institute of Management Sciences (Pak-Aim), Quaid-e-Azam Law College (QLC), University of Veterinary & Animal Sciences Lahore, Lahore University of Management Sciences (LUMS), College of Advance Accountancy (CAA), University of Engineering & Technology (UET), SKANS School of Accountancy, National College of Business Administration and Economics (NCBA & E), University of Lahore, COMSATs, IQRA Millennium University, Center of Financial Excellence (CJE) and University College Lahore (UCL).

The final match was played between UMT and CFE at Model Town Whites Cricket Ground. UMT won the toss and elected to bowl first, CFE Scored 139 runs, UMT chased the target but they were all out for 102 runs in 17.2 overs. CFE won the match by 37 runs.

The Man of the Final Match was Hashim Afzal (CFE) who scored 48 runs. Best bowler of the tournament was Usman Affan (UMT) who took 16 wickets with one Hatrick against College of Advanced Accountancy. The Best Batsman was Umair Riaz (UMT) who scored 198 runs. The Best Bowler of the Tournament was Mo-hammad Faheem Akhtar Rana Shahbaz (UMT) who took 16 wickets with one Hatrick against College of Advance Accountancy.

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- Friendly Cricket Match between the teams of UMT and COMSATs was held on February 28, 2009 at the COMSATs cricket ground. UMT won by 40 runs. Muhammad Bhatti from the UMT team was declared man of the match.
- The UMT team participated in the All Pakistan Inter-varsity Tennis Championship 2009 that was held at the University of Engineering and Technology (UET), Lahore on February 26, 2009.
- Cricket Trial was held in February, 2009. Javed Shah, Wapda coach was present for the trials. A hundred candidates took part in these trials out of which 16 were selected for the upcoming 6th Clash 20 Cricket Tournament.
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First UMT Employees Tape Ball Cricket Tournament

The First UMT Employees Tape Ball Cricket Tournament 2009 was organized by the Office of Human Resources (OHR) in collaboration with the Office of Participants (OPA) on March 7-8, 2009. A total of twelve teams participated in the tournament. These included Fighters, Hakeem Solutions, Registrar XI, Extroverts, Scorpions Cricket Team, Xeon, IAA Cricket Club, UMT Royals, SST XI, ASU Tigers and OFM XI. There were four pools comprising of three teams each.

The first semi final was played between Hakeem Solutions and OFM XI. The second semi final was played between Registrar XI and Xeon. OFM XI and Registrar XI made it to the final match. Finally, OFM XI won the tournament while Registrar XI was the runners up. Muhammad Shafeek of Hakeem Solutions was declared Man of the Series. He scored 82 runs and took 4 wickets. Muhammad Zakraya of OFM XI was declared the Best Bowler of the Tournament. He took 5 wickets. OFM XI was declared the Best Bowler of the Tournament. He took 4 wickets. Muhammad Ashfaq of Registrar XI was the Best Batsman of the Tournament. He scored 100 runs which included one half century as well. Dr Tashfeen Mahmood Azhar, Dean SBE, was the Chief Guest for the prize distribution ceremony.

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Super Cricket League

Cricket is one of the most popular games among members of the UMT community. The Office of Participants Affairs (OPA) organized a Super Cricket League for the UMT community from February 24 – March 2, 2009. A total of twenty-two teams played the tournament. The event was sponsored by Acon International. A large number of cricket enthusiasts gathered during the tournament to watch the matches and cheer their favorite teams. The first semi-final was played between Aze Super and Lahore Stallions. Aze Super won the match. The second semi-final was played between SST Champs and Corner Tigers. SST Champs were declared the winners.

The final match was won by “Aze Super”. The winning team was captained by Hafiz Saeed and sponsored by Rana Iftikhar Ahmed. Head OPA. “SST Champs” were the runners up. They were captained by Mubashar Bhatti and sponsored by Razigh Qureshi.

Players also received prizes for individual outstanding performance. Saim Ahmed was declared Man of the Final Match. Ali Shahid Malik was the best bowler of the series. Ejaz Masud Khan Niaz was the Man of the Series. Umer Riaz won the title of Super Sixes (batsman).

The Super Cricket League was a huge success. All the participating teams got an opportunity to engage in healthy competition. Sports activities like these are now regularly organized at the UMT campus.

UMT Hostel Sports Festival 2009

The six-day UMT Hostel Sports Festival 2009 was organized under the auspices of Leaders Forum on May 4-9, 2009. The chief organizer of the event was Ehtisham Ismail. A large number of students participated in the event. Cricket, football and racing was held in the university ground while the remaining games were held in the hostel.

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The football tournament was won by the Paradigm Team while Eagle Champs were the runners up. Racing was won by while was the runner up. Mess competition was won by and was the runner up. Table Tennis (double matches) were won by and was the runner up.

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Dr Fareed Paracha inaugurating the Hostel Sports Festival

A view of the match

Aze Super (the winning team) snapped with Dr A R Kausar, Pro Rector UMT and Rana Iftikhar Ahmed, General Manager Participants Affairs

OFC XI and Registrar XI pose for a group photograph after the prize distribution ceremony

A view of the Super Cricket League

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A welcome party for evening students was hosted by the UMT Executive Club in the UMT Lawns on May 15, 2009. The Guest of Honor was Dr Hasan Sohaib Murad. The welcome party was attended by a large number of evening students enrolled in Spring 2009. The party began with recitation of some verses from the Holy Quran. Dr Kamran Siddiqui, Director UMT Evening Programs, presented the welcome note. Dr Hasan Sohaib Murad, Rector UMT, took oath from the first thirty members of UMT Executive Club. The party turned out to be a memorable and enjoyable experience for all participants and ended with a well organized dinner.

