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With the lifting of the blanket of cold, there is always an abundance of lively exuberance manifest all around. BUITMS too sprang to fresh alertness and the campus started humming with youthful zest. Allama Iqbal Extempore speeches heralded the brisk cavalcade of activities. The establishment and inauguration of CEREE (Centre of Excellence for Renewable Energy & Environment) was the blooming rose that sparkled bright as the sun rays started drenching the valley in soothing warmth. Then suddenly there was an outburst of blossoms. Our volleyball players went to the frontline in Inter University sports 2006 arranged by the HEC and our squash players maintained their triumphant march ahead. The 1st International Biotech Conference was another major event catching the eyes of the scientific world. Lectures by the Chairman, Pakistan Science Foundation and Dean, University of Minnesota were garnished with a briefing on the cultural heritage by the Provincial Secretary Culture, Tourism and Archives. The signing of an M.O.U between Khushhali Bank and BUITMS was no less than a fragrant breeze for the needy but talented students of Balochistan, because under this agreement, the selected students will be relieved of their financial worries and have the surety of getting a job on the completion of their studies.

To crown it all the end of the month saw two major events i.e. the meeting of the syndicate which set the pattern of the future policies and the 1st convocation which symbolized the fruition of the joint efforts of the government, the University and the students. The passing out graduates bear the stamp of quality and a proof of the earnest realization of the avowed mission of the University. It is highly encouraging to note that majority of the graduates have already been accepted by the job market as they impressed the employees with their genuine capabilities and high standard of learning. Hats off to all of them!



Establishment of Center of Excellence in Renewable Energy & Environment (CEREE) at BUITMS

Report by: **Dr. Maqsood Ahmad**

On April 04, 2006, the Honorable Governor Balochistan and the Chancellor Balochistan University of Information Technology & Management Sciences inaugurated the Center of Excellence in Renewable Energy & Environment (CEREE). The inauguration ceremony was attended by the Chairman, Alternative Energy Development Board (AEDB), Islamabad, Air Marshal (Retd) Mr. Shahid Hamid and his entourage, the Secretary Balochistan Irrigation & Power Department and representatives of the federal and provincial governments, faculty, staff and students of BUITMS.



VC and Chairman AEDB signing the agreement

The worthy Vice Chancellor, Dr. Muhammad Abbas Choudhary, told the audience the objective and mandate of CEREE.

He said that the main purpose of the establishment of CEREE at BUITMS was to facilitate and support the implementation of off grid energy service supply, based on Renewable Energy Technologies, focusing on Balochistan Province. He told the audience that this CEREE will form a nucleus of network formed by expert institutions of Pakistan and other Provinces,



Students listening to the VC BUITMS

engaged in the field of Renewable Energy Technologies (RET) promoting implementation, development, teaching, training and research with regard to Renewable Energy Technologies.

The CEREE affiliated at BUITMS and funded by its extended budget, will develop expert capacity in order to provide consultancy services on request against remuneration by AEDB, Government of Balochistan and other institutions in the fields of survey and analysis, gender strategy, technical advice regarding appropriate technologies matching the identified needs, quality testing based on national and international standards, technical training and short courses, academic education and research on RET. He summarized his speech by telling the participants that all endeavors of CEREE and the expert network will aim at sustainable energy service provision, based on RET, in Balochistan and the other Provinces of Pakistan.



VC talking on the occasion

The Chairman, AEDB talked about the mandate of the Board, that included to play a pivotal role in establishing international linkages and engaging in the transfer of the state of the art know-how on renewable energy technologies to local research institutions and industries in Pakistan. He thanked the worthy Vice Chancellor, Dr. Muhammad Abbas Choudhary, for providing space for the establishment of AEDB offices and laboratories at BUITMS.



