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PINSAT-Preston University Remembers Eminent Nuclear Scientist Dr. Ishfaq Ahmed



Preston Institute of Nano Science and Technology (PINSAT) Preston University organized a Condolence Reference in memory of nuclear scientist of international eminence late Dr. Ishfaq Ahmed SI, HI, NI. The referenced event was held at the Islamabad Campus of Preston

University in April 2018. Eminent among the speakers who spoke on the occasion and paid glowing tribute to late D. Ishfaq Ahmed, former Chairman Pakistan Atomic Energy Commission (PAEC) was: Dr. Samar Mubarakmand, founding Chairman NESCOM, Dr. Amir Muhammad, founding Chairman Pakistan Agricultural Research Council (PARC) and Dr. Hafeez Hoorani, Director General National Center for Physics (NCP).

Speaking on the occasion, Chief Guest Dr. Samar Mubarakmand, founding Chairman NESCOM said late Dr. Ishfaq Ahmed was an invaluable asset of the country. He was an unparalleled scientist of Pakistan and a person of incomparable values and principles. Dr. Samar Mubarakmand said Dr. Ishfaq Ahmed played a key role in the atomic explosion of 1998, and due to his untiring and dedicated endeavors Pakistan emerged as a nuclear power in the region.

Addressing the distinguished gathering, Dr. Amir Muhammad, former founding Chairman Pakistan Agricultural Research Council (PARC) said Dr. Ishfaq Ahmed was a brilliant nuclear scientist, and he enjoyed an impeccable reputation in the comity of world renowned scientists. His services towards building Pakistan's nuclear prowess will be remembered for a long time to come.

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Prestonians Shine at "IST Youth Carnival 2018" Beat their counterparts from other universities, from across Pakistan, out-and-out to win top positions in E-Gaming - DOTA 2 Competition, and Naat and Singing competitions.

Preston University participated in the three-day "IST Youth Carnival" 2018" organized by the Institute of Space Technology, Islamabad from April 5 - 7, 2018. A large number of students representing various public and private institutions of higher learning, from across the country, participated in IST Youth Carnival 2018 with immeasurable enthusiasm. During the three-day event a wide range of inter-university competitions were organized. The students of Preston University Kohat-Islamabad Campus also took part in the mega event enthusiastically. The competitions in which they participated were: Futsal, Table Tennis, Lawn Tennis, T-Shirt Designing, Quiz, Parliamentary Debate, Dota 2 Dumb Charades, Redefining Pakistan, Qirat, Singing, Naat and Painting.

Prestonians outshined their counterparts from a large number of participating universities and institutions, from across the country, in some of these competitions. Shahbaz Elahi Sharjeel and Shahzad Ghafoor students of BSCS (along with other team members) grabbed first position in the E-Gaming - DOTA 2 Competition. For their outstanding win in this competition they were awarded a cash prize of Rs. 4000. The Judges of the event immensely appreciated their skills and congratulated them on their resounding success in this contest. Ms. Munazza Mah Jabeen, Assistant Professor of Computer Science supervised participation of Preston students in this competition. The other competitions in which the students of Preston excelled were: Naat and Singing competitions. In both these competitions the participating students performed very well. In the Naat Competition, Prestonian Faizan performed outstandingly and was awarded second position. In (duet) Singing Competition too students of Preston performed equally well. They were awarded second position in this competition. Preston's participation in the Naat and Singing competitions were supervised by Ms. Nazma Iqbal, Ms. Sabina Wazir Khan and Mr. Muhammad Aly respectively. The position holders of the respective competitions were awarded certificates of commendation, ceremonial cheques and trophies for their exceptional performance in the competitions in which they took part.

The Chancellor of Preston University Dr. Abdul Basit expressed his profound appreciation to the students who performed exceedingly well in the three-day inter-university competitions organized by the Institute of Space Studies, Islamabad. He lauded the efforts of event supervisors, Ms. Munazza Mah Jabeen, Assistant Professor of Computer Science, Ms. Nazma Iqbal, Ms. Sabina Khan Wazir and Mr. Muhammad Aly who were instrumental in grooming the students of Preston for enthusiastic participation in these competitions.