Welcome Party for Students of Batch 13, SST

Leaders Forum (SST) organized a welcome party for students of Batch 13, School of Science and Technology and oath ceremony of new members of Leaders Forum (SST) on April 9, 2009. Dilawar Khan, Coordinator of Leaders Forum (SST) conducted the event. The basic purpose of the party was to introduce the new students to their teachers and senior students. Almost 70 students attended the party.

Dr Abdul Aziz Bhatti, Chairman, Department of Computer Science, was the chief guest on the occasion. Dr Ehsan Elahi Khawaja, Zaheer Shah, Nadeem Moazam and others also attended the party. All faculty members advised their students to work hard and take a keen interest in their studies. New students were introduced to the UMT management during the proceedings.

Safi-ullah Tarrar, President Leaders Forum, addressed the students and shared his experience with them. At the end, he took oath from the new members of Leaders Forum.

Introductory Session:
Scouting in Pakistan

UMT Rovers Crew, a new club functioning under the auspices of OPA organized an introductory session on “Scouting in Pakistan” on May 26, 2009. The Chief Guest on the occasion was Sahibzada Sajjad Ahmed Chishti, Country President and Patron Punjab Boy Scouts. The Guest of Honor was Eugin John, Chairman People to People International Organization. Those who spoke on the occasion included Mr Shahid, Deputy Regional Head Scouts, Bilal Chishti, Director Youth Association and Miss Izzah, President GC. The vote of thanks by was given by Faisal Sarfaraz, Manager Career Development and Placement OPA. At the end, souvenirs were presented to the guests by Muhammad Anwar, Chief Library Officer. The introductory session was attended by a large number of students who were interested in getting information about scouting in Pakistan.

Welcome Party for New Students of Media and Communication Department

A welcome party for new entrants in the Department of Media and Communication was organized by Batch 3 students on March 19, 2009. Dr Zafar Iqbal, Dean SSH, Taysab Farooq Bhatti, Assistant Professor, and Professor Abdul Samad were present on the occasion. Mr Tahir, Ms Fouzia Ahsan and Ms Rubia Sajjad also attended the party.

The welcome party began with recitation of some verses from the Holy Quran and naat. Students performed some act and skits to make the evening truly entertaining. A small act “aik kanwara” demonstrated the students’ creative abilities and efforts. Dr Zafar Iqbal and Taysab Farooq Bhatti wrapped up the event by speaking to the students. At the end, a well organized hi-tea was arranged. The welcome party was enjoyed by everyone and the hard work of the students was appreciated.

Welcome Party for 4th Batch of MCom students

A welcome party for the 4th Batch of MCom students was hosted by Senior Batch No 3 in the Boys’ Common Room on March 2, 2009. The party was attended by large number of students and faculty members of Institute of Audit and Accountancy (IAA), Javad Ahmad and Ammara Nasim (students of MCom program) organized the party. The party began with recitation of some verses from the Holy Quran and naat by Adnan Ghulam Nabi of Batch No 3. Students of the senior batch presented skits and jokes to entertain all those present. Tahir Mahmood, Director IAA, addressed the party. Amer Hussain, Muhammad Gulzar, Jawad Qureshi, and Asim Ifiikhar also attended the event. The party turned out to be a memorable and enjoyable experience for all participants and ended with a well organized lunch.

Student Academic Forum (SAF) Knowledge Contest

The Student Academic Forum (SAF) organized a special event to formally open the SAF Office on January 2, 2009. The office was inaugurated by Dr A R Kausar, Pro-Rector UMT. This was followed by a knowledge contest. The contest included questions in three basic categories: marketing, entrepreneurship and management. There were 36 participants in the contest. Three winners were selected after four rounds. The first prize went to M Abid Khan (BBA Batch 30). The second prize was given to Irfan Ahmad (MBA Batch 43) and the third prize went to M Awais (MBA Batch 39). A competition was also held to select logos for SAF. The first prize went to Atif Hussain (BBA Batch 32). The second prize was given to Zeeshan Chohan (MBA Batch 36) and the third prize went to Fatima Abdul Sattar (BBA Batch 35).

The winners received shields from Dr AR Kausar. The first prize went to (BBA Batch 32). The second prize was given to (MBA Batch 43) and the third prize went to M Awais (MBA Batch 39). A competition was also held to select logos for SAF. The first prize went to (BBA Batch 30). The second prize was given to (MBA Batch 34). The print advertisement of SBE made by Zeeshan Chohan (MBA Batch 36) also received a special appreciation prize. Student activities like the ones organized by SAF should be encouraged because they develop the creative abilities of the participants. We hope that SAF will remain active in the coming days and students will get a chance to take part in many extra-curricular activities.
Seerat-ul-Nabi Conference and Mehfil-e-Naat

Leaders Forum organized a Seerat-ul-Nabi Conference and Mehfil-e-Naat at the UMT hostel on March 26, 2009. The program started by recitation of a few verses from the Holy Quran by Qari Abdul Raheem and Qari Waqar Ahmad Chitraili (International Award Holder). The naats were presented by Hafiz Hussain Ahmad, Hafiz Saquib Ahmad and Sufyean Ali. UMT students Naveed Akram and Imran Khan Soomra also presented naats.

Around 100 students attended the event. At the end of the program, the Chief Guest Syed Waqas Anjum Jaffari addressed the students. He advised them to lead their lives according to the teachings of Islam. The concluding words were said by Khalid Mahmood, Deputy Warden.