A section of the audience



The honorable Governor in his address talked about the importance of Renewable Energy Technology in Pakistan with specific emphasis on Balochistan, and the role of Alternative Energy Development Board. He told the audience that Pakistan, like other developing countries of the region, is facing a serious challenge of energy deficit. Renewable Energy (RE) resources can play an important role in bridging this deficit. More importantly, RE can take electricity to remote rural areas, where it is needed most. He also thanked the Chairman, AEDB for keeping his promise of helping out BUITMS in the establishment of CEREE at its Takatu campus.



Governor looking at Solar devices

Later the honorable governor was taken on a visit to the centre of excellence for renewable Energy and Environment where he was shown the various devices functioning on solar Energy. These included the lamps with a charge life of 6-8 hours; Solar ovens which could help retain food nutrition and cook food a brisker speed. The solar Energy coolers and solar energy heaters, geysers, Water sterilization and purification plants, and boilers were also the centre of interest. The honorable governor showed keen interest in the devices and asked probing questions to which the AEDB members adequately responded. It was fascinating to learn that most of the solar devices were actually being used by the AEDB members with very satisfactory results.

Provincial Allama Iqbal Shield Debate

Report by: **Haris Rehman**

Provincial level contest for Allama Iqbal Inter University Shield was held at the City Campus of BUITMS on March 30, 2006. The competition was a part of the National Allama Iqbal Inter Universities Shield Competition and the students who obtained positions in the provincial competition would

represent Balochistan in the National competition to be held on May 13th 2006 in Islamabad.



Mr. Najeebullah speaking extemporarily

In all 19 participants from all the public & private six universities in the province took part in the contest. A large number of topics of current and traditional value were selected and written on small chits of paper. The participants were given the chance of picking up one pallet which carried the topic on it, and then within 5 minutes of the assignment of the topic, they were required to deliver a speech on that particular topic. This kind of contest requires not only a rich knowledge base from which to draw the material for the speech, but also requires great mental alertness to dress up that material into an impressive and presentable shape.



A Section of the Audience

In his presidential speech, Prof. Shamim Akhtar said that more extempore debates and elocution contests



Prof. Shamim Akhtar giving his views



should be held in order to train the students in the art of self-expression.

According to the final results, Najeebullah of BUITMS won the English competition. Miss Batool of SBK Women University stood second while Salan Nasir of Iqra University secured third position.

In the Urdu competition, Bushra Gharsheen of SBK Women University was declared to be the winner. 2nd position was obtained by Shehzad Shahid of Iqra University and Muhammad Junaid of University of Balochistan stood third.

High Commissioner Bangladesh visits BUITMS

Report by: **Haris Rehman**

High Commissioner of Bangladesh in Pakistan, Mr. F. A. Shamim stressed upon increasing the level of student exchanges between Pakistan and Bangladesh saying that students could really play a vital role in bolstering brotherly ties between the two countries.



VC, BUITMS with Bangladesh HC

He was addressing a ceremony arranged at Balochistan University of Information Technology & Management Sciences, Quetta during his visit to Jinnah Campus of the University. He visited various departments of the campus and had an overview of academic facilities provided there.

Mr. F. A. Shamim expressed admiration for BUITMS and highlighted the significance of standard higher educational institutions for progress and prosperity. "From what I have come to know about the varsity, I get the feeling that this institution, although in its early years, promises to be a well reputed and high standard educational facility."



A Group of Bangladeshi student

In his welcome address, Vice Chancellor of BUITMS, Dr. Muhammad Abbas Choudhary underscored how imperative education is for the uplift and progress of nations. He cited examples of how Muslims ruled the world when they were leading all other nations in science and technology. "Keeping the vitality of education for sustained progress in mind, we decided to raise this university as a research institution. If we have to compete with other developed nations, we have to build empires, empires of mind that is," he added.



