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Director's Message

Welcome to the inaugural premium edition of the SCA Quarterly Newsletter. This publication reflects our commitment to academic excellence, industry engagement, student development, and value-based leadership. Over the past quarter, SCA has continued to strengthen alumni bonds, expand professional collaborations, and celebrate both academic and national milestones. Together, we move forward with purpose, innovation, and excellence.

Dr. Muhammad Gulzar

Director, School of Commerce and Accountancy



1. Lectures and Seminars

Guest Lecture by Mr. Jonathan Barber on the International Job Market

On 9 October 2025, the School of Commerce and Accountancy (SCA), UMT, had the privilege of hosting Mr. Jonathan Barber, Executive Director of the Institute of Financial Accountants (IFA-UK), for an insightful guest lecture titled "International Job Market for Accounting and Finance Professionals." The session provided students with a broader understanding of global career opportunities in the fields of accounting and finance, while also highlighting emerging international industry trends, employability requirements, and pathways for professional advancement. Mr. Barber's interaction with students and faculty proved highly

beneficial, as he shared practical knowledge regarding international professional standards and the evolving expectations of employers in global markets. The event also reinforced the academic and professional significance of the ongoing collaboration between SCA and IFA-UK, under which SCA programs are accredited, and graduates are entitled to Associate Level Membership with the Institute. The session served as an important platform for connecting academic learning with international professional prospects, reflecting SCA's continued commitment to providing students with globally relevant exposure.





Guest Session on English Language Skills

The School of Commerce and Accountancy (SCA), UMT, extends its deepest gratitude to Ms. Lesinda Leightley Global Head PSI Skill for English UKVI for her recent visit and the remarkable session conducted in October on "English Language Skills." The session was both insightful and highly engaging, leaving a lasting impression on students and faculty alike members. Ms. Leightley's comprehensive

coverage of effective communication techniques, along with practical strategies for improving grammar and vocabulary, proved to be exceptionally beneficial. Beyond the formal session, Ms. Leightley's willingness to engage with faculty members, address queries, and provide personalized guidance added immense value. Her approachable demeanor and commitment to knowledge-sharing were truly appreciated.



Iqbal Day 2025 – The Spirit of Iqbal in the 21st Century

To commemorate the intellectual and philosophical legacy of Allama Dr. Muhammad Iqbal, SCA organized a special session on Iqbal Day 2025 under the theme “The Spirit of Iqbal in the 21st Century.” The event featured a thought-provoking address by Mr. Orya Maqbool Jan, who reflected on the timeless relevance of Iqbal’s vision in the modern era. His talk emphasized the enduring importance of self-realization, faith, action, and nation-building in shaping responsible

individuals and a progressive society. The session encouraged participants to revisit Iqbal’s ideas not merely as historical thought, but as a practical guide for personal development, social responsibility, and national progress. By engaging students and faculty in meaningful reflection on Iqbal’s teachings, the event reinforced SCA’s role in promoting intellectual growth, moral values, and a deeper understanding of Pakistan’s ideological foundations.



Jinnah Day 2025 – The Untold & Unseen of Mr. Jinnah

As part of its efforts to foster historical awareness and national consciousness, the School of Commerce and Accountancy, UMT, proudly organized a session in celebration of Jinnah Day 2025 titled “The Untold & Unseen of Mr. Jinnah.” The event featured Air Commodore Khalid Farooq Chisti (R), recipient of Sitara-e-Imtiaz and Sitara-e-Basalat, as the guest speaker. In his address, he shared profound insights into the lesser-known aspects of the personality, leadership, resilience, and vision of Quaid-e-Azam

Muhammad Ali Jinnah. The session enabled participants to appreciate the depth of Jinnah’s character and his unwavering commitment to the creation of Pakistan. It concluded with reflections by Dr. Muhammad Gulzar, who highlighted the sacrifices, struggles, and determination behind the Pakistan Movement, followed by the presentation of a souvenir to the guest speaker. The event successfully strengthened students’ understanding of national history and emphasized the values of visionary leadership and principled service.





Leadership and Strategy Session by Mr. Bilal Ahmed Awan

The School of Commerce and Accountancy hosted an inspiring guest session featuring Mr. Bilal Ahmed Awan, Head of the Training Department at KIPS and Executive Director of FAIDA Foundation. The session focused on leadership, strategy, and effective decision-making. It offered participants an engaging opportunity to understand the practical dimensions of becoming purposeful leaders and strategic thinkers in today's dynamic world. Through

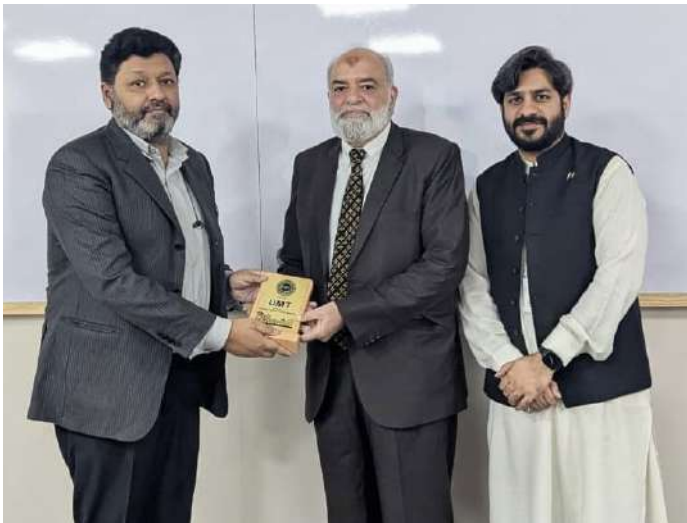
motivational insights and real-life examples, the session encouraged students to think beyond the classroom. It also helped them sharpen their decision-making abilities, and align their learning with impact-oriented leadership. The event reflected SCA's commitment to equipping students not only with academic knowledge, but also with the mindset and capabilities required to succeed.



Academic Session on Banking Operations and Practices

SCA also organized an insightful academic session on Banking Operations and Practices, led by Mr. Fida Hussain Bukhari, a seasoned professional and academician with valuable expertise in the banking sector. The session focused on emerging developments in banking operations and offered students a practical understanding of how banking functions are evolving in response to changing economic and technological realities. By effectively linking theoretical concepts with real-world

banking practices, the session enhanced students' awareness of the operational, procedural, and strategic dimensions of the financial sector. Participants benefited greatly from the speaker's practical perspectives, while the presentation of a souvenir by Dr. Muhammad Gulzar at the conclusion of the event reflected the institution's appreciation for valuable industry-academic engagement. Such initiatives continue to bridge the gap between classroom learning and professional practice.



2. Participant Corner

Fall 2025 Orientation – Welcoming New Beginnings

The School of Commerce and Accountancy (SCA) organized its Fall 2025 Orientation to warmly welcome new students into the UMT community and provide them with a strong foundation for their academic journey ahead. The orientation session was designed to familiarize participants with university rules, regulations, procedures, academic expectations, and the core values that define the culture of SCA and UMT. The event also served as a platform for meaningful interaction

between students and faculty, helping new entrants feel connected and supported from the outset. Mr. Muhammad Azeem Naz, Director SCA, formally welcomed the students and encouraged them to pursue their educational goals with passion, integrity, and a commitment to excellence. The orientation reflected SCA's dedication to creating an inclusive, informed, and motivating environment where students can confidently begin their university life.



URISE Initiative Under FISCA Framework

SCA looks forward to future collaborations that continue to enrich the academic and professional development of its students. Graduate and undergraduate students from SCA-UMT actively participated in the conference as research presenters as well as members of the Organizing Committee under the URISE initiative. This involvement provided students with valuable exposure to

academic research, enhanced their professional competencies, and strengthened the research culture within the institution. The initiative underscores SCA's dedication to creating meaningful learning opportunities that bridge theory with practice while empowering students to contribute to scholarly and professional communities.



Dean Award Ceremony – Celebrating Academic Excellence

The Dean Award Ceremony of the School of Commerce and Accountancy was organized to recognize and celebrate the dedication, perseverance, and exceptional academic achievements of outstanding students. The ceremony marked an important occasion in which high-performing participants were acknowledged for their hard work and commitment to excellence in their studies. Certificates were distributed by Dr. Azeem Naz,

Director SCA, Dr. Muhammad Gulzar, Associate Director SCA, and Mr. Muhammad Usman from the Examination Department. Their presence added distinction to the occasion and served as encouragement for students to continue striving for higher levels of achievement in their academic pursuits. The ceremony reflected SCA's emphasis on rewarding merit, inspiring academic ambition, and cultivating a culture of excellence among students.



3. Alumni Corner

Tea with the Dean – Strengthening Alumni Bonds

On 23 September 2025, the UMT Office of Alumni Relations, in collaboration with the School of Commerce and Accountancy, hosted “Tea with the Dean,” a meaningful alumni engagement event aimed at strengthening the lifelong connection between graduates and their alma mater. The event was graced by Mr. Muhammad Azeem Naz (Director SCA), Dr. Muhammad Gulzar (Associate Director SCA), and esteemed faculty members, who warmly interacted with alumni in a welcoming and reflective setting. The gathering provided alumni with

an opportunity to reconnect with the institution, share their professional experiences, and offer valuable insights through constructive discussion with the leadership and faculty. Such interactions are instrumental in building a strong alumni network, celebrating shared journeys, and identifying avenues for future collaboration and mentorship. The event highlighted SCA’s commitment to maintaining enduring relationships with its graduates and recognizing alumni as an essential part of the institution’s continued growth and success.



4. Faculty Corner

Faculty Contribution Highlight – Zotero Training Session by Mr. Taha Fraz Haider

SCA takes pride in highlighting the professional and academic contributions of its faculty beyond the classroom. In this regard, Mr. Taha Fraz Haider, a respected faculty member of SCA, conducted a specialized training session on Zotero Software for

Reference Management at the University of South Asia. The session was designed to provide participants with practical, hands-on learning related to research organization, citation management, and academic writing efficiency.



The training benefited both faculty members and students by enhancing their skills in managing references systematically and promoting good research practices. Such knowledge-sharing initiatives reflect the commitment of SCA faculty to advancing

academic excellence, supporting research integrity, and contributing meaningfully to the wider academic community. This contribution also represents SCA's broader vision of fostering scholarly development through expertise, collaboration, and service.



5. Extra-Curricular Activities

SCA & CASTECH Sports Fiesta 2025 – Closing Ceremony

The Closing Ceremony of Sports Fiesta 2025 was organized with great enthusiasm by the School of Commerce and Accountancy (SCA) and CASTECH, marking the successful conclusion of a vibrant series of sports activities. The event was attended by Mr. Nadeem Javed, a distinguished national and international badminton player and coach, as the Chief Guest. He was warmly welcomed by Dr. Muhammad Gulzar (Director SCA) and Dr. Muhammad Azeem Naz (Director CASTECH). The ceremony celebrated the efforts and accomplishments of winners, runners

up, participants, and organizers through the distribution of certificates and trophies. With the active collaboration and support of the Office of Participant Affairs (OPA), a total of eight games were successfully conducted for both male and female students. Beyond competition, Sports Fiesta 2025 emphasized teamwork, discipline, resilience, and sportsmanship, while reinforcing the importance of maintaining a healthy mind and body alongside academic engagement. The event stood as a strong reflection of UMT's commitment to holistic student development and a vibrant campus life.



6. Collaborations and Academic Partnerships

SCA-UMT & HCBF-PU Collaboration for CBIBM International Conference 2025

The School of Commerce and Accountancy, University of Management and Technology, proudly continued its strategic collaboration with the Hailey College of Banking & Finance, Punjab University, for the CBIBM International Conference 2025. This partnership represents a shared vision of promoting research excellence, academic integration, industry relevance, and student development through collaborative platforms and scholarly engagement. The continuation of this

collaboration reflects the mutual commitment of both institutions to strengthening academic culture and creating opportunities for students and faculty to participate in meaningful research and professional dialogue. By joining hands for a prominent international conference, SCA and HCBF reaffirmed the importance of institutional partnerships in advancing knowledge, encouraging interdisciplinary discourse, and nurturing a stronger research ecosystem in higher education.





SCA-UMT & HCC-PU Collaboration for ICBC International Conference 2025

The School of Commerce and Accountancy (SCA), University of Management and Technology, proudly collaborated with the Hailey College of Commerce (HCC), University of the Punjab, for the ICBC International Conference 2025. This academic partnership reflects a shared commitment to promoting research excellence, academic collaboration, and industry-relevant scholarship through meaningful engagement between institutions. The conference provided an important platform for faculty members, researchers, and students to present their research, exchange ideas, and engage in

scholarly discussions on contemporary issues in business and commerce. Such collaborative initiatives not only strengthen academic linkages between leading institutions but also encourage interdisciplinary dialogue and innovation. Through this partnership, SCA-UMT and HCC-PU reaffirmed their dedication to advancing knowledge, fostering a vibrant research culture, and creating opportunities for intellectual growth within the higher education community. The collaboration highlights the importance of institutional alliances in supporting academic development, research dissemination, and professional learning.



Looking Ahead – Next Edition Preview

The next quarterly edition will highlight new academic initiatives, industry collaborations, research achievements, and student leadership milestones.

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