PFL Library Section at UMT Inaugurated by Mrs Sadia Rashid, President Hamdard Foundation

PFL Scholarship Award Ceremony 2009

The PFL Scholarship Award Ceremony 2009 was jointly hosted by Pakistan Foundation London (PFL) and UMT on June 3, 2009. Dignitaries from different walks of life attended the event. Mrs Sadia Rashid, President Hamdard Foundation Pakistan, was the chief guest on this occasion. She also inaugurated the PFL Library Section.

This was followed by the PFL Scholarship Awards Ceremony. The welcome note was given by Dr AR Kausar, Pro Rector UMT, Zafar Iqbal, Chairman, Pakistan Foundation London, and Mujib-ur-Rehman Shami, renowned journalist, also spoke on the occasion. Mrs Sadia Rashid awarded scholarships to the students of various medical and engineering universities of different cities of Pakistan who were awarded Hakim Mohammed Said and Abdul Qadeer Khan Scholarships for medical and engineering education respectively. Later, she also addressed the gathering.

The concluding note was given by Dr Hasan Sohaib Murad, Rector UMT, who thanked the distinguished guests for their presence and congratulated the scholarship recipients on their achievement.

Ecological Process for Denim Industry Developed at UMT

Research studies conducted at Textile Department, UMT with the support of local textile industry, have led to the development of an ecological process required in bringing fading effect on denim jeans. The existing process in the denim industry utilized reagent that is highly adverse to workers, ecology and the environment. The developed process is significantly eco-friendly and cost-effective. Research plan and methodology was designed at UMT, and pilot project work was run at a local denim industry. Dr Faheem Uddin, research advisor, textile department, showed optimism that future development in the process will transfer definite benefits to the denim industry and UMT’s contribution will go a long way in the development of the industrial process.

Punjab University Awards PhD to Amjad Waheed

Dr Amjad Waheed, Lecturer, School of Social Sciences and Humanities (SSH) has successfully completed his PhD degree in the subject of Islamic Studies from University of the Punjab, Lahore.

His thesis title was “Conflict of faiths: The real cause of civilization’s clash”. The UMT community congratulates its learned colleague on this scholarly achievement and wishes him the best for the future.

UMT Participates in the EMCOT 2009

COMSATS Institute of Information Technology organized the EMCOT 2009 on May 11-12, 2009. The event aimed to develop an environment of academic collaboration where institutes could exchange their expertise in their respective fields. The program included project competitions, seminars, panel discussion and talks by eminent scientists and academicians on cutting edge electrical and electronic engineering technologies.

Shahzad Khan, Lab Engineer cum Lecturer at the School of Science and Technology, UMT, along with Faisal Mohindind and Ibtisam Khan (students of electrical engineering) participated in the EMCOT 2009. Shahzad was the project supervisor. The purpose of the project was to design a prototype wheel chair system for disabled persons who are otherwise unable to power the wheel with hands. We congratulate the UMT team for representing UMT in the EMCOT 2009 and wish them the best for the future.

Entrepreneurial Spring Festival 2009

The Entrepreneurial Club of the School of Business and Economics (SBE) at UMT organized the Entrepreneurial Spring Festival 2009 on April 8, 2009. It was inaugurated by Rehmatullah Javed, Convenor Standing Committee on SMEs (LCCI) and CEO, Grand Group of Companies. The event offered a competition amongst the emerging young entrepreneurs of the university.

More than twenty groups of master’s and bachelor’s level students showcased their entrepreneurial talent and different stalls were set up. The festival was attended by a large number of students, faculty and staff members.

UMT Approved as Computer Based Exam (CBE) Centre for CAT/ACCA (UK)

The University of Management and Technology (UMT) has been approved as Computer Based Exam (CBE) Centre for CAT/ACCA (UK). Consequently, CAT and ACCA students can now attempt their Computer Based Exams online at UMT. Sessions are offered round the year and not constrained as is the case in manual sessions of June and December.

Students have many advantages of taking Computer Based Exams. For example, CBE results are announced on the spot. Students can submit their exam fees directly at UMT. Students’ ACCA Account is updated with results within 72 hours. CBE re-attempts or re-sittings are unrestrained. CBE Demo can be accessed at the ACCA website or by clicking this link: http://www.iassessserver.com/accaindex.html.

The first Computer Based Exam for ACCA/CAT students was conducted on 13 and 15 January, 2009 in two sessions. Forty seven students appeared in the exams. The success rate for ACCA students was 100% while CAT students locked 94% results.

It is important to note that Ameer-ul-Din, an ACCA student, secured highest marks of 94% in F2 taught by Jawad Qureshi. Abdul-Rehman Yazdani, a CAT student, achieved 98% marks in T3 taught by Asim Iftikhar.

The 2nd CB Exam was held in February 2009, which obtained excellent results for IAA’s students while ACCA students was 100% while CAT students locked 94% results. Students have many advantages of taking Computer Based Exams. For example, CBE results are announced on the spot. Students can submit their exam fees directly at UMT. Students’ ACCA Account is updated with results within 72 hours. CBE re-attempts or re-sittings are unrestrained. CBE Demo can be accessed at the ACCA website or by clicking this link: http://www.iassessserver.com/accaindex.html.
About 125 students got themselves registered. Our esteemed Professor SST, and Assistant Professor SSH, planted a tree of their name. Sunrise Green Pakistan provided about 100 trees and around 300 vegetables for clean and green. The purpose of this campaign was to make UMT green by planting trees in all departments and faculty members also attended the forum. Dr Hasan welcomed everyone to the session and encouraged them to speak freely on any issue regarding UMT. Everyone participated enthusiastically in the forum and discussed a wide range of issues ranging from purely administrative problems such as provision of air-conditioned transport, parking problems and proper seating arrangements for students to academic related issues such as the behavior of teaching staff, quality of academics, problems in degree issuance and difficulties encountered while changing sections. Towards the end, name of participants who had come up with the best ideas for improving academic quality and culture of UMT were announced.