Bangladesh HC receiving Uni. Shield

1st International Conference on Biotechnology and Informatics 2006

Report by: **Nazeer Ahmed, Sarwat Afridi & Rehan Sadiq Shaikh**

The Faculty of Biotechnology and Informatics, BUITMS Jinnah Town Quetta hosted the 1st International Conference on Biotechnology and Informatics 2006. The conference was held from 10th April to 12th April 2006. The delegates who participated in the conference were from several countries. Moreover, many delegates came from different parts of Pakistan as well. Every province of Pakistan got its due representation.



Chief Justice at the Book Exhibition

The Principal Organizing secretary of the conference was Dean, Faculty of Biotechnology and Informatics, Prof. Dr. M. A. K. Malghani while Mr. Nazeer Ahmed was the organizing secretary.

The inaugural Ceremony was held in Takkatu Campus on 10th April 2006 at 11 am. Chief Justice Balochistan High court Mr. Amanullah Yassinzai was the chief guest at the inaugural Ceremony. Ms Saima Asif, (MS student) of Faculty of Biotechnology and Informatics was the compere of the ceremony.



VC and Chief Justice with Dean and Chairman

The ceremony officially started with the recitation of holy Quran by Jawad Malik. Later in his Inaugural speech Dean, Faculty of Biotechnology and Informatics, Prof. Dr M. A. K. Malghani welcomed the respectable delegates and chairmen, paid tribute to Dr. Abbas Chaudry, with whose efforts a vision was transformed into reality. Dr. Malghani announced to publish research of all the speakers at the conference. Prof. Dr. A.M.Cheema, Chairman Faculty of Biotechnology and Informatics in his speech welcomed the foreign and national delegates and also paid rich tributes to Governor Balochistan, Vice chancellor BUITMS Dr. Abbas Chaudry and also appreciated the efforts of Mr. Nazeer Ahmad and the entire Faculty of Biotechnology and Informatics.



A Section of the conference participants

Dr. Abbas Chaudry, Vice chancellor BUITMS, in his speech, after welcoming all the delegates, expressed his pleasure on the inauguration of the conference. He said that Biotechnology is a dream come true. Research in this field is an investment for future and it can turn on a revolution for the welfare of humanity. Dr. Abbas Chaudry shed light on the history of Biotechnology starting from Mendel 1850 to the discovery of DNA by Sir Watson and Crick. He stated that Biotechnology can set off miracles in human life provided it is in a definite direction and vision.



Audience listening to the Chief Justice BHC

The honorable Chief Guest, Chief Justice Balochistan high court, Mr. Justice Amanullah Khan Yassinzai, in his speech expressed his pleasure on being amongst the enlightened people. He highlighted the importance of Biotechnology and said that basic human rights can only be achieved by educated people and when resources are scarce, technology steps in, to create an equilibrium and purposeful research must improve life conditions in the province.



A view of the conference participants

At the end of the inaugural session, Vice Chancellor BUITMS presented a shield to the Chief Guest. Later the chief guest formally announced the commencement of the conference.



VC presenting shield to the Chief Guest

The day to day proceedings of the conference were as follows:



Day 1

Informal session: the session was chaired by Dr. Masoom Yaseenzai. Preliminary lecture was delivered by Dr. Shahana Arooj Kazmi of Karachi University. She briefed the conference about the establishment of microbial laboratory in earthquake hit areas of Pakistan and available anti-epidemic facilities in the North of country.

Later two regular sessions were held in Hall A & B. In the first regular session on Health & Medical Biotechnology in Hall A the maiden talk was given by Dr. Syed Abid Ali from HEJ Research Institute on “Venom Proteins and Peptides as Possible Candidates for Drug Design: I. Scorpion Venomics” followed by a presentations on “Abacterial Pyospermia”, “Linkage of a Reported Dominant Locus (8q11-q13) to Autosomal Recessive Retinitis Pigmentosa Sine Pigmento in A Pakistani Consanguineous Kindred” and “Diversity of Pakistani Saurischian Dinos” by Dr. Faryal Deepa, Dr. Farhat Jabeen and Muhammad Sadiq Malkani respectively. Simultaneously a session on Agricultural Biotechnology was going on in Hall B where Dr. Syed Shahid Ali from Balochistan University gave plenary lecture on “Genetically Modified Organisms (GMOs) Fear of Unknown”.