Preston University Organizes All Pakistan Inter-University Business Plan Competition



Eminent public and private universities from across Pakistan participate in the mega annual event, organized by Preston University, with unfathomable enthusiasm and make the event a resounding success.

Preston University, Islamabad organized an All Pakistan Inter-University Business Plan Competition titled "Preston Entrepreneurial Challenge (PEC18)" with the Slogan "Jahaan Woh Chahiye Mujhko Ke Ho Abhi Nokhaiz". PEC-18 was the 6th in the series of competitions organized by Preston University so far. The referenced mega All Pakistan Inter-university Competition which is organized every year was participated by more than 237 teams from eminent public and private universities, from across Pakistan. From this extended list of participating institutions 31 teams were shortlisted for the Grand Finale. The selection was made on the basis of their executive summaries.



The primary objective of organizing Preston Entrepreneurial Challenge 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 get encouragement. The event comprised of various competitions including Elevator Pitch, Business Plan Competition, Junkyard Activity, Revamp the Brand & Advocacy. All these challenging & enlightening activities made Preston Entrepreneurial Challenge an outstanding event.

A sparkling ceremony was held at the University auditorium to mark the conclusion of 'PEC 18'. The Chief Guest on the occasion was President Islamabad Chamber of Commerce & Industry (ICCI), Sheikh Amir Waheed. He distributed souvenirs among the Strategic Partners, Sponsors, Jury members & the winners. In his keynote address, Sheikh Amir Waheed highlighted the significance of creating entrepreneurial opportunities for the youth of this country. He profoundly appreciated the efforts of the Management of Preston University to organize a great competition like PEC 18.

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Prestonians Rewarded by PCB for their Outstanding Support to "Pakistan Super League T-20 Cricket"

Final held in Karachi

The Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) formally rewarded the group of students of Preston University, Karachi who performed protocol duties in the finals of Pakistan Super League (PSL) T-20 Cricket extravaganza played between Islamabad United and last year's champions Peshawar Zalmi, and the T-20 Cricket series played between Pakistan and West Indies at the National Stadium Karachi, in March and April 2018 respectively. PCB granted them a special honorarium for their enthusiastic and outstanding performance during both the premier events.

The honorarium was formally paid to the participating students, on behalf of PCB, by Prof. Dr. Tahir Rajput, Vice Chancellor, Preston University, Karachi at a simple but impressive ceremony held at the main campus of the University in June 2018. The senior management, faculty and students attended the ceremony in large numbers.



Quotable Quotes

"He wears his faith but
as the fashion of
his hat."

William Shakespeare

"If all the year were
playing holidays,

To sport would be as
tedious as to work."

William Shakespeare

"My words fly up, my
thoughts remain below:

Words without thoughts
never to heaven go."

William Shakespeare

Lecture on Interfaith Harmony Held at Preston Islamabad



A special lecture on Interfaith Harmony was held at Preston University, Islamabad in April 2018. Dr. Sayed Moustafa Al Qazwini, founding Imam of the Islamic Educational Center of Orange County and President of the Muslim Council of Southern California, USA was the distinguished Guest Speaker on the occasion. Eminent educationists, intellectuals, scholars, diplomats and senior faculty and students of Preston University attended the lecture. Prominent among the other speakers who spoke on the occasion were eminent scholar Agha Ali Yahya, Ms. Maureen Mimnaugh, Cultural Attaché' US Embassy and Dr. Ghazanfer Mehdi, Chairman Archaeological and Historical Association of Pakistan.



Speaking on the occasion, the keynote speaker distinguished Dr. Sayed Moustafa Al Qazwini, founding Imam of the Islamic Educational Center of Orange County and President of the Muslim Council of Southern California, USA said Islam is a religion of peace and brotherhood and is indispensable for creation of harmony among different religions and sects of the world. Dr. Qazwini said Pakistan is one of the most beautiful countries of the world. People of this part of the globe are very able and industrious and are endowed with abundant natural resources. He said it is extremely important that sincere endeavors are made to create harmony among different sects and religion, particularly the Shia and Sunni community in this country, if peace is to be established and people are to be provided the opportunity to reap the benefits of economic progress and prosperity. Dr. Qazwini said in America people belonging to all religions of the world live. They are incessantly engaged in interacting with each other and making sincere efforts to better appreciate each other's religion and culture. This is what has made the American society a tolerable society, where people live in harmony and respect each other regardless of caste, creed and religion, he stated. Dr. Moustafa Al Qazwini said we should make concerted efforts to spread the message of Islam world over through love and respect. Islam, he said, is a religion that propagates love, peace, respect and tolerance, and every possible endeavor must be made by us, as Muslims, to project this true image of Islam across the globe.



Earlier, eminent scholar Dr. Agha Ali Yahya introduced the distinguished Guest Speaker Dr. Moustafa Al Qazwini to the audience. The American Cultural Attaché, Ms. Maureen Mimnaugh and Dr. Ghazanfer Mehdi, Chairman Archaeological and Historical Association of Pakistan also briefly spoke on the subject.

In his vote of thanks Prof. Dr. Allah Wadhayo Baloch, Registrar Preston University thanked the distinguished Guest Speaker for his enlightening and thought provoking lecture on Interfaith Harmony. Later, he presented shields of the University to the keynote speaker, Dr. Sayed Moustafa Al Qazwini and the other speakers who spoke on the occasion.



Prestonians Steal the Show at “HITEC Olympiad 2018” of HITEC University Taxila

The HITEC University, Taxila organized a 3-day inter-university Olympiad titled 'HITEC Olympiad 2018'. The referenced mega inter-university event was organized by the HITEC University at its Education Complex in Taxila. Eminent public and private sector institutions of higher learning took part in the Olympiad. A gamut of competitions were held during HITEC Olympiad 2018. Preston University participated in Naat, Singing, Wall Graffiti, Sketching, Volley Ball, Badminton and Chess competitions. The students of Preston University outclassed



their counterparts from other universities in the Chess Competition. Prestonian Muhammad Nauman and Adnan Yousaf, students of BSCS, stood 1st and 2nd respectively in this Competition. For the outstanding performance of its students in the Chess Competition, Preston University was awarded a cash prize of Rs. 5,000 and the trophy.

In the Wall Graffiti Competition too, the students of Preston University performed outstandingly. They completely outshined the students of other participating universities and stood first in this Competition. The team which represented Preston in the Wall Graffiti Competition comprised of Prestonian Mehwish Iftikhar and Saira Iftikhar, both students of BSCS. They grabbed 1st position in this Competition. Prestonian Mehwish Iftikhar also performed remarkably well in the Sketching Competition and beat her competitors out-and-out to win 1st position in this Competition as well. An 8-member team consisting of Ali Khaliq, Muneer Hussain, Sibti Hassan, Umer Riaz, Naveed Ahmed, Zulqarnain Zafar, Shahzeb Akhtar and Afaq Rafiq represented Preston University at the HITEC Olympiad 2018 Volleyball Championship. After giving a tough fight to their competitors from other competing universities they succeeded in grabbing 2nd position in the Volleyball Championship.

The students who won noteworthy positions in different competitions held under the banner of HITEC Olympiad 2018 were profoundly commended for their outstanding performance by Dr. Abdul Basit, Chancellor Preston University. The dedicated efforts of event coordinators Ms. Nazma Iqbal and Mr. Aftab Ahmed was also appreciated.



Board of Advanced Studies & Research (BASAR) Preston University holds its 76th Meeting

The Board of Advanced Studies and Research (BASAR) of Preston University organized its 76th meeting on May 8, 2018. The Islamabad Campus of Preston University, Kohat was the venue of the referenced meeting. Chairman BASAR, Prof. Dr. Muhammad Anwar Hassan, Vice Chancellor Preston University, Kohat presided over the meeting. Members of the Board were present.

A large number of significant academic issues were raised and discussed in the 76th meeting of the Board. All the issues were dealt on case-by-case basis. Approvals and recommendations were granted accordingly. The 76th meeting of the Board of Advanced Studies and Research of Preston University concluded with a vote of thanks to Chairman BASAR, Prof. Dr. Muhammad Anwar Hassan.

While winding up the official proceedings of the 76th meeting of BASAR, Chairman BASAR, Prof. Dr. Muhammad Anwar Hassan immensely eulogized the input of each one of the participating members towards the proceedings of the 76th Board meeting. The Chair also expressed his profound gratitude to all the members for their presence at the meeting.

Social Event

“Deewar-e-Meherbani”

Organized by Preston University Karachi

As in the past, this year too, Preston University, Karachi did not forget to cater to the needs of the poor segments of the Pakistani society. In the holy month of Ramadan, in June 2018, the University organized a noteworthy social event titled “Deewar-e-Meherbani”. The referenced event continues to be organized with immense enthusiasm since the past over three years. The northern campus of Preston University, Karachi was the venue of this humane



social event. Diwar-e-Meherbani was organized under the Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) program of Preston. The faculty, staff and students of the University took part in the event with immense gusto. Ration and other items of daily use, worth Rs. 130,350, were distributed among the poor. Enthusiastic participation of the Governing Board members was the significant aspect of this year’s event. Board member, Mr. Iftikhar Soomro contributed Rs.50,000 towards this noble cause. Board members, Mr. Majyd Aziz and Dr. Ikhtiar Baig donated clothing. Prof. Dr. Tahir Rajput, Vice Chancellor Preston University, Karachi, senior management, faculty and students of the University distributed the materials among the poor and needy people who assembled at the venue in large numbers.

Prestonian’s Outstanding Achievement



Prestonian Anjum Razzak, a MPhil Economics graduate of Preston University, made a mark by presenting a research paper at the “1st National Conference on Emerging Trends in Pakistan’s Economy: Socio-economic Challenges and Opportunities” jointly organized by Abbottabad University of Science and Technology (AUST), Abbottabad and the Higher Education Commission HEC. The

referenced event was held at AUST from April 25-27, 2018. Eminent, scholars, researchers and educationist participated in the Conference and presented papers on the topic.

Prestonian Anjum Razzak’s paper was profoundly appreciated by the Chair as well as the participants of the Conference. Her paper was adjudged as the best paper,

and she was given the “Best Research Paper Award” along with a certificate of commendation on the occasion.

The Chancellor of Preston University Dr. Abdul Basit immensely eulogized Ms. Anjum Razzak’s outstanding achievement, and heartily congratulated her for winning the “Best Research Paper Award”.



Students of Psychology Department Organize Model Exhibition



A Model Exhibition depicting various social projects was organized by the students of 4th semester of the Department of Psychology, Preston University Islamabad. The gorgeous event was held at the Islamabad Campus of Preston University Kohat in May 2018. The students participated in the exhibition with immeasurable gusto. The projects set up by them in the exhibition not only reflected their sensitivity towards the multifarious socio-economic issues being confronted particularly by the deprived segment of the Pakistani society but also the volume of knowledge they possessed about these issues. Senior Management of the University and the faculty and of the students visited the Exhibition and evinced keen interest in the projects that were developed and put on display at the venue of the event. They also asked pertinent questions from the students who developed the projects and were present in their respective kiosks to respond.



Seminar on “China-Pakistan Economic Corridor and Opportunities for the Central Asian Republics”



A seminar on “China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) and Opportunities for the Central Asian Republics” was jointly organized by Preston University and the Institute of Peace and Diplomatic Studies, Islamabad. The referenced seminar was held at the Islamabad Campus of Preston University in April 2018. The faculty and students of Preston University and other distinguished guests participated in the seminar in large numbers.

Ambassador of Kazakhstan H.E. Barlybay Sadykov and the Ambassador of Kyrgyz Republic H.E. Erik Beishembiev, Ambassador of Tajikistan H.E. Sherali Jononov and the Ambassador of Uzbekistan H.E. Furkat Sidikov, were the distinguished keynote speakers on the occasion. Speaking on the occasion, Ambassador of Kazakhstan Barlybay Sadykov said CPEC was a tremendous project and provided ample opportunities for the entire region to benefit. He said Kazakhstan supported the Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) and its connected projects and is eager to participate in the CPEC and connectivity projects. Ambassador Barlybay Sadykov further highlighted the deep-rooted relations between Pakistan and Kazakhstan.

Ambassador of Kyrgyz Republic H.E. Erik Beishembiev spoke at length about the potential of Kyrgyzstan as an important country in the Belt and Road initiative of China. He highlighted various connectivity projects initiated under CPEC, and currently ongoing, wherein these were playing an important role in furthering the connectivity and strengthening the CPEC projects. He also highlighted opportunities that Kyrgyzstan had to offer to Pakistan. In his address, Ambassador of Tajikistan H.E. Sherali Jononov said CPEC was a very important project for regional peace and stability. He said, there is a strong need for Pakistani students and public to learn more about the countries of the Central Asian region and also advise students to do research and study in order to increase their knowledge, as this will help to further improve the ties between the states of the region and Pakistan. He said that the world recognizes the sacrifices that Pakistan has made to promote peace and stability in the entire region. H.E. Sherali Jononov opined that there is an urgent need for a comprehensive plan for the countries of the region to have clarity and knowledge about the potentials of CPEC, and also exploit ways for investment and collaboration in this vital project.

While addressing the seminar, Ambassador of Uzbekistan, H.E. Furkat Sidikov was of the opinion that Uzbekistan had enormous potential as a regional torch bearer of peace and stability. He was referring to the recent summit of peace and stability in Afghanistan organized by Uzbekistan to promote regional consensus for a common approach towards the sensitive issue of security. Uzbekistan, he said, is also interested in CPEC as it will be providing the country and its booming economy an easy access towards the largest market through sea, in few days time, which was earlier not possible. He said that his country is willing to contribute and support Pakistan in the CPEC projects.

At the conclusion of the seminar, His Excellency Atadjan Movlamov, Ambassador of Turkmenistan, who is also the Dean of the Diplomatic Corps, along with the President, Institute of Peace and Diplomatic Studies Ms. Farhat Asif and Registrar Preston University Dr. A.W Baloch presented mementos to the illustrious speakers.



Preston University Cricket Team Outshines Competing Teams from other Universities in National Sports Event Organized by University of UET Taxila



Preston University participated in the 'National Sports Event' organized by the University of Engineering and Technology (UET) Taxila in April 2018. Eminent public and private universities from Rawalpindi and Islamabad were represented at the grand sports gala held at UET Taxila. Preston took part in the inter-university Cricket Championship, a major event held as part of the National Sports Event organized by the host institution.

After valiantly competing and outclassing their counterparts from other universities, the team of Preston University reached the finals of the Cricket Championship. In the finals, the team of Preston University beat the team of UET Taxila out-and-out to win the championship. For its outstanding performance throughout the tournament, and for winning the finals the trophy was awarded to the Preston University team. The team was also awarded a cash prize of Rs.8,000.

The members of the winning team were heartily congratulated by Dr. Abdul Basit, Chancellor Preston University on winning the inter-university Cricket Tournament organized by UET Taxila. He said, the collective effort and outstanding performance of each one of the team members made this great win possible. Every member of the team therefore deserves to be profoundly complimented for their contribution and achievement. Dr. Abdul Basit, Chancellor Preston University also eulogized the relentless efforts made by Mr. Aftab Ahmed, Manager Sports Preston University to build the cricket team of the University, and prepare it to compete successfully with the teams of other universities of the country.



A Guest Lecture on "Islamic Banking and Shariah Compliance of Islamic Banking Products and Practices" was held at the Islamabad Campus of Preston in April 2018. The referenced event was organized under the Guest Speakers Program of the University. Eminent Banker and Assistant Vice President, Product Development and Shariah Compliance of Meezan Bank, Mr. Zulqarnain Haider was the distinguished Guest Speaker on the occasion.

Preston Islamabad Organizes Guest Lecture on "Islamic Banking and Shariah Compliance of Islamic Banking Products and Practices"

Presenting his views on the topic of the lecture 'Islamic Banking and Shariah Compliance of Islamic Banking Products and Practices' Mr. Zulqarnain Haider, Assistant Vice President, Product Development and Shariah Compliance of Meezan Bank, at the outset defined Islamic Banking. He said Islamic banking has been defined as banking in consonance with the ethos and value system of Islam and governed, in addition to the conventional good governance and risk management rules, by the principles laid down by Islamic Shariah. He said interest-free banking is a narrow concept denoting a number of banking instruments or operations, which avoid interest. Islamic banking, the more general term is expected not only to avoid interest-based transactions, prohibited in the Islamic Shariah, but also to avoid unethical practices and participate actively in achieving the goals and objectives of an Islamic economy.

Giving further details vis-à-vis the subject, Mr. Zulqarnain said Islam was the basis of creation of an independent state within the undivided Indo-Pak Sub-Continent. Since its creation, the people of Pakistan have held the demand for elimination of 'Riba' (Interest) from the financial system of Pakistan on the basis of Islamic precepts. All Constitutions of Pakistan have incorporated, within the principles of policy, the elimination of Riba as an important objective of the State policy. Emphasizing on the issue of Islamic Banking. He said Quaid-e-Azam, the father of the nation, in his speech on the occasion of the inauguration of State Bank of Pakistan, had expressed the desire for evolving an Islamic system of banking in Pakistan.

Talking about the Islamic Banking Products, Mr. Zulqarnain said the Islamic Banking Institutions of Pakistan are offering a wide range of products. Shariah Murabaha, he said, is dominating the financing portfolio of IBIs. Similarly, Ijara, Musharaka and Diminishing Musharaka are also being offered, in order to meet the customer's demand.



As per Shariah requirements, funds and products of Islamic Banking are managed separately from the Conventional Banking side, he stated. He further said that all funds are obtained, invested and shared in Halal modes & investments, under sure compliance with minimum Shariah standards by the banks conducting Islamic banking in Pakistan. The Commission for Transformation of Financial System set up in the State Bank of Pakistan approved the essentials of Islamic modes of financing.

Highlighting the Islamic Banking products and services that are being offered currently, Mr. Zulqarnain Haider further said that some full-fledged banks are offering investment banking products and services including Sukuk Arrangement, Financial Advisory, Private Placement, Syndication, Trusteeship, Underwriting, Structured Finance, Listing on Capital Markets, Project Financing, Mergers & Acquisitions etc. Further, a variety of other ancillary services are also being offered in a Shariah compliant manner such as Bonds & Guarantees, Letters of Credit, Remittances (local & International), Online banking, ATM/debit card (including Visa), Safe deposit lockers, Utility bill payments, Collection of export bills, assignment of export / local bills, Inter-Bank funds transfer facility through ATM, E-Statement facility, Lockers, Phone Banking and 24 /7 Call Centre service, Deposit accepting ATMs etc.

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PINSAT-Preston University Remembers Eminent Nuclear Scientist Dr. Ishfaq Ahmed

While highlighting Dr. Ishfaq Ahmed's mammoth contribution towards making Pakistan a nuclear power and making the country's security impregnable Dr. Inam ur Rehman, founding Rector PIEAS and Dr. Hafeez Hoorani, Director General, National Center for Physics (NCP) Islamabad said, late Dr. Ishfaq Ahmed was an iconic scientist whose brilliance was recognized with a sense of profound regard both at home and abroad. They said icons like Dr. Ishfaq Ahmed are a rare breed. Individuals like him are born in centuries, and are remembered by the people with a sense of pride and respect for all times to come.



Earlier, in his welcome address Dr. Abdul Basit, Chancellor Preston University expressed his profound gratitude to the distinguished speakers for sparing their valuable time to participate and speak at the Reference organized by the university in memory of late Dr. Ishfaq

Ahmed, an eminent nuclear scientist of Pakistan and former Chairman of Pakistan Atomic Energy Commission (PAEC). He also warmly welcomed the distinguished guests to the event. Dr. Basit said it was truly a matter of immense pleasure and honor for PINSAT-Preston University to organize a Reference to remember a personality of international stature like Dr. Ishfaq Ahmed. He said late Ishfaq Ahmed's contribution towards development of Pakistan's nuclear program has been phenomenal. The nation owes its gratitude to him for playing a pivotal role in making Pakistan a nuclear power and enhancing its image in the comity of venerable and recognized nuclear powers of the world.

Dr. N. M. Butt, Chairman PINSAT-Preston University presented the vote of thanks. He thanked the Chief Guest and all the other distinguished speakers for sparing their precious time and gracing the occasion by their revered presence. Paying glowing tribute to Dr. Ishfaq Ahmed, he said the vacuum that his death has created will take a long time to fill. The Pakistani nation will remain ever-indebted to him for his unparalleled contribution towards Pakistan's nuclear program, he emphasized.

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This mega event, he said, provided the future entrepreneurs of the country an opportunity to demonstrate skills and talents in entrepreneurship development. Later, he awarded the 1st, 2nd & 3rd position holders with cash prizes, trophies and certificates. The winner of the competition was University of Management Technology (UMT) Lahore, which won a cash prize of Rs. 100,000/. They were followed by the 1st runners up from Preston University, Islamabad which won a cash prize of Rs. 75,000/.



The 2nd Runners up from Balochistan University of Engineering and Technology Khuzdar was awarded a cash prize of Rs. 50,000.



The sponsors of the event were Naimat Pvt. Ltd., GreenSpire, Win Steel Rerolling mill, Triangle Paints, Adam G Dura Built, Supreme Elevators Services, Dest In, Jaxtox, Saqib Corporations, Eventie, RF Enterprises, MassCom Solutions, Jefenzi Perfumes, Sweet Palace, Ameen Sons, Des Pardes, and Chenab Associates & Accountability Lab.



Preston University Kohat and Wuhan University of Technology China

Ink MoU for Collaboration

Preston University, Kohat, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (KP) and Wuhan University of Technology (WUT) China has signed an MoU for academic collaboration. The referenced MoU was signed at a simple but impressive ceremony held at the Islamabad Campus of Preston University, Kohat in April 2018. Prof. Yuan Guohua, Dean School of International Education and Dr. Abdul Basit, Chancellor Preston University were conspicuous by their presence at the ceremony. Senior management and faculty of Preston University were also present on the occasion.

Prof. Yuan Guohua, Deputy Dean School of International Education signed the MoU on behalf of Wuhan University of Technology (WUT) China. Prof. Dr. Hashmatullah Khan, Pro Vice Chancellor Preston University, Kohat inked the MoU on behalf of Preston University.

According to some of the key stipulations laid down in the MoU, both institutions have agreed to ensure smooth implementation of students exchange as well as full time students. The MoU targets Undergraduate, Graduate and Post Graduate students of both the universities. The exchange of students could be full or part time between the universities for the various degrees already launched by the two universities. The MoU further stipulates that both universities can recommend less than 6 exchange students every year. The number would be mutually decided after due deliberations between the two universities. The final decision would, however, depend on the acceptance of the students.



As per terms and conditions of the MoU, the host university will not collect any exchange student's tuition, entrance or examination fee. And necessary expenses such as travel expenses, board and lodge expenses, and medical expenses will be borne by the students themselves. One of the most significant stipulations of the MoU is that both universities could mutually select and work on joint research projects of mutual interest, on agreed terms and conditions, to facilitate joint research activities and to promote research culture between the two partner institutions. This would be beneficial for the promotion and development of the ongoing project like China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC).

Wuhan University of Technology (WUT) China is one of the leading Chinese universities under the direct administration of the Ministry of Education and one of the universities in the country's construction plan of world-class universities and first-class disciplines. Wuhan University of Technology was merged on May 27, 2000, from the former Wuhan University of Technology (established in 1948), Wuhan Transportation University (established in 1946) and Wuhan Automotive Polytechnic University (established in 1958).



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.”

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