Dr Hasan Sohaib Murad, Rector UMT, planting a tree during the plantation campaign. Ch. Zaeheer-ud-Din Khan, Opposition Leader in the Punjab Assembly is also seen.

All Green UMT Plantation Day

The Social Welfare Society organized All Green UMT plantation campaign on May 5, 2009 with the support of a local NGO named Sunrise Green Pakistan that aims to make Pakistan clean and green. The purpose of this campaign was to make UMT green by planting trees in the campus premises. The Guests of Honor included Dr Hasan Sohaib Murad, Rector UMT, Ch Zahir-ud-din Khan, Opposition Leader Punjab Assembly, Mian Zahid, Chairman Urban Development, and Fakhar Imran, senior TV actor and producer, who planted a tree of their name. Sunrise Green Pakistan provided about 100 trees and around 300 vegetables for the nursery. Students and teachers appreciated this effort a lot. Kamran Rashid, Assistant Professor, Head, Department of Marketing & Supply Chain, SBE, Mushiq Mangat, Assistant Professor SST, and Iyaz Ansari, Assistant Professor SSH, planted a tree of their name. About 125 students got themselves registered.

Ice Cream Party

An ice cream party was arranged by Muhammad Ilyas Ansari, Assistant Professor SSH for all team members of the Cultural and Dramatic Society. Several faculty members including Qamar Abbas, Hamid Mahmud, and Hammad Raza were present. The purpose was to encourage students to engage in more activities and appreciate past performances. The program started with recitation of some verses from the Holy Quran. Osama Tayyab, President Cultural and Dramatic Society, informed all those present about future programs and activities planned by the students. Omer, Production Manager, gave a brief about the tasks associated with production. Wahaj Umer, Finance Secretary, gave some details about the financial situation of the Cultural and Dramatic Society. The event served as a good opportunity for students and faculty members to interact informally.

Ek Sham Wasi Shah ke Naam

The Office of Participants Affairs (OPA) and ADAB UMT Literary Society organized a get together with the renowned poet Wasi Shah on January 20, 2009, Saima Ashraf, Vice President ADAB, anchored the proceedings of the evening. Musarrat, President ADAB, Mohsin Sajid, General Secretary ADAB, played a key role in organizing the event. The entire OPA team also worked tirelessly to organize the event. Students and faculty members with an interest in poetry attended the evening. These included Hafiz Bilal Farooq, Lecturer and PhD Scholar SSH, and Ambreen Saulaluddin, Lecturer SSH, who also presented her poem which was very well received. Farrukh, MPhil student SSH, also presented some of his poetry. Wasi Shah's latest book "Mairay ho k Raho" was launched this evening and was available with his autograph. His poem titled "Kuch met teray khuburar hath ka kangan hosta" was very well received by the audience. The evening was attended by a large number of poetry enthusiasts. The importance and power of poetry in our culture is well understood. The ability to compose poetry extemporaneously and drop couplets said by renowned poets was once considered the mark of cultured people. The efforts of OPA and ADAB in reviving this cultural and aesthetic tradition deserve our full support and commendation as such events go a long way in promoting literary activities among the younger generation while exposing them to the works of some of our finest poets.

Open Session with Rector: How to Improve Quality of Academics at UMT

An Open Session on “How to improve the academic quality at UMT” with Dr Hasan Sohaib Murad, Rector UMT, was held at the campus on May 22, 2009. The event was well participated by the students, staff and faculty members who highlighted the issues and problems pertaining to the university and academics, and come up with better solutions.

The open session was also attended by Dr A R Kausar, Pro-Rector UMT, Dr Tashfeen Azhar, Dean SBE, and Salman Saeed Qureshi, Registrar UMT. UMT employees from other departments and faculty members also attended the forum. Dr Hasan welcomed everyone to the session and encouraged them to speak freely on any issue regarding UMT. Everyone participated enthusiastically in the forum and discussed a wide range of issues ranging from purely administrative problems such as provision of air-conditioned transport, parking problems and proper seating arrangements for students to academic related issues such as the behavior of teaching staff, quality of academics, problems in degree issuance and difficulties encountered while changing sections. Towards the end, name of participants who had come up with the best ideas for improving academic quality and culture of UMT were announced.

Dr Hasan Sohaib Murad, Rector UMT, interacting with the students, faculty and staff members during the open session.

Corporate Guests Speak to the Class of ‘Strategic Distribution Network’

The class of Strategic Distribution Network at the School of Business and Economics (SBE) listened to views of corporate sector professionals regarding this topic on May 27, 2009. Tariq Mahmood, Distributor of Dairy Queen in Lahore talked about the distribution system of milk and issues regarding Haleeb. Mr Hannain, CEO Allied Marketing, talked about the dynamics of distribution business and upcoming challenges. Allied marketing is a century old distribution company that acts as distributor of PTC and Unilever.

Tariq Mahmood, Distributor of Dairy Queen in Lahore, talks about distribution network and Haleeb issues.

UMTC Appoints Quality Inspectors and External Verifiers

UMT Consulting (UMTC) was set up to provide thought leadership and actively engage in the provision of professional, state of the art, pertinent, and effective solutions to a wide variety of clientelee, leading to knowledge-based decision making for their organizations. UMTC believes that sustainable change can only be achieved through a genuine understanding of the real issues facing organizations. It consults by working collaboratively with clients, involving them in creating and developing a participative process to bring about real change with the mission of leading and vision for providing knowledge-based services and solutions.

Recently, Capt. (R) Imitaz Ahmed Hashmi, Assistant Professor (SST), Dr Nabeel Amin, Assistant Professor (SST), Ahmad Hassob Hassan, Lecturer (SBE) and Muhammad Shabab Rafi, Research Associate (SSH) have been appointed as ‘Quality Inspector and External Verifier in City and Gujats’ on behalf of UMT. The UMT community congratulates them on their appointment and wishes them the best for the future.

Dr Hasan Sohaib Murad, Rector UMT, planting a tree during the plantation campaign. Ch. Zaeheer-ud-Din Khan, Opposition Leader in the Punjab Assembly is also seen.
Recipients of Financial Awards and Scholarships Appreciate UMT

The University of Management and Technology (UMT) is committed to help deserving students showing excellent educational background. Each year, we provide many scholarships to students if they are able to meet the criteria set up by the University. Our objective is to create equal opportunities for all those bright students to come and study at UMT by providing generous financial assistance. Here are some of the testimonials of students who have received full tuition fee waiver on merit basis and are currently enrolled in different programs of the University.

Zoha Hadayat (ID 083805079) is a student of BBA (Honors) at the School of Business and Economics (SBE). A student of Beaconhouse Liberty Campus, Zoha received 7 A’s and 1 B in O-Levels and straight A’s in A-Levels.

“University is a place where we learn to be a better society. But thanks to the University of Management and Technology, I was surrounded by ideas like ‘how will I continue my studies’. Being struck by financial crisis, I was surrounded by ideas like ‘how will I continue my studies’. I did not hear a lot about UMT before joining it but as I got admission into it I realized that it is as good as any other renowned institution. Its highly qualified faculty and pleasant environment is unparalleled.”

Syed Humza Shah (ID 081220118) is a student of BS Electrical Engineering at the School of Science and Technology (SST). He got 5 A’s and 3 B’s in his O-Levels (Beaconhouse Peco Road) and 4 A’s and 1 B in his A-Levels (Beaconhouse Defence Campus).

“UMT’s financial policy has given me a great chance to continue my education. Becoming an engineer can be a very expensive process but thanks to UMT’s merit scholarship, my tuition fees are completely waived. I have been freed from any financial worries related to my university life. Now I can focus on the only thing students should be focusing on - my studies.”

Muhammad Adeel Kamran (ID 081220223) is a student of BS Electrical Engineering at the School of Science and Technology (SST).

“Those of normal students)? But thanks to the University of Management and Technology (UMT) person how will I be able to meet my study expenditures (which are many times higher than…”

The Knowledge School (TKS) Project Celebrates First Anniversary

The Knowledge School (TKS) celebrated its first anniversary at the UMT Campus on February 28, 2009. Dr Hasaan Sohaib Murad, the project Chairman and Rector UMT, was the Chief Guest. Students of various Knowledge Schools of Lahore presented tableau, and sang national songs. The most prominent was the TKS Song presented publicly for the first time. The ceremony was attended by Deans and Directors of UMT, and Directors, Principals and teachers of The Knowledge Schools. Speaking on the occasion, Dr Hasaan highlighted the need of values-based education in the schools with an aim to producing holistically developed youngsters turning into valuable citizens of the country. He congratulated The Knowledge School team on their achievements. It is important to note that The Knowledge Schools have shown rapid growth in their very first year.

The Knowledge School (TKS) First Annual Declamation Contest

The Knowledge School (TKS) and Daily Jang Cultural Wing held the first TKS Declamation Contest at Ali Institute of Education, Lahore on April 2, 2009. Muhammad Nazim, Director General CGRL, was the Chief Guest, whereas Rehmatullah Javed, Chairman ECMMA, was the Guest of Honor. The declamation topic was “Me and My Country”. Contestant schools from Lahore comprised of Johar Campus, Johar Town; Quaid Campus, Iftaar Town; Township Campus, Township; Sabzazar Campus, Sabzazar; Samanabad Campus, Samanabad; and Alhamd Campus, Gulshan Ravi. Narowal Campus, Narowl; Shahkaragh Campus, Shahagarh; and Tanda Campus, Tandu-Gujrat, also participated in this annual TKS event. Johar Campus took the first position both in Urdu and English speeches.

MOU with Pakistan Industrial Technical Assistance Centre (PITAC)

The Department of Industrial and Manufacturing Engineering, School of Science and Technology, UMT and Pakistan Industrial Technical Assistance Centre (PITAC) have forged a University-Industry partnership and signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) on January 14, 2009. The purpose of this memorandum is to provide support to achieve mutual goals and objectives to promote practical education and training in Pakistan. The MOU constitutes an implementation framework covering practical aspects of the degree course in Industrial and Manufacturing Engineering. This partnership will enable students to practically explore the classroom teaching/instructions.

The Knowledge School Arranges Seminar “Teaching Children to Think”

The Knowledge School, in collaboration with Raheem Books, organized a seminar on “Teaching children to think” on May 30, 2009. The event was held at Hotel Ambassador Lahore. Teachers from The Knowledge Schools and from some other private schools attended the seminar. Dr Hasaan Sohaib Murad, Dr Isabel William, Ms Musarraw Shahid, Fakhracha Shahid, and Prof Muhammad Aslam spoke on the subject. Daily Express participated as media partner and gave extensive commercial and non-commercial coverage to this event.
Walk Against Israeli Aggression in Gaza

The students and staff of the University of Management and Technology (UMT) held a walk on January 23, 2009 to protest against the Israeli atrocities against the Palestinians in Gaza. A large number of students and staff members participated in the walk organized by the Office of Participants Affairs (OPA). The participants designed their own placards and banners displaying slogans against the slaughter of innocent civilians by Israeli forces and open violation of human rights in front of the international community. The event was widely reported in the print media.

UMT Students at the ‘DAWN All About Lifestyles Exhibition 2009’

‘DAWN All About Lifestyles Exhibition’ was held on February 7, 2009 at Fortress Stadium, Lahore. The exhibition featured a display of consumer and commercial products by leading local and multinational brands. In addition to autobiography and book signing sessions with eminent authors, visitors enjoyed specialties at the Food Court. A paintball gaming competition was also held during the exhibition. The paintball gaming comprised of an official inter-college tournament. UMT students participated in the competition and reached the semi-final but could not qualify for the final battle. The players included Usman Khan, Sajid Nawaz, Karam Farooq Ali, Saud Liaquat, Syed Hateem and Zohaib Ilyas Butt. Paintball is an exciting, organized but fun-filled recreational sport.

In its simplest form, paintball brings together two opposing teams competing at a game of capture the flag. The game is played with a pneumatic air gun that propels a biodegradable gelatin capsule. These capsules break on impact leaving a “Splat” of (washable) water-soluble paint. A game is won when a player successfully returns the opponent’s flag to their own team’s flag station. All games are professionally refereed to insure player safety and fair play.

Movie Nights Organized by the Social Welfare Society

The Social Welfare Society recently organized movie nights and screened two movies for the students. The movie nights were organized to gather funds for the society and utilize them in helping deserving students and low paid employees of the university.

The first movie night was held on November 19, 2008 during which The Pursuit of Happiness was shown. The movie is based on the true story of Chris Gardner and shows his struggle in life. It is a moving picture and Will Smith was nominated for an Oscar in the best actor category for the movie. This movie shows what can be achieved through hard work and determination. The movie attracted around 80 students which was encouraging as it was the first time that an event of this kind had taken place in UMT.

Another movie night was held on February 23, 2009 and the animated movie Madagascar was screened. The movie did attract as many students and only 45 students came to watch it. These fun activities should be organized more often as they are part of university life and divert attention from the tough study routine. We hope that the Social Welfare Society will come up with more fun filled activities in the coming days as well.

Experimenting with Pakistani Cuisine

Some time ago, a very interesting thing happened in our Pakistan Studies classes. While going through our syllabus content, our discussion tilted towards a somewhat different idea. The course instructor, Muhamad Ilyas Ansari has always emphasized the practical aspect of things. Upon discussing the culture of Pakistan, the students noticed that the Pakistani society comprises of diverse cultures and ethnic groups from the Punjabi and Sindhis in the east to the tribal cultures of the Baloch and Pashtuns in the west, as well as the ancient Dardic to the north. A very important facet of a culture of any society is its cuisine. As such, the cuisine of Pakistan can be described as a fusion of three Asian regions: Central Asia, Middle East, and South Asia. Pakistani cuisine is often spicy and is known for its richness.

Within Pakistan, cuisine varies greatly from region to region, reflecting the country’s ethnic, cultural and culinary diversity. The cuisine in Sindh and the Punjab can be very hot and spicy characterizing the South Asian flavor. Food in the North-West Frontier Province, Baluchistan, Northern Areas and Azad Kashmir involves the use of mild aromatic spices and relatively less oil is used characterizing the Central Asian and Middle Eastern influence. The main course is served with wheat bread or rice. Salad is generally taken with the main course rather than before. Assorted fresh fruit are consumed for dessert. International cuisine and fast food are popular in cities. Thus, in order to observe this diversity, the students organized a ‘mini’ cultural exchange program under the Department of Social Sciences with the support of their teacher. Since the university has a mix of students from different cultural backgrounds, they were requested to bring to the table their ‘traditional’ food which is eaten in their homes. The culinary art in Pakistan comprises of a mix of Middle Eastern, Indian, Iranian, Afghan, and Turkish cuisine that reflects the country’s history as well as the variation of cooking practices from across the surrounding regions. The students participated enthusiastically. Besides the main dishes of curry with or without meat cooked with vegetables or lentils, there were a number of provincial specialties such as karahi, biryani and haleem in various forms and flavors which was eaten alongside a variety of breads such as naan, chapati or roti. There were also local forms of grilled meat or kebabs, desserts such as apricot curd. The influence of western culture was also evident as some of the students brought Italian pasta and chicken nuggets.

Another feature of this program is also worth mentioning. As a result of the Gaza conflict, students refused to have the usual variety of hot and cold drinks as a mark of protest. The event was well organized. The cooperation of the students amongst each other was also worth appreciating. Such events are indeed self-enlightening. The participants at UMT with their teachers’ supervision look forward to such events that promote a re-awakening of the students as citizens of Pakistan.

By Mariyam Murad (BS Social Sciences)
Irfan Shaikh’s Book to be Taught at US Campuses

Fashion Institute of Design and Merchandising (FIDM) in USA has adopted Irfan Shaikh’s book ‘Pocket Textile Dyeing’ as a textbook for the upcoming semester. This book will be used in the Los Angeles and San Francisco campuses. A total of 186 books for both campuses have been ordered through Axicom Corporation, Missouri, USA. FIDM is a co-educational, specialized private college located in California (USA) and is dedicated to educating students for the fashion, entertainment, interior design and graphic design industries. It offers a Bachelor of Science degree program in business management, and a 2-year associate of arts degree, advanced study programs. FIDM has over 6,500 full-time students and 1000 staff and faculty members. We congratulate our learned colleague on bringing a good name to UMT and hope that he will continue to excel in more scholarly pursuits of this kind.

Recent Research Publications by Dr Aziz A Bhatti

UMT faculty members are actively engaged in research work in their respective disciplines. Research papers by faculty members emphasizing critical and thoughtful levels of enquiry into their respective domains are regularly accepted in prestigious national and international journals and conferences. Here is a list of some of the scholarly accomplishments by Dr Aziz A Bhatti, Chairman, Department of Computer Science, School of Science and Technology (SST).

- Dr Aziz A Bhatti and Dr Hasan Sohaib Murad's paper titled “Development of a new computer based grading method for measuring the students performance in higher education” was invited and accepted in the Journal USA-China Education Review, 2009.
- Dr Aziz A Bhatti's paper titled “Reduced order multiport parallel and multidirectional neural associative memories” was accepted by the Journal of Biological Cybernetics (Springer).
- Dr Aziz A Bhatti's paper titled “A minimum interconnection directed storage model of a neural bidirectional memory” (Paper # NN0034) has been accepted in the International Journal on Neural Networks to be held from June 14-19, 2009 in Atlanta, GA.
- Dr Aziz A Bhatti's paper titled “A model of an intraconnected neural parallel bidirectional memory” (Paper # NN-0032.) has been accepted in the International Joint Conference on Neural Networks to be held from June 14-19, 2009 in Atlanta, GA.
- Dr Aziz A Bhatti's paper titled “Comparison of an efficient directed storage BAM model with traditional neural bidirectional memories” (Paper # NN-0167) has been accepted at the International Joint Conference on Neural Networks to be held from June 14-19, 2009 in Atlanta, GA.
- Dr Aziz A Bhatti and Dr Hasan Sohaib Murad's paper titled “The role of basic education, industries and universities in developing countries” (Paper #1300) was accepted in the International Conference of Education, Research and Innovation (ICERI2008) held from November 17-19, 2008 in Madrid, Spain.
- Dr Aziz A Bhatti and Dr Hasan Sohaib Murad's paper titled “On the improvement of quality of teaching-learning process in undergraduate and graduate studies in higher education” (Paper #1301) was accepted for the International Conference of Education, Research and Innovation (ICERI 2008) held from November 17 to 19, 2008 in Madrid, Spain.
- Dr Aziz A Bhatti's paper titled “A new E-grading method for fair evaluation of performance in higher education” (Paper # 1302) was accepted at the International Conference of Education, Research and Innovation (ICERI 2008) held from November 17 to 19, 2008 in Madrid, Spain.
- Dr Aziz A Bhatti and Dr Hasan Sohaib Murad's paper titled “Development of a new computer based grading method for measuring the students performance in higher education” (Paper # 426) was accepted at the 7th Annual Hawaii International Conference on Education held from January 4-7, 2009 in Honolulu, Hawaii, USA.
- Dr Aziz A Bhatti's paper titled “On the measures for improving the quality of higher education” (Paper # 421) was accepted at the 7th Annual Hawaii International Conference on Education held from January 4to 7, 2009 in Honolulu, Hawaii, USA.

Book Launching Ceremony at UMT

The University of Management and Technology (UMT) organized the book launching ceremony of Dr Muhammad Tahir Mustafa’s book titled Falis-e-Ammah-e-Rasool at its campus on January 14, 2009. Dr Mustafa is Professor at the Department of Islamic Thought and Civilization at the School of Social Sciences and Humanities (SSH) and has written over fifty books on a wide range of topics.

The ceremony was attended by Mujib-ur-Rehman Shami, Chief Editor Daily Pakistan, Orya Maqbool Jan, Columnist and Writer, Dr Muhammad Aslam Siddiqui, Scholar and Chairman Ijara Hadat-ul-Nas. The distinguished guests observed that the underlying philosophy discussed in the book had significant value for our times. Dr Hasan Sohaib Murad, Rector UMT, and Dr A R Kausar, Pro-Rector UMT also spoke on the occasion. The book launching ceremony was attended by a large number of dignitaries, scholars and students of the university.

Paper Accepted at World Conference on Educational Sciences

Faculty members at UMT are always encouraged to undertake research based academic pursuits in addition to their regular academic duties. Research papers contributed by UMT faculty members are regularly accepted at prestigious national and international forums.

A paper written by Saima Muneeur, Lecturer, School of Social Sciences and Humanities (SSH), and coauthored by Dr Usman Khalil, Associate Professor, SSH and Aawais Imran was accepted for presentation at the World Conference on Educational Sciences held from February 4-7, 2009 in North Cyprus. The paper is titled “Knowledge management: Towards integrating a quality framework for higher education”. We congratulate the learned authors on this scholarly achievement and wish them the best for the future.

Case Study Accepted for Presentation at International Forum in Glasgow

A case study titled “Intellectual asset improvement: A case study” was accepted for presentation at the 4th International Forum on Knowledge Asset Dynamics held on 17-18 February, 2009 in Glasgow, UK. The present work was the outcome of joint collaborative efforts by Naeem Yousaf, Officer Training and Development, and Prof Dr Abdul Rasoul, Sita- e-Imtiaz, University Professor and Advisor.

The intellectual asset improvement process of the University of Management and Technology (UMT) has been taken as case study. A variety of efforts at UMT have been made for the development of faculty to enhance their intellectual assets. The documented case of UMT reveals various dimensions to treat faculty as an asset of the organization and utilize it for competitive institutional performance while improving it continuously. The UMT case study presents the history of intellectual assets over a period of 5 years. The process may help other institutions, especially those in developing countries, to measure and manage the intellectual assets of faculty, thus assisting in achieving higher level of performance.

Naveed Yazdani Presents Research Proposal

Naveed Yazdani, MS/PhD Management Scholar Batch 1, presented his research proposal on ‘Future of organization theory: The new silver lining of civilization and metaphysics’ on February 4, 2009 for approval of the same by the MS/PhD Committee.

Dr Hasan Sohaib Murad, Rector UMT, graced the occasion with his presence as the supervisor of the thesis drafting process. Other members of the thesis supervisory committee who were present included Dr Kamran Siddiqui, Director UMT Evening Programs and Dr Rukhsana Kalim, Professor/Associate Dean, Research/PhD Program. PhD Committee Members and SBE faculty members attended the presentation.

Paper Accepted for Presentation at Conference in Hawaii

UMT faculty members are always actively engaged in research work. A paper titled “Greenfield in Pakistan: Is it really Green? An Empirical Study” has been accepted for presentation at the 16th Global Finance Conference to be held from April 5-8, 2009 at Hilton Hawaiian Village, Honolulu, Hawaii, USA.

The paper was authored by M Mahmood Shah Khan, Lecturer SBE. We congratulate the author on the acceptance of the research paper at such a prestigious international forum and wish him for the future as well.

Book Review Accepted for Publication

A review written by Ms Neelam Yousaf on the book “Safety Management and Engineering: An Integrated Approach” has been accepted for publishing in the ‘Journal of Quality in Maintenance Engineering’. The book has been written by Dr Abdul Rasoul, Sita- e-Imtiaz, University Professor and Advisor. Neelam Yousaf is working at UMT as Officer Training and Development. In this capacity, she has designed and organized a variety of training sessions for faculty and staff development at UMT.
Established in 1990, Institute of Leadership and Management (ILM), is now chartered as the University of Management and Technology (UMT) Lahore, by the Government and recognized by Higher Education Commission (HEC) of Pakistan. UMT distinguishes itself with 150 full-time faculty members including 30 PhDs, 10,000 alumni/ae, and almost 3300 students from 46 districts of Pakistan and 11 countries across the globe.

20 Years proven track of excellence in higher education

Established in 1990 as a project of ILM Trust, the University of Management and Technology, Lahore, then known as the Institute of Leadership and Management, has evolved into a premier institution of higher learning in the country. This success rests on the high teaching and research standards maintained by the University over the years.

The Higher Education Commission (HEC) of Pakistan recognizes all degree programs offered by UMT. In September 2007, the HEC awarded “W” category to the University. UMT now ranks among the select few universities in the country in this category.

Our Faculty
The real strength

The UMT faculty consists of 150 full-time faculty members including 30 PhDs, besides 110 visiting faculty members which represent a rich blend drawn from the academic and business world. The faculty:

- creates contextualized, relevant and current course materials and curricula.
- blends a variety of teaching methods including industrial visits, group projects, case studies and computer-simulations with traditional classroom instruction, seminar teaching, and laboratory-based practical.
- develops analytical, presentation and communication skills of participants required by the employers.
- distinguishes itself by breadth of knowledge, industry exposure, and quality and excellence in research.
- presents high quality research papers in national and international seminars and conferences.
- employs the super mix of the methods of assessment to develop a different breed of leaders to afront the millennium challenges.

Alumni
Performing inland and abroad

To date, over 10,000 ILM: UMT alumni have graduated from this institution. Many of our alumni have gone on to join leading organizations in Pakistan and abroad. Our alumni are one of our greatest assets. Over the years, they have maintained a relationship with their alma mater either by returning to attend events especially arranged for them or by registering themselves in the UMT alumni portal.

UMT Students
Avid learners

At present, nearly 3300 students are enrolled in various programs offered by the University. UMT is an energetic, constantly evolving academic institution with exceptional academic resources for the intellectual and professional development of its students.

Academic Programs
Learning for leadership

Programs are based on our heritage of leadership, innovation, high quality research and teaching of the highest standard.

Library
State-of-the-art learning resource center

Learning Resources with access to 14,000 peer reviewed leading international journals and over 35,000 e-Books along with 50,000 books, 105 magazines and journals, databases with more than 325,000 indexed items, and immense online resources.

Congenial Environment
Augments learning

Congenial Environment is friendly, conducive, and congenial augmented with unique learning resources, state-of-the-art laboratories, and student support services.

Academic Culture
Promotes holistic development

Learning Culture is an exquisite blend of curricular, co-curricular, and extracurricular activities.

Purpose-built campus
Place to be

The 160 kanal purpose-built University campus attracted an increasing number of students to the University. The number of female students seeking admission to UMT is on the rise due to the safe and secure environment, and also due to the highly supportive nature of the faculty and management.

Hostel Facility
Home outside home

UMT also provides hostel accommodation for both male and female students. Transport facility is available for students from predetermined pick/drop points in the city.

Computer Network

UMT’s computer network consists of more than 1300 nodes with a bandwidth of 8 MB. Networked computers offer many software for the use of the students and staff. Wireless connectivity is also available. UMT has fully equipped telecom labs for the use of its students.

Science and Engineering Laboratories
Blending theory with hands on practice

UMT has excellent laboratory facilities to assist engineering and science students. Laboratories are being expanded according to the post-six-year development plan. Laboratories and other infrastructure related to practical training. Industrial visits and internships are planned for all technical disciplines to impart hands-on training in select areas. UMT offers following laboratories:

- Textile Testing and Quality Control Laboratory
- Wet Processing Laboratory
- Apparel Manufacturing Laboratory
- Fabric Manufacturing Laboratory
- Textile Engineering Drawing Laboratory
- Chemistry Laboratory
- Physics Laboratory
- Digital Logic Laboratory
- Communication Laboratory
- Electronics Laboratory
- Projects Laboratory
- Usability Laboratory

3D View of UMT Campus