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Five PINSAT-Preston University Students Win

Chinese Academy of Sciences

“The Belt and Road” fellowships



Abdullah Adil

Rashid Iqbal

Two outstanding graduates Abdullah Adil and Rashid Iqbal brilliantly compete with contenders from across the world and succeed in winning two prestigious PhD fellowships of a total of 140 world-wide scholarships offered annually by the Chinese Academy of Sciences (CAS)/Third World Academy of Sciences (TWAS) Trieste, Italy. The Fellowship winning students earn accolades for their outstanding achievement from Dr. Abdul Basit, Chancellor Preston University and Chairman Preston Institute of Nano Science and Technology (PINSAT) Prof. Dr. N. M. Butt.

Five students of Preston Institute of Nano Science and Technology (PINSAT), Preston University, Islamabad broke all previous records by winning five Chinese Academy of Sciences (CAS) “The Belt and Road” fellowships to pursue their MS studies at the prestigious National Centre for Nano Science and Technology (NCNST), Beijing, China.

The students who have won CAS “The Belt and Road” fellowships are Daniyal Ghauri, Qaisar Sultan, Raja Aqib, Ayesha Tariq and Mather Hamza. They will be joining NCNST in October 2017. PINSAT has signed a MoU with NCNST, Beijing, China under which NCNST accepts three graduates of PINSAT, every year, for MS leading to PhD program of NCNST. All the above students have completed their BS (4yr) program from PINSAT Islamabad in 2016. Six PINSAT graduates are already pursuing their higher studies at NCNST under this program. Out of these six graduates recently two graduates Abdullah Adil and Rashid Iqbal have also won the coveted CAS/TWAS fellowships for their PhD studies.

The Preston Institute of Nano Science and Technology (PINSAT), Preston University, Islamabad was established in 2010 and the first batch of students was admitted in Fall-2010 for the Multi-disciplinary BS (Hons) degree in “Nanoscience and Nanotechnology” with 8 semesters. PINSAT is the only Institute in Pakistan, in consonance with international contemporary vision, catering for a multi-disciplinary BS (4 yr) degree with a strong base of three main subjects-Physics, Chemistry and Biology and with major involvement of Nanotechnology. The first batch of BS graduates of PINSAT graduated in 2014, and within a span of 2-3 years have been accepted for higher studies (MS/PhD) in foreign countries, China (Nanotechnology), Germany (Nano bio-medical), Italy (Textile Technology), Norway (Materials Science) and Canada (Electrical Engineering).

Prestonian Rises to the Highest Echelon in the Academic World

institution from where he successfully earns his PhD degree in Management Sciences.

Prestonian Prof. Dr. Syed Umar Farooq becomes Vice Chancellor of one of country's eminent private universities. Earns laurels for himself. Brings immense pride to the

Professor Dr. Syed Umar Farooq, a former PhD scholar of Preston University, has recently been appointed to the venerated position of the Vice Chancellor of a private university of eminence- Abasyn University, Peshawar Khyber Pakhtunkhwa.

Professor Dr. Syed Umar Farooq who has a long and outstanding academic career did his PhD in Management Sciences from Preston University, Kohat Khyber Pakhtunkhwa in 2010. Prof. Dr. Syed Umar Farooq has also done his CPA from the Chartered Institute of London.

Prior to his appointment as Vice Chancellor Abasyn University, Dr. Umar Farooq has had the privilege and honor to serve the Allama Iqbal Open University (AIU) Islamabad, Pakistan and the Cranfield University, United Kingdom. He has got 33 international research publications to his credit, published in reputed business research journals of USA, Canada, UK, Pakistan and India.

Dr. Abdul Basit, Chancellor Preston University expressed his profound congratulations to Prof. Dr. Syed Umar Farooq on the achievement of a remarkable milestone. In his congratulatory message to Dr. Syed Umar Farooq, Dr. Abdul Basit said “Preston University takes genuine pride in the outstanding success that you have achieved in your professional career. Your appointment to the highest echelon at Abasyn University, Peshawar as Vice Chancellor is truly a matter of immense pride and honor for the entire Preston fraternity”.



Students of Preston

Steal the Show at “ASCII’ 17” Organized by IIUI

Beat their counterparts from other participating universities out-and-out to win 1st position in Qirat, E-Gaming COD-2, E-Gaming FIFA and Clue to Clue competitions. Win 2nd position in E-Gaming DOTA and E-Gaming COD-4 competitions.

The International Islamic University (IIUI), Islamabad organized “ASCII’ 17” from May 6-7, 2017. The event in which a large number of eminent public and private universities from across Pakistan participated was held at the main campus of the University situated in Islamabad.

Students of Preston University, Islamabad enthusiastically participated in competitions such as Qirat, E-Gaming COD-2, E-Gaming FIFA, E-Gaming DOTA and E-Gaming COD-4 which formed an important part of the grand event.

As always, the students of Preston University overwhelmed almost the entire gamut of competitions held during ASCII’ 17, and stood out conspicuously among all the competing universities. They beat their counterparts from other participating universities out-and-out to win first position in Qirat, E-Gaming COD-2, E-Gaming FIFA and Clue to Clue competitions, and second position in E-Gaming DOTA and E-Gaming COD-4 competitions. The teams that won first and second positions in the respective competitions in which they participated were awarded cash prizes, trophies and certificates of commendation by the organizers of ASCII’ 17.



The team of students who represented Preston at E-Gaming COD 2 Competition were Muneeb Ur Rehman, Ali Naeem, Syed Hassan Naseer, Ahsan Nasim and Hamza Awan Malik. Shahbaz Elahi, Rehan Tariq, Sharjeel Ahmed Mir, Shahzad Ghafoor and Saad Islam took part in the E-Gaming DOTA Competition. In Clue to Clue Competition Muhammad Jawad and Noshewan represented the University. Prestonian Ahsan Naeem participated in the E-Gaming FIFA Competition. In the Qirat Competition Preston was represented by Hafiz Ubaid Ullah.

The Chancellor of Preston University, Dr. Abdul Basit expressed his profound appreciation on the outstanding performance of the students who won first and second position in the competitions in which they took part. He immensely praised the talent of the students and congratulated them for their resounding success in ASCII’ 17 organized by the International Islamic University, Islamabad. Dr. Basit also commended the efforts of Ms. Munazza Mah Jabeen, Assistant Professor of Computer Science and Ms. Nazma Iqbal who were instrumental in grooming the students for participation in ASCII’ 17.



Vice Chancellor Preston Karachi Participates in 6th International Conference on Botany held in Quetta

Sardar Bahadur Khan Women’s University (SBKWU) Quetta, Balochistan organized a two-day international conference on ‘Botany’. The referenced conference which was held at SBKWU from May 9-11, 2017 was the 6th international and 15th national conference on Botany to have been organized by Sardar Bahadur Khan Women’s University, Quetta. Scientists of eminence from home and abroad participated and presented papers at the conference. The Governor of Balochistan, Mr. Muhammad Khan Achakzai was the Chief Guest on the occasion.

Preston University, Karachi was also represented at the conference. Prof. Dr. Tahir Rajput, Vice Chancellor Preston University, Karachi represented the University at the subject international conference. In fact, Prof. Rajput participated in the event as the keynote speaker. He spoke at length on the topic of the conference. In his enlightening discourse on the subject he highlighted the importance of the study of Botany in the development of the agriculture sector of the country.

Dr. Rukhsana Jabeen, Vice Chancellor of Sardar Bahadur Khan Women’s University extended a warm welcome to both local and foreign delegates to the conference. In his presentation, Prof. Dr. Muhammad Qaiser Chief Editor of Pakistan Journal of Botany and Ex-Vice Chancellor of the University of Karachi highlighted the history of Pakistan Botanical Society. He informed that the proceedings of the ‘6th International Conference on Botany’ will be published in Pakistan Journal of Botany immediately after the conference. Dr. Rajput Chaired the last Technical session, Dr. Rukhsana Jabeen presided over the session. Nawab Muhammad Khan Shahwani, Minister for S & GD was the Chief Guest at closing ceremony.



Quotable Quotes

“A civilized society is one which tolerates eccentricity to the point of doubtful sanity.”

Robert Frost

“A jury consists of twelve persons chosen to decide who has the better lawyer.”

Robert Frost

“Education doesn’t change life much. It just lifts trouble to a higher plane of regard.”

Robert Frost

Autonomous Robotics Competition 2017 held at Preston Islamabad Campus



Dr. Mohammad Daud Awan, Dean, Computer Science and Advisor Quality Control, Preston University, Prof. Dr. N. M. Butt, Sitara-e-Imtiaz, Chairman Preston Institute of Nano Science and Technology was the Chief Guest. The Jury comprised of Prof. Dr. Javed Iqbal Akhtar, Professor of Physics, PINSAT-Preston University and Prof. Dr. Maqsood Ahmad, Department of Physics, I-10 Campus Preston University.

An in-house competition titled 'Preston University Autonomous Robotics Competition 2017' (PUARC 17) was organized by the Islamabad Campus of Preston University, Kohat. The referenced event was held at the auditorium of the Islamabad Campus of Preston in May 2017. Prof. Dr. N. M. Butt, Sitara-e-Imtiaz, Chairman Preston Institute of Nano Science and Technology was the Chief Guest. The Jury comprised of Prof. Dr. Javed Iqbal Akhtar, Professor of Physics, PINSAT-Preston University and Prof. Dr. Maqsood Ahmad, Department of Physics, I-10 Campus Preston University.



The basic objective of organizing PUARC was to provide the Engineering and Technology students of the University an opportunity to unleash their talent and exhibit their novelties in the high profile field of robotics.

Thirteen different groups of students participated in the competition and presented the Robots produced by them. The time and smoothness of a Robot was taken into consideration to decide the 1st, 2nd and 3rd position in the competition. Alia Mubeen of BS 8th Electronics was awarded first position for her Robot 'Megatron'. Group comprising of Prestonians Bilal Javaid, Usama Tariq, Sidra Nawab and M. Moeen, belonging to BS 8th Electronics, also got first position for their Robot 'Burraq'. Mukarram Ali, also from BS 8th Electronics, grabbed second position for his Robot 'Robo Warrior'. BS 7th Telecom students M. Bilal Ashraf, Danish Ali and Zain Hussain of BS Physics was awarded 3rd position for their Robot 'SC Rompot'. Robots Digimind and Path Finder developed by BS 7th Telecom students Mansoor Akhtar, Sajid Khan and Arsalan Irshad Kiani, and BS 8th Telecom students Haris Khalid, Muhammad Azeem and BS 8th Electronics student Arsalan Waris respectively was awarded third position.



The winning groups/individuals along with names of their Robots and positions won were announced by Prof. Dr. Mohammad Daud Awan. On the occasion, Prof. Dr. Daud Awan profoundly eulogized the talent of particularly the winning students and congratulated them on their success in Autonomous Robotics Competition 2017 organized by Preston University, Islamabad. Prof. Dr. M. Saleem Sheikh, Director Campus-III, Preston University in his address highlighted the importance of competition on Autonomous Robotic System. He also congratulated the winners of the competition, and appreciated the cooperation extended by Program Director Mr. W. J. Qazi, Ms. Nazma Iqbal and Ms. Rubina Kishwar of main campus of the University in successful organization of Autonomous Robotics Competition 2017.



Prof. Dr. N.M. Butt, Sitara-e-Imtiaz, Tamgha-e-Baqa, Chairman PINSAT, Chief Guest of the occasion also congratulated all the winners of the competition. He immensely appreciated the efforts made by the faculty members of Campus-III of Preston University to bring the students together and provide them the opportunity to unleash their extraordinary talent. He also advised the students to struggle continuously to successfully compete with other universities not only in the field of Robotics but also in other areas of academic significance.

Prestonians Shine Beat their counterparts from public and private universities of the country out-and-out to win first position in Painting and E-Gaming competitions, second position in Qirat Competition and Cricket Championship. at IST Youth Carnival 2017



Preston University participated in the four-day 'IST Youth Carnival 2017' organized by the Institute of Space Technology (IST) Islamabad from April 12-15, 2017. Over four thousand students representing forty public and private institutions, from across the country, enthusiastically participated in IST Youth Carnival 2017.

During the four-day Carnival a wide range of inter-university competitions were organized. The students of Preston University Kohat-Islamabad Campus participated in Qirat, Painting, E-Gaming and Cricket competitions and outshined their counterparts from forty participating universities, from across the country, in these competitions. Mehwish Iftikhar, a BSCS student, grabbed first position in the Painting Competition. The Preston University team which participated in the E-Gaming DOTA Competition also grabbed first position in this event. Hafiz Ubaid Ullah, a student of MSc Physics, outclassed his counterparts from other competing universities to win second position in Qirat Competition. The cricket team of Preston University fought its way up to the finals of the Cricket Championship, after beating its competitors from other universities through-and-through, and was declared runners up (awarded 2nd position) in the game. The Position holders of the respective competitions were awarded certificates of commendation and trophies for their outstanding performance.



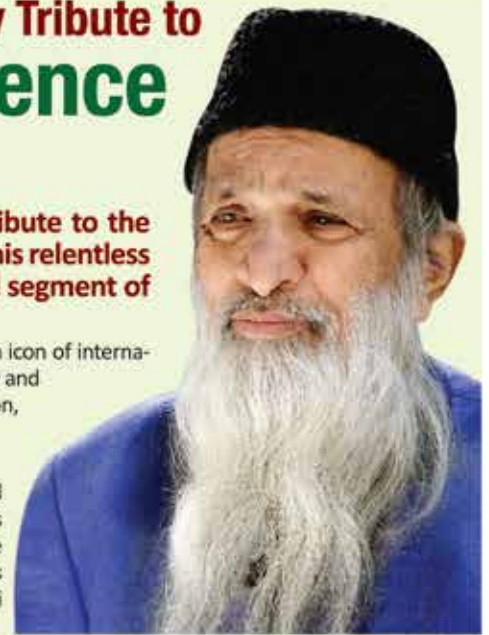
The Chancellor of Preston University, Dr. Abdul Basit expressed his profound appreciation to the students who performed exceedingly well in the Painting, E-Gaming, Qirat and Cricket competitions organized by IST during its four-day carnival. He eulogized the efforts of the coordinators of the events Ms. Munazza Mah Jabeen, Assistant Professor of Computer Science, Ms. Nazma Iqbal and Mr. Aftab Ahmed who were instrumental in grooming the students for successful participation in these competitions.

Preston University Karachi Organizes Forum to Pay Tribute to Humanitarian Icon of Eminence Maulana Abdul Sattar Edhi

Mr. Aftab Lodhi, Director General Preston University, Karachi pays glowing tribute to the torchbearer of the downtrodden and suffering humanity. Profoundly eulogizes his relentless efforts and contributions towards the wellbeing of the battered and neglected segment of societies in Pakistan and across the world.

Preston University, Karachi organized a forum to remember late Maulana Abdul Sattar Edhi, a humanitarian icon of international eminence. The event was held at the principal campus of the University in May 2017. Students, faculty and senior management of the University participated in large numbers. Mr. Faisal Edhi Chairman Edhi Foundation, son of late Maulana Abdul Sattar Edhi graced the occasion by his distinguished presence as Chief Guest.

In his brief remarks on the occasion, Mr. Faisal Edhi, Chairman Edhi Foundation expressed his profound gratitude to the management of Preston University for giving him the honor of presiding over the proceedings of the forum organized in memory of his illustrious father late Maulana Abdul Sattar Edhi. He said, the tribute paid to Maulana Edhi by the distinguished speakers and the management of Preston University, Karachi was tremendous. This, he said, is the least one could do to acknowledge the unparalleled services of Maulana Edhi towards the cause of the suffering humanity not only in Pakistan, but across the world.



On the occasion, Mr. Aftab Lodhi, Director General, Preston University, Karachi presented a Cheque of Rs. 221,000 to Mr. Faisal Edhi, Chairman Edhi Foundation on behalf of the students, faculty and staff of Preston University, Karachi. This donation was made through generous contributions made by the students, faculty and staff of the University.

Inter-University Bilingual Declamation Contest held at Preston Islamabad



Preston University and the National Highways and Motorway Police join hands to organize the mega inter-university event. Universities of the twin cities, Islamabad and Rawalpindi, participate with immeasurable enthusiasm.

Preston University, Islamabad organized an "Inter-University Bilingual Declamation Contest" in April 2017. The referenced event was organized in collaboration with the National Highways and Motorways Police (NHMP). The additional Inspector General of National Highways and Motorways Police, Dr. Syed Kaleem Imam (PSP) was the Chief Guest on the occasion. Dr. Abdul Basit, Chancellor Preston University presided over the event as Guest of Honor.



The prologue of the contest and welcome address was presented by Mr. Muhammad Kashif Durrani, a permanent faculty member and coordinator of the event. In his brief remarks on the occasion he expressed his gratitude to the National Highways and Motorways Police (NHMP) for its financial support to the event. He also thanked NHMP for providing a unique opportunity to the students to vent their thoughts on road safety among university students. Mr. Kashif Durrani profoundly appreciated the support of the participating universities in making the Declamation Contest, jointly organized by Preston University and NHMP, a great success.

Eminent among the universities which participate in the 'Inter University Declamation Contest' were Preston University Islamabad, Quaid-e-Azam University Islamabad, PIDE University Islamabad, Muslim Youth University Islamabad, PMAS Arid Agricultural University Rawalpindi and Foundation University Rawalpindi. In the English category of the contest Ms. Bramsh Khan of PIDE University outclassed her counterparts from other universities to win first position. Ms. Talha Rasheed of Preston University, Islamabad was adjudged as the second best speaker and awarded second position in the competition. ———▶▶ Continued on page 7

Prestonians Outshine their Counterparts to **Win**

1st
POSITION

in Inter-university Singing Competition Organized by NUML Islamabad

The National University of Modern Languages (NUML) Islamabad organized an inter-university National Drama Festival. Of several activities held during the festival singing competition conspicuously stood out among the jubilant audience comprising of students, faculty and staff of the participating institutions. The grand event was held at NUML University auditorium in April 2017.

Preston University, Islamabad was represented in the singing competition by Prestonians Shumail Fareed (Student of BS-IR) and Asim Khan (Student of BSCS). Shumail Fareed outshined his counterparts from other universities in the Sufiana Kalam/Ghazal category to win first position in the competition. Prestonian Asim Khan performed outstandingly in the National Songs category and was awarded first position by the adjudicators of the singing competition.



The members of the team adjudicating the Singing Competition profoundly eulogized the scintillating performances of both Shumail Fareed and Asim Khan of Preston University. They heartily congratulated them on winning first position in their respective categories.

Dr. Abdul Basit, Chancellor Preston University and the senior management of the University congratulated Prestonian Shumail Fareed and Asim Khan on their remarkable win in the inter-university Singing Competition organized by NUML University, Islamabad. Dr. Abdul Basit also appreciated the efforts made by Ms. Sabina Khan Wazir, Event Head and Mr. Muhammad Aly, Event Manager in selection and grooming of the students and ensuring their successful participation in the competition.

Preston University Students Achieve the Extraordinary Yet Again

Completely outclass students of other competing universities, from across Pakistan, in "CUST ICSEC' 17" organized by the Capital University of Science and Technology, Islamabad. Perform superbly and win first position in 'E-Gaming (Dota)' and 'Speed Programming' competitions. Also stand third in 'E-Gaming (Cod & Quiz)' competition.



The Capital University of Science and Technology (CUST) Islamabad organized 'CUST ICSEC 17'. The referenced mega inter-university competition was held at CUST Islamabad from April 28-29, 2017. Public and private universities from across Pakistan participated in the event with immense enthusiasm. Students of Preston University took part in E-Gaming, FIFA 17/Tekken Tag Tournament 2/Scavenger Hunt, Speed Programming, Call of Duty 4/Quiz and Web Development competitions. Shahbaz Elahi Sarjeel, Saad Islam, Rehan Tariq, Sharjeel Ahmed Mir and Shahzad Ghafoor represented Preston University in the E-Gaming DOTA Competition. Prestonians Imbrahim Khalil Ullah, Mehboob Ahmed and Zeeshan Siddiqui participated in the Speed Programming Competition. Both the teams performed outstandingly in the respective competitions in which they participated and beat their counterparts from other participating universities out-and-out to win first position.

In the Quiz Competition of 'CUST ICSEC 17', Preston University was represented by Ibrahim Khalil Ullah, Mehboob Ahmed and Zeeshan Siddiqui. Prestonians Muneeb-ur-Rehman, Ali Naeem, Syed Hassan Naseer, Ahsan Nasim and Saad Ansari took part in the E-Gaming COD 4 Competition. Both the teams performed well in the respective competitions in which they participated and won third position.

All the teams which took part in the above inter-university contests, held under the banner of "CUST ICSEC' 1", were mentored and supervised by Ms. Munazza Mah Jabeen, Asst. Prof. of Computer Science, Preston University Islamabad. The members of the winning teams received a huge round of applause from Dr. Abdul Basit, Chancellor Preston University, and the senior management and faculty of the University on their remarkable victory at 'CUST ICSEC 17', organized by Capital University of Science and Technology (CUST) Islamabad. Dr. Abdul Basit also appreciated the endeavors of Ms. Munazza Mah Jabeen, Asst. Prof. of Computer Science, Preston University, Islamabad in preparing the students for an eventful and victorious participation in the mega event.

PINSAT-Preston University Student Bakhtawar Mahmood Wins 2nd Position in "EssayCon 2016"

The Pakistan Science Foundation and Weekly Technology Times jointly organized a nationwide Essay Writing Contest 'EssayCon 2016'. Topic of the Essay was 'Natural Sciences: Key to Sustainable Future'. Students of 126 reputed public and private universities and colleges from across Pakistan took part in the competition. Eminent among the universities which participated were NUST Islamabad, Preston University Islamabad, Islamia University Bahawalpur, KUST Kohat and IBA Sukkur.

Preston University was represented at the Essay Writing Contest by Ms. Bakhtawar Mahmood, graduate of BS Nano Science and Technology, PINSAT, Preston University. A high profile jury constituted by the organizers to adjudicate the competition adjudged the Essay penned by Ms. Bakhtawar Mahmood as the second best. They awarded second position to Ms. Bakhtawar and gave her a cash prize of Rs. 17, 000/- for her thought-provoking treatise on the subject. The award was conferred on her at a grand prize distribution ceremony held at the Pakistan Science Foundation Auditorium on March 13, 2017.

Dr. Abdul Basit, Chancellor Preston University conveyed his deep appreciation to Bakhtawar Mahmud on her remarkable win in the Essay Writing Contest 'EssayCon 2016', jointly organized by Pakistan Science Foundation and Weekly Technology Times



Preston University Karachi Organizes Social Event "Deewar-e-Meherbani"



Keeping up to its tradition, Preston University, Karachi organized an important social event titled "Deewar-e-Meherbani" for the underprivileged segment of the society. The referenced event was held at the main campus of Preston University on June 21, 2017, during the holy month of Ramadan, under the university's Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) program. The faculty, staff and students of the University generously contributed a sum of Rs. 80,000 towards the CSR project "Deewar-e-Meherbani". Ration and other items of daily use, worth Rs. 80,000, was purchased by the donated amount and distributed among the poor and needy segment of the society. The Vice Chancellor Preston University, Karachi Prof. Dr. Tahir Rajput, senior management, faculty and students of Preston University, Karachi converged at the venue and undertook distribution of the materials among the recipients who gathered at the site in large numbers.

Prestonians Excel at "HITEC Olympiad 2017"

Organized by HITEC University Taxila



The HITEC University, Taxila organized a 3-day inter-university Olympiad titled 'HITEC Olympiad 2017'. The mega event which kicked off on April 27, 2017 and concluded on April 29 was held at the HITEC University Education Complex, Taxila. Reputed public and private sector institutions of higher learning participated in the Olympiad.

A range of competitions were held during the 3-day gala. Preston University participated in Qirat, Naat, Sports, E-Gaming, Debate, Singing, Poster Designing, Painting and Business Plan competitions. The students of Preston University grabbed first position in E-Gaming COD 4, and second in Painting and E-Gaming FIFA competitions. Second position was also won by the students of Preston University in the inter-university Chess Competition held during HITEC Olympiad 2017.

The team which represented Preston in E-Gaming COD 4 Competition comprised of Prestonian Muneeb Ur Rehman, Ali Naeem, Syed Hassan Naseer, Ahsan Nasim and Hamza Nawaz Malik. Ahsan Nasim participated in the E-Gaming FIFA Competition. Prestonian Mehwish Iftikhar and Adnan Yusuf represented the University in the Painting and Chess competitions respectively.

The winners of different competitions were congratulated by the Chancellor of Preston University, Dr. Abdul Basit. Their outstanding performance in the respective competitions in which they participated was profoundly appreciated by him. Dr. Abdul Basit eulogized the endeavors of Ms. Munazza Mah Jabeen, Assistant Professor of Computer Science, Ms. Nazma Iqbal and Mr. Aftab Ahmed to prepare the students for Olympiad 2017 and coordinate their participation in the competitions in which they ultimately achieved remarkable success.

PRESTONIANS MAKE A MARK AT "RIPHA PACCE 17"

Grab first position in Quiz Competition (male/female category), and stand second in E-Poster Competition.

Ripha University, Islamabad organized an event titled 'Ripha PACCE17'. The referenced event was held at the Islamabad Campus of Ripha University from April 25-26, 2017. A range of inter-university competitions were held under the banner of 'Ripha PACCE17'. Preston University, Islamabad participated in Poster Designing, Quiz, Speed Programming and Web Development competitions under the supervision of Ms. Munnaza Mah Jabeen, Asst. Prof. of Computer Science Preston University, Islamabad.



Preston University excelled in the inter-university Quiz (male/female category) and E-Poster competitions. Prestonians Zeeshan Siddiqui, Ibrahim Khalil Ullah and Mehboob Ahmed and Hajira Amir and Shagufta Hameed represented Preston University in the male and female categories of the Quiz Competition respectively. They performed brilliantly and outclassed their counterparts from other participating universities to win first position in their respective categories. Both the winning teams were awarded cash prizes of Rs. 8,000 each along with certificates of commendation and trophies. Prestonians Shamsa Waheed and Saba Tariq who took part in the E-Poster Competition performed equally well. They were adjudged by the members of the jury as second best in the competition and were awarded second position. Cash prize of Rs. 4,000 along with commendation certificates and trophies were awarded to them for standing second in the E-Poster Competition.

Dr. Abdul Basit, Chancellor Preston University congratulated all the three winning teams on their outstanding performance in the respective competitions in which they marvelously unleashed their prowess. He particularly eulogized the marvelous performance of the team which won first position in the Quiz Competition. Dr. Basit also appreciated the efforts of Ms. Munazza Mah Jabeen, Asst. Prof. Computer Science under whose able supervision the two teams participated in the above competitions and won laurels for the University.

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Inter-University Bilingual Declamation Contest



The third position in this category was also won by a student of Preston University, Islamabad Ms. Sara Imtiaz. In the Urdu category Ms. Alishba Naveed of Foundation University, Mr. Usama Sabir of Quaid-e-Azam University and Malik Nisar Ahmed of Preston University, Islamabad secured first, second and third positions respectively. The winners of both (English/Urdu) categories of the Inter-University Bilingual Declamation Contest were awarded cash prizes of Rs. 5000/-, Rs.3000/- and Rs.2000/-. They were also presented shields and commendation certificates for their outstanding performance.

In his keynote address, the Chancellor of Preston University, Dr. Abdul Basit immensely eulogized the outstanding performance and achievements of National Highways and Motorways Police. He particularly lauded NHMP's mammoth contribution towards professional development of the National Highways and Motorway Police under the very able leadership of Dr. Syed Kaleem Imam, Additional Inspector General NHMP. He also commended the exceptional performance of the participating students and congratulated those who won first, second and third positions in both categories of the contest.

In his brief remarks on the occasion, Chief Guest Dr. Syed Kaleem Imam, AIG, National Highways and Motorway Police (NHMP) highlighted the achievements of his organization. He shed light on the importance of road safety and shared his thoughts vis-à-vis the future development of NHMP. He also expressed his earnest desire to establish a strong bond between his institution and the youth of Pakistan.



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5th Preston Entrepreneurial Challenge "PEC 17"



The sparkling closing ceremony of PEC 17 was held at the university auditorium on Saturday, May 20, 2017. The Chief Guest on the occasion was President Rawalpindi Chamber of Commerce & Industry (RCCI), Raja Amir Iqbal. In his keynote address, Chief Guest Raja Amir Iqbal highlighted the importance of creating entrepreneurial opportunities for the youngsters. He profoundly appreciated the efforts of the Management of Preston University to organize a great competition like PEC 17. This mega event, he said, provided the future entrepreneurs of the country a unique opportunity to demonstrate their skills and talents in entrepreneurship development. Raja Amir Iqbal, President RCCI awarded 1st, 2nd & 3rd position holders with cash prizes, trophies and certificates.



The winner of the Competition was NUML University, Islamabad who won a cash prize of Rs. 100,000/-. They were followed by 1st runners up from NUST, Islamabad which won a cash prize of Rs. 75,000/-. The 2nd Runners up from Superior College, Lahore was awarded cash prize of Rs. 50,000. He also distributed souvenirs among the Strategic Partners, Sponsors, Jury Members and the Winners.

5th Preston Entrepreneurial Challenge “PEC 17” held in Islamabad

NUML University, Islamabad grabs 1st position in the All Pakistan mega inter-university competition. Second position was won by NUST, Islamabad followed by Superior College, Lahore which stood 3rd in the competition.

Preston University, Islamabad organized an All Pakistan Inter University Business Plan Competition titled “Preston Entrepreneurial Challenge PEC17” with the Slogan “PUR DAM HAI AGAR TU TOU NAHI KHATRA-E-UFTAAD”. The two-day event kicked off in the capital-Islamabad on Friday, May 19, 2017 and concluded on Saturday, May 20.

Held annually, PEC-17, the mega inter-university Business Plan Competition, was the 5th in the series of competitions organized by Preston University, Islamabad. More than 171 teams from eminent public and private universities, from across the length and breadth of the country, took part in the referenced event. From this long list of participating institutions 25 teams were shortlisted for the Grand Finale. The selection was made on the basis of their executive summaries pertaining to their respective business plans.



The purpose of organizing Preston Entrepreneurial Challenge 2017 was to provide a platform to the budding entrepreneurs of the country where they could present their innovative ideas, get themselves mentored by the domain experts, meet with the investors and obtain encouragement. The event comprised of various competitions including ‘Elevator Pitch’, ‘Business Plan Competition’, ‘Junkyard Activity’, ‘Be an Entrepreneur’ and ‘Advocacy’. All these challenging & enlightening activities made Preston Entrepreneurial Challenge (PEC 17) an amazing enterprise.

The sponsors of PEC 17 were Naimat Pvt. Ltd., Zia Steel, Triangle Paints, Glass Smith (Gulzari Optics), Adam G Dura Built, Bashir Foods, Zomos Kennel, Supreme Elevators, Habib Corporation, Fresco Food Lounge, Ameer Sons, CMAK, CRSS & Jazz-Mobilink. ▶▶ Continued on page 7

Preston Mission Statement

“Preston is committed to providing university education of the highest quality for preparing students for professional careers, and promoting research and development. Its two-fold mission is to give students the opportunity for personal growth and development, skill enhancement and professional career advancement, and to create, sustain and promote research and development for expanding the horizons of knowledge.”

PRESTON UNIVERSITY CHARTER

Preston University, Kohat-NWFP is chartered by the Government of NWFP vide NWFP Ordinance No. LII of 2002. Preston University, Karachi is chartered by the Government of Sindh vide act V of 2004. Both, Preston University at Kohat and Karachi are fully recognized by the Higher Education Commission (HEC) the highest regulatory body of the Government of Pakistan in the field of Higher Education.

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