Dr. Azra (UAA) Rawalpindi presenting her research paper

Afterwards Muhammad Tahir from School of Biological Sciences, Dr. Muhammad Saeed from BUITMS, Dr. Azra Khanum from Arid Agriculture University, Dr. Arshad Javaid from Punjab University, and Asad Shabbir from Punjab University presented papers on “A Bipartite Begomovirus Associated with Leaf Curl Disease of *Duranta repens* in Pakistan”, “The Effect of Light, Temperature and Cold Stratification on Seed Germination of *Pinus gerardiana* Wallich Ex D. Don. Chilgoza Pine”, “Evaluation and Characterization of Antimicrobial Agents from Some Seasonal Vegetables-edible and inedible Parts”, “Use of Different Agricultural Biotechnologies to Improve the Growth, Nodulation Yield and Nutrition of Mungbean [*Vigna radiata* (L.)

Wilczek]”, and “Beneficial Microorganisms for Improved Wheat Production” respectively. After that tea was served to honorable guests and then the second session began on Bioinformatics in HALL A; Noreen Azhar and Natasha Qaisar Khan from Centre of Biotechnology, University of Peshawar presented there work on “Homology Modeling of Minopeptidase A of *Vibrio Cholerae*: Its Sequence Comparison and Structural Studies” and “Homology Modeling of Aldehyde Dehydrogenase and Identification of Conserved Residues in the Catalytic Active Site”, In addition Muhammad Umer Munir from NUST and Dr. Muhammad Kamran Azim from HEJ gave interesting & informative talks on “An Enhanced Fingerprint Matching Scheme Using Ridge Features” and “Structural Bioinformatics of *Vibrio cholerae*, the Causative Agent of Cholera”.



Dr. Sally Mallowa from Kenya presenting the paper

Day 2

Three regular sessions were held on the second day of the conference in Hall A. The first session on Microbial & Industrial Biotechnology started with two plenary lectures on “Biofertilizers” and “Emerging Frontiers of Biological Sciences in Chemical Engineering” by Dr. Fouzia Yousaf and Dr. Abdul Waheed Bhutto. Afterwards Mallowa Obura from Kenya gave a talk on “Status and Constraints in Plant Biotechnology in Kenya”. Farrukh I. Naeem and Munazza Gul from NIBGE gave talks on “Isolation and Characterization of a Medium Type Bacteriocin Production by *Rhizobium leguminosarum* bv. *viciae* Strains” and “Characterization of *Pseudomonas* Strains for their Antifungal Activity against *Rhizoctonia solani*”. Furthermore in this session Mushatqa Hussain from HEJ presented his work on “Fourier Transformation Reveals Patterns in Evolutionary Path of *Pasteurella multocida* PM70”. At the end Dr. Shahana Urooj Kazmi gave an intellectual talk on molecular mechanisms of pathogenesis expressed by MIT1 strains of *Streptococcus Pyogenes*.



A Section of the participants

Second session on Agricultural Biotechnology started after tea break and only three papers were presented in this session. Saba Irshad from IBB, Punjab University discussed the In vitro analysis of Anti-malarial activity of Traditional Medicinal Plants. Afterwards Muhammad Akram and Farhat Fatima Jamil from Punjab University and NIAB respectively briefed the audience on the micropropagation of Teak (*Tectona grandis* L.) and Genotyping with RAPD markers to resolve pathotype diversity in the *Ascochyta* Blight pathogen of Chickpea in Pakistan.



Dr. Abdul Haq (NIBGE) delivering his paper

The 3rd technical session on Health & Medical Biotechnology started after lunch and eight papers including a plenary lecture were presented in this session. The plenary talk was given by Dr. Abdul Haq from NIBGE. He briefed the listeners about modern trends, prospects and pitfalls concerning Vaccines. Afterwards Dr. Bushra Ch. from Agha Khan University presented her work on association studies of obesity & hypercholesterolemia with genetic variation of Calpain-10 gene. Atiyya Bhattia from PMRC discussed the mutational analysis of TMIE and TMC1 gene in families with autosomal recessive nonsyndromic hearing impairment. Peter John from Quaid Azam University presented his work on the localization of a novel locus for Alopecia with Mental Retardation (APMR) syndrome to chromosome 3q26.33-q27.3; Dr. Salam Sultana from GC University Faisalabad briefed about mapping of

DFNB12 locus in a large Pakistani consanguineous kindred; Dr. Izhar Hussain from University of Balochistan excellently presented a new approach to improving the desired properties of Active Pharmaceutical Ingredients named Co-crystallization. At the end Muhammad Jawad Hassan from Quaid Azam University illustrated the mapping of a novel locus DFNB47 to chromosome 2p25.1-p24.3 for autosomal recessive nonsyndromic deafness and Imran Shahzad from Arid Agriculture University presented his work on Plasmid based DNA vaccines against Tuberculosis.

Day 3

On the last day before the concluding ceremony six papers were presented in a single session including two plenary lectures by Dr. Abdel-Sattar S. Hamad Elgazwy and Dr. Masoom Yaseenzai from University of Balochistan on “Palladium Organometallic Chemistry” and “Leishmaniasis”, respectively. Afterwards Rehan Sadiq Shaikh, Jamil Ahmad, and Dr. Shaukat Iqbal from BUITMS presented their work on localization of novel loci DFNB51, DFNB48 for deafness and study of human Glutathione S- Transferase Theta (GSTT1) gene to check possible susceptibility of carcinogenicity link to the frequency of SCEs, respectively. Faiza Saleem from School of Biological Science Punjab University briefed the audience about cloning and expression of CRY2Ac gene.

The concluding ceremony was chaired by the chairman science foundation Prof. Dr. N.M. Butt. Prof. Dr. James Reihl, Dean Faculty of science and engineering, University of Minnesota, also attended the ceremony.

The ceremony officially started with the recitation of holy Quran by Zohair Umer and Naat by Ayesha Masood. Dean, Faculty of Biotechnology and Informatics, Prof. Dr M. A. K. Malghani in his concluding remarks thanked the chief guest, special guest, and all the participants for making the conference a success.

The special guest Prof. Dr. James Reihl in his speech thanked and congratulated the organizers of the conference. He gave a presentation about the application of molecular mechanics to metal binding sites in proteins, size and charge selectivity.

Dr. Abbas Chaudry, Vice Chancellor BUITMS paid tributes to all the organizers of the conference and to the special guest. He also appreciated the efforts of all the presenters in the conference. He expressed his pleasure and satisfaction about the proceedings of the conference. In the end the Vice Chancellor BUITMS presented shields to Chief and Special guest.



Prof. James Riehl - Introduction to University of Minnesota, USA

Report by: **Ahmed Nawaz**

Linkages with renowned and reputed universities of the world have opened the way for foreign scholars to come to the Balochistan University of Information Technology & Management Sciences. Prof. James Riehl, Dean Faculty of Science and Engineering, University of Minnesota, Duluth (USA) came to Quetta along with Mrs. Riehl to participate in the 1st International Conference on Biotechnology & Informatics. After the conference, Prof. James Riehl found time to visit the City Campus and gave an introductory lecture on his institution for the benefit of those who intended to take advantage of the agreement on Faculty and Student Exchange between BUITMS and his university.



VC talking to Dr. James Riehl

Dr. James Riehl touched upon the philosophy of establishing linkages with institutions all over the world as knowledge is now a commodity 'sans borders'. The best institutions of the world have thrown open their doors for the research oriented young people from abroad. They offer their sophisticated and advanced facilities to the young scholars and researchers and, in return, harvest a rich crop of new ideas and new possibilities. He was pleased that BUITMS had become a part of this two-way growth of knowledge and experience.

With the help of multimedia projector, Dr. Riehl made the startling revelation that Lake Duluth, by which stands the College of Science and Engineering in his command, contains 15% of world's entire fresh water. He pointed out that his College dealt with six departments of Science and three departments of Engineering. An interesting feature of the Swanson Science Building is its Helical stairway which has been shaped keeping in mind the DNA structure.

He pointed out that his College had not only integrated Bio-Sciences but was also an engine of Economic development and was providing professional training to healthcare people.



VC Presenting a shield to Dr. Riehl

Dr. Muhammad Abbas Choudhary-Vice Chancellor, BUITMS, recounted his visit to Duluth last year where he was overwhelmed by the warm hospitality extended to him and his colleagues by Prof. Riehl. He wished that BUITMS were able to reciprocate that gesture of good will. He offered University shield to Prof. Riehl as a memento of his visit to the campus.

Lecture on Nano Technology

Report by: **Dr. Arif Kazmi**

Faculty and students of BUITMS had the opportunity of listening to a highly informative and thought provoking talk on the topic of the latest sensation in scientific and technical circles of the country. We had the privilege of having Dr. N. M. Butt, Sitara-e-Imtiaz, Chairman-National Commission on Nano Science & Technology NCNST with us on April 13, 2006.



Dr. N.M Butt addressing the audience

Dr. Arif Kazmi, Dean-Faculty of Basic Sciences introduced Dr. N. M. Butt as an accomplished scientist, researcher and technologists, whose entire life was spent in exploring new possibilities of scientific advancement. Dr. N. M. Butt got his PhD from Birmingham and later supplemented his distinctions with the acquisition of the degree of D. Sc from the same University. Dr. Butt contributed to the development of Pakistan as the Director General of Pakistan Institute of Nuclear science and Technology (PINSTECH) and as chairman of the Pakistan Atomic Energy Commission (PAEC).



Speaking on the occasion Dr. N. M. Butt, Sitara-e-Imtiaz, Chairman-National Commission on Nano Science and Technology highlighted the importance of Nano Technology in Pakistan's economic and technological future. He explained that the Nano Science deals with extremely small systems having a size of the order nanometers or even smaller. Dr. Butt predicted that application of Nano Science in medicine and pharmaceutical industry is likely to generate millions of new jobs.



Audience listening to Dr. N.M. Butt

Dr. Butt told the audience that Nano Technology as a term was first introduced by the Nobel Prize winning Physicist Richard Feynman in talk in a 1959 entitled "There is plenty of room at the bottom." According to Dr. Butt, Feynman proposed using a set of conventional-sized robot arms to construct a replica of themselves, but one-tenth the original size, then using that new set of arms to manufacture an even smaller set, and so on, until the molecular scale is reached. If we have many millions or billions of such molecular-scale arms, we could program them to work together to create macro-scale products built from individual molecules—"a bottom-up manufacturing" technique, as opposed to the usual technique of cutting away material until you have a completed component or product of—"top-down manufacturing." The next major advance in the field of Nano Technology and Science came when the MIT educated engineer K. Eric Drexler published "Engines of Creation," a book to popularize the potential of Molecular Nano Technology. According to Drexler, Molecular Nano Technology (MNT) would allow manufacturers to fabricate products from the bottom up with precise molecular control, a very wide range of chemically possible structures could be created. Since MNT systems could put every molecule in its specific place, molecular manufacturing processes could be very clean and efficient. Also, because every little bit of matter in a Molecular Technology System would be part of a Nano-scale manipulator, Nano-technological systems could be far more productive and maintain

much higher throughputs than modern manufacturing techniques, which use macro-scale manipulators to fabricate products. The full blown use of Nano Technology is expected to truly revolutionize many aspects of human activity including manufacturing, medicine, scientific research, communication, computing and unfortunately warfare too.

Ayub Baloch-Voyage into the past

Report by: **Prof. Sultan Mahmood Niazi**



Mr. Ayub Baloch making his presentation

It is rare to see such wealth of talent illuminating such varied facets of the sciences, as was observed in the auditorium of the Balochistan University of Information Technology & Management Sciences on April 13, 2006.

Dr. James Riehl, Dean-Faculty of Chemistry and Head of the College of Science & Engineering University of Minnesota, Duluth (USA) was there to grace the gathering, while Dr. N. M. Butt (Sitara-e-Imtiaz) Chairman-National Commission on Nano Science & Technology made all the traditional science look miniaturized in comparison to the extremely small systems applied in Nano Technology. In the midst of such scientists of world renown, Mr. Ayub Baloch stood as a flag bearer of fast vanishing cultural and social values.

Dr. Muhammad Abbas Choudhary, VC-Balochistan University of Information Technology & Management Sciences, while introducing Mr. Ayub Baloch, paid him rich tributes for being one of the main architects of this university. Mr. Baloch, though a quiet and un-obtrusive person by nature, has brought about a positive change in the educational landscape of the province, with his sincere and selfless struggle for the glory of Balochistan.



Mr. Ayub Baloch, in his usual soft-spoken style, began his lecture on the Rich Cultural Heritage of Balochistan with a Balochi epigram, meaning:

“When you inherit your father's bow
try to get new arrows for it”

meaning that real tradition is a continuity of the past, dressed up and modified in the light of the needs of the contemporary age. He traced the archeological history of Balochistan and its impact on Human civilization with the illustration of Mehrgarh.



VC with Dr. Riehl and Mr. Ayub Baloch

Whatever may be the importance of the findings at Mehrgarh and other areas of Balochistan, the way of presenting the archeological discoveries was immensely marvelous. Mr. Ayub Baloch claimed that Balochistan was the pioneer in domestication of cattle on the basis of the excavation of the statue of a bull from the Mehrgarh site. Projecting the piece on a slide, Mr. Ayub suddenly shifted the plain and focused on the Sibi Annual Fair, at which a large number of prize bulls are brought for exhibition, and within moments, established the link of the 'present' with the past of 11000 years ago. He was warmly applauded at the end of a 10 minutes screening of video depicting the cultural heritage of Balochistan, and concluded his presentation with another startling epigram:

'Nations, blind of the past, enter the future blindly.'

Mehfil-e-Milad

Report by: **Mrs. Sara Waseem**

Eid-e-Milad-un-Nabi (Peace Be Upon Him) is a very important celebration for Muslims. On this day every year, believers gather to offer special prayers as thanksgiving to Allah for sending Prophet Muhammad (Peace Be Upon Him) for the salvation of mankind. The occasion of Eid Milad-un-Nabi is celebrated by remembering the various favors bestowed on the ummah (community): the first is the revelation of the Holy Quran with its instructions, the second, the institution of an ever living guide that would continue to illuminate the mo'mins (believers) according to the needs of the time.



Participants of Mehfil-Melad

Like other institutions, Eid Milad-un-Nabi (SWW) was celebrated with all zeal and religious enthusiasm in Balochistan University of Information Technology & Management Sciences as well in order to get some share of the blessings of the sacred month of Rabi-ul-Awal. The team of organizers comprised Mrs. Sarah Waseem, Assistant Registrar and Miss Qurat-ul-Ain while Miss Romana, Miss Aisha, Miss Iram Shafi and Miss Myda, faculty members of Management Sciences coordinated and arranged a well planned and memorable program.

The auditorium was decorated with lights keeping in view the sanctity of the Milad-un-Nabi (SWW) and the lights created a serene effect.



Salam being recited

All the participants were well prepared and presented Naats and extracts from the life of the Holy Prophet (Peace Be Upon Him) in a very impressive manner casting a spell on the audience. Miss Raheela Durrani, MPA was the chief guest of that function. Principals of Government Satellite Town and Jinnah Town Girls Colleges and Staff of Government Elementary Girls College were also present and appreciated the efforts of the team for providing them a source of spiritual exhilaration.



One day Seminar on Legal Formation of Corporations in Pakistan

Report by: **Romana Aziz (RA)**

A seminar on “Legal Formation of Corporations in Pakistan” was held at the City Campus of Balochistan University of Information Technology and Management Sciences. The seminar was presided over by the Dean of Management Sciences Professor Shamim Akhtar. Mr. Kashif Mehmood Assistant Registrar of Companies Registration Office, Securities & Exchange Commission of Pakistan Quetta was invited as a special Guest Speaker.



Guest Speaker with Dean & Chairman

The proceedings were initiated with the recitation of verses from the Holy Quran. Then eulogizing rhymes for the Holy Prophet (P.B.U.H) were recited out by Adeel in his enchanting style. Prof. Barkat Ali the Chairperson, in his inaugural speech, introduced the speaker Mr. Kashif Mahmood.



MR. Kashif Mahmood, the guest Speaker

The seminar was actually an extension of a lecture. It was intended to elaborate on the legalities according to which corporations are enacted in Pakistan. Honourable Guest Speaker Mr. Kashif Mehmood spoke eloquently on the topic. He gave an exhaustive presentation on the respective topic. In the presentation he elaborated on what corporations actually are, how they are formed, what functions

Securities and Exchange Commission performs and how corporations are regulated under SECP. In this regard the legal status of “Articles and Memorandum of Association” under Companies Ordinance 1984 was discussed. He further discussed the requisites to be met before incorporating a company under Companies Ordinance 1984. The able speaker touched upon every relevant part of the topic and concluded it in an impressive way.



Participants attending the Seminar

Signing MoU with Khushali Bank

Report by: **Dr. Muhammad Ishaq Ghaznavi**

Balochistan University of Information Technology and Management Sciences entered into an arrangement with Khushali under which 11 talented students of the faculty of Management Sciences, BUITMS, were selected for scholarships covering all their education expenses, provided they maintain satisfactory progress in their studies each semester. Only students belong to Balochistan are entitled to benefit from the scheme.

In addition to monetary benefits, the scholarships holders would be provided internship opportunities by the Bank and they also have bright prospects of getting jobs with Khushali Bank, on the completion of their studies.



MoU being signed



The signing of Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) and Award of scholarships ceremony was held at Takatu Campus on 20th April 2006. The chief guest Mr. Ghalib Nishtar, President Khushhali Bank along with Syed Zahid Raza, Head Human Resources, Mr. Nadeem Khanzada, Area Sales Manager and Mr. Mumtaz Khan Marwat, Territory Sales Manager arrived at Takatu Campus at about 12:15 Noon.

The chief guest was received by Dr. Muhammad Abbas Chaudhary, V.C. BUITMS and senior Faculty and Staff officers of BUITMS. Mr. Nishtar took a round of the campus. The chief guest appreciated the state-of-the-art laboratories and was impressed to see the development progress of the campus in a short span of time.

The ceremony started with the recitation of a few verses from the Holy Quran by Hafiz Muhammad Idrees, a student of Management Sciences.



VC, BUITMS welcoming K.B President

Dr. Muhammad Abbas Chaudhary welcomed the guest and expressed that it was a proud occasion for BUITMS to have Mr. Ghalib Nishtar as the chief guest. The V.C. informed Mr. Ghalib that his father Mr. Jamil Nishtar, was his mentor at Agriculture Development Bank, Islamabad where he started his career. Dr. Abbas complimented the positive and determined attitude of Mr. Jamil Nishtar. Then the V.C. presented a brief history of his University, its courses and its faculties.



VC with Mr. Ghalib Nishtar- President Khushhali Bