Supply Chain Forum organizes lecture

The CSCR Supply Chain Forum invited Mian Hafeez Kalim, Head Supply Chain, Stylo Shoes, to deliver a lecture on 'Cost Saving Initiatives in Supply Chain' on September 20, 2010. Kalim has 15 year work experience packaging, textile, steel, IT, education and shoe industry.

He said that an efficient supply chain enables the business to respond effectively to customer demands, reduce operating costs and deliver the right product in a timely manner.

Kalim acknowledged that supply chain optimization may be difficult to achieve with the right metrics and goals in place.

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Deans' Committee approves School of Law and Policy

The 57th Meeting of the Deans' Committee was held on August 24, 2010 at the UMT campus. Syed Imad-ud-Din, Director Center for Law and Policy (CLP), presented a proposal to establish a School of Law and Policy. The proposal was appreciated.

However, members recommended that a survey in the relevant sector may be carried out to have reliable data for deciding the feasibility of the said school and for ascertaining the possibility to launch various law degree programs. A proposal for establishment of the Faculty of Law may be submitted to the patron of the university.

CLO represents UMT in the TICER professional development program, Netherlands

Muhammad Anwar, Chief Library Officer, University of Management and Technology, participated in an International Summer School on Digital Libraries a`la Carte 2010 held at Tilburg University, the Netherlands from July 26-30, 2010. The program was organised by TICER (Tilburg Innovation Centre for Electronic Resources), a business unit of Tilburg University Library and IT Services.

The course comprised of five centralized modules: strategic developments and library management, the library in the scholar's workflow and research data, libraries - partners in teaching and learning, mobile technologies in education and library, and Web 2.0 and linked data in libraries.

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UTM students achieve second position in the countrywide OCMTP Telenor Competition

Students from the School of Business and Economics (SBE) have secured second position in the country-wide On-Campus Management Trainee Program (OCMTP) launched by Telenor Pakistan under the umbrella of “Shaping the Professionals of Tomorrow”. Haseeb Javed, Ali Hussain Chohan, Waqas Ul Hassan, Sulman Manawar and Faheem Dilawar have made us proud by competing against 950 students from top universities in the country.

Telenor Pakistan had invited students of business schools of universities from Karachi, Lahore and Islamabad, for a rigorous competition to prove skill sets that are developed through corporate experience. Competing universities included Shaheed Zulfiqar Ali Bhutto Institute of Science and Technology (SZABIST), Institute of Business Management (IoBM) and Iqra University from Karachi, UMT and Forman Christian College from Lahore, and Bahria University, FAST-NU and Iqra University from Islamabad.

All the students who made it to the final stage were evaluated on skills like new product development, consumer insights, corporate responsibility and business intelligence. The participants were evaluated competitively on their skills and intelligence on inter-university basis and inter-city basis. In the final round, teams were evaluated on national level.

Teams from UMT (Lahore), IoBM (Karachi), SZABIST (Karachi) and Iqra (Islamabad) made it to the final round. While the IoBM team won the competition, the UMT team came to a close second on the basis of their firm grasp of concepts and creative ideas.

Center for Graduate Research (CGR) conducts research seminar

The Center for Graduate Research (CGR) conducted a research seminar on August 31, 2010 that was attended by faculty members and MS Program students of the School of Business and Economics (SBE). The proceedings began with recitation of some verses from the Holy Quran.

Dr Naveed Yazdani, Director SPA, provided a brief introduction of SPA. The MSM degree program was highlighted by Farah Naz, the Program Head. She discussed the importance of the MSM program for the professional enhancement of the school heads and senior teachers. She said that school management and leadership have become a priority in the education policy agendas internationally, playing a key role in improving school outcomes by influencing the motivations and the capacities of teachers as well as the school environment. She pointed out that effective school management is essential for improving the efficiency and equity of schooling. As countries seek to adapt their education systems to the needs of contemporary society, expectation for schools and school leaders are changing. She said that this program is ideally suited for current and aspiring leaders in all education sectors and agencies.

They will get an opportunity to advance their knowledge of school management by exploring issues such as effective leadership/ management, policy and strategy, human resource, economics, complexities of organizations and teams. The briefing was followed by a question/ answer session in which the participants gave their suggestions for the success of the program.

SPA launches innovative programs – Master in School Management

An introduction seminar for the launch of Master in School Management (MSM) was organized by the School of Professional Advancement (SPA) on August 03, 2010. School Heads and prospective school heads from the private and public sectors were invited for a briefing on the major features of the MSM program, followed by a complimentary lunch.

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Qamar Ali, a student of MS Management program presented his research proposal for defense. The proposal was titled “Towards an indigenous perspective on SHRM: A study of textile industry of Pakistan”. A question and answer session was also held during which the participants asked some interesting questions related to the research topic. At the end, Dr Rukhsana Kalim delivered the vote of thanks.

– Master of Computer Science

The Master of Computer Science program seeks to prepare the participants in applying the latest computer technology to the real world business organizations. The program prepares participants with an in-depth understanding of core and advanced topics in computer sciences and trains them to use the latest tools to represent, model and solve real life problems.

The curriculum provides a solid foundation and training for practicing computational scientists, computer specialists or software engineers in business, industry or government.

The program also offers applied algorithms and data structures, artificial intelligence and intelligent systems, cognitive modeling, computer graphics, computer science education, computer vision, distributed systems, high performance computing, human-computer interaction, networking and security, scientific computation and software engineering.
Center for Law and Policy

Introduction
Established by Syed Imad-ud-Din Asad [LL.M. (Harvard); Advocate, High Court] in October 2009, Center for Law and Policy is an institute for the study of national and international legal and policy issues and to translate those studies into solutions, strategies, and decision making tools. The Center undertakes and facilitates research on areas of local and global concern, and, collaborating with Pakistani and foreign law professors, judges, practitioners, and policy makers, offers a credible and prominent platform for rigorous and substantive analyses and deliberations. The Center also aims to play a meaningful part in improving the existing system of legal education in Pakistan. In this regard, the Center is trying to introduce and promote, through a number of activities, the same academic trends and standards that are prevalent in North America and Europe.

Activities

Law and Policy Review
The Center publishes a peer-reviewed biannual journal for matters related to law and policy containing in-depth scholarly articles, policy proposals, and legal analyses by law professors, judges, practitioners, and policy makers, covering a wide array of national, foreign, and international issues, cases, and laws, serving as a reliable and significant medium for substantive debate. This not only gives our students, scholars, and lawyers an opportunity to further improve their intellectual skills and present their research to a diverse local and foreign audience, but also serves as a reliable source of information regarding law and policy developments and discourses in the country.

Visiting Fellows
Distinguished scholars are hosted as visiting fellows. Not only does the Center benefit from their research, but, most importantly, the students are also exposed to latest courses and learning trends. Needless to say, this healthy influx of European and North American academics will ultimately help in promoting Western quality standards at the University.

Conferences and Seminars
Along with organizing conferences and seminars on various law and policy issues, academics, practitioners and policy makers are invited as guest speakers to share their views and experiences with UMT’s faculty and students.

Research Projects
For certain significant areas, permanent research forums will be set up. These projects will address:
- Islamic Legal Studies
- Islamic Financial Regulation
- Antitrust/Competition
- Corporations and Securities
- Human Rights and Humanitarian Law
- Public Law
- Internet and Technology
- International and Comparative Law
- Gender and Law

It must be mentioned that once a research project acquires enough capability to function on its own, it will be made independent of the Center.

Courses
The Center invites Pakistani and foreign professors and practitioners to offer certificate courses on different areas of law and policy. The aim is not only to enhance the skills and capabilities of Pakistani lawyers and policy makers, but also to introduce Western teaching techniques and standards in the country.

Dutch Lawyers at CLP

Dr Tariq Hassan and Mila Versteeg join LPR
Dr Tariq Hassan [LL.M. (Harvard), SJD (Harvard); Former Chairman, Securities and Exchange Commission of Pakistan] has joined Law and Policy Review as an Advisor. Mila Versteeg [LL.M. (Harvard), Ph.D. Candidate (Oxford)] has joined the Review’s Editorial Board.

Collaborations with Heidelberg, Max Planck, and CEVRO

Syed Imad-ud-Din Asad, Director, Center for Law and Policy, has been invited by Heidelberg Law School (Germany), Max Planck Institute for Comparative Public Law and International Law (Germany), and Cevro Institut (Czech Republic) to discuss academic cooperation. The meetings will take place in the last week of October and the first week of November. Sharing of electronic resources, joint research projects, faculty exchange, and curriculum and program development will be discussed.

CMD offers customized trainings
Since its inception in 2002, the Center for Management Development (CMD) has grown to prominence as one of the leading training providers in Pakistan. Its strength lies in good understanding of its clients’ needs and a high level of customization. The learning philosophy of CMD reflects experiential learning, integrates workplace application, and blends modern management philosophies for local market improvisation. Good understanding of the client needs, high level of customization, and innovative programs are the real strength of CMD. The UMT has become an active place for corporate trainings. Recently, CMD conducted customized workshops for Coca Cola, Descon and Kashaf Bank at the campus. Participants from Telenor, ICI, Hush Puppies, CCL, BASF, etc. also attended various workshops at UMT. CMD is the leading executive training organization in Pakistan and offers a variety of customized and open enrollment programs for the corporate and social sector.

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BS Economics and Finance (BSEF) – 04 years
Develops strong quantitative, analytical and research skills, provides advanced studies in economics and finance, enables students to analyze complex problems and make intelligent decisions.

BS Accounting – 04 years
Develops knowledge, expertise and skills to cope successfully with rapidly evolving global business and financial environment and serves as a gateway for advanced professional and academic qualifications.

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Provides solid core of computer courses with the ability to gain substantial depth in other areas of specialization.

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Develops understanding of textile products and processes. Emphasizes research, analysis, ideation, production and communication.

Bachelor of Textile Technology and Management (BTTM) – 04 years
Presents a blend of technical and managerial courses to equip students with the technology of textiles along with managerial, marketing and finance oriented concepts.

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Provides interdisciplinary perspective on the study of man and society at individual and collective levels. Offers scientific approach to study contemporary social problems and delineates optimal solutions.

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BS Accounting – 04 years
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UMT shares grief, offers relief to flood victims

Office of the Rector

The team from the Office of the Rector joined hands with other organizations to provide relief to the flood victims. The FLP Lahore team became actively involved in flood relief efforts in southern Punjab soon after the disaster hit the country. In the second phase of the relief effort, the team drove all the way to Nowshera, Khyber Pakhtoonkhawa which is one of the worst flood hit areas of the country. The FLP Lahore, in collaboration with the UMT, Tricastmedia Pvt Ltd, students of Beaconhouse School Defence Branch, Lahore, Apprentice Scholar of Beaconhouse National University, staff of The Resource Group (TRG) and alumni of Lawrence College raised PKR 1 million for Nowshera. The focus of the relief effort shifted from food items to non-food items like kitchen sets, stove and gas cylinder, soap, towel, bucket, plastic mats and mattresses. Two trucks were filled with house/kitchen accessories for 200 families, ration packets for 150 families, and tents for 86 families. Aid in cash was arranged for restoration of small enterprises on the advice of President FLP. Eighteen members of FLP Lahore team left for Nowshera and arrived in Risalpur accompanied by local partners. The camp was installed in Government High School, Mohib Banda, some 30 kilometers from Nowshera Cantonment. A roster of duty was issued and finally Team 1 was in action developing sets for each family. Team 2 started the process of registration and Team 3 was set up for inspection. Through analysis of registration, it was estimated that some 466 families benefited from this activity. The efforts of the team derserve acknowledgement and appreciation: Arslan Khan Khaksvari, CEO Tricastmedia Pvt Ltd, Zubair Khan, Manager Administration Tricastmedia Pvt Ltd, Muneeb Ahmed, Beaconhouse, Hassaan Ibrahim, Office of Human Resources

In response to the huge humanitarian crisis faced by the country, the Office of Human Resources (OHR) played its part in the flood relief effort by requesting UMT staff and faculty members to contribute one-day’s salary to help those stricken by the worst natural disaster in the country’s history. A total of almost one million rupees were collected as a result of this initiative. The team prepared ration packs for 400 families. Each ration pack included commodities like rice, sugar, red chilli, oil, dal channa, salt, tea, soap, milk, match boxes, achar, biscuits and juices. Moreover, 116 packs containing women’s clothes including girls’ clothes and 65 packs of men’s clothes including clothes for boys were also distributed. Many items of common daily use were also included in the relief goods. These items included flour packs, channa packs, Rooh Afza bottles, blankets, pillows, cushions, towels, bed sheets, bottles of mineral water and milk.

Department of Social Sciences

On the direction of the Rector UMT Dr Hasan Sohaib Murad, the Department of Social Sciences at UMT started the flood relief efforts on August 12, 2010. Prof Dr Abdul Hameed, Chairman, Department of Social Sciences, constituted a committee comprising of Muhammad Ilyas Anasari and Ambreen Salahuddin to organize relief activities. The team of participants who were students of BS Social Sciences launched a massive campaign to collect funds and food items from UMT community and its surroundings. The students who worked day and night for this noble cause included Osama Choudhry, Huda Minaj, Fatima Ahmed, Ayesha Siddique, Ahmed Shaheen, Rai Naeeem Abbas, Zareen Anees, Anum Arshad, Shahzad Ali, Yawar Zulfiqar, Ahmed, Bilal, Syed Faizan and HafsaTariq (BBA). The Office of Participant Affairs and Office of the Treasurer, UMT also extended valuable help.

Dr Abdul Hameed was in-charge of the entire activity and its management. Ambreen Salahuddin supervised fund raising activities and Ilyas Ansari led the team to Rohianwali, Tehsil Muzaffargarh on August 28, 2010. The team surveyed the affected families, identified their needs and distributed the food and clothing in a graceful manner according to their needs. The team is now ready to send second convoy to other areas. The unique feature of this relief effort was pre-assessment of the most deserving areas, survey of the families to assess their needs and distribution of necessities of life at the door step in person. This has increased the motivation level of the team. Many other faculty and staff members joined hands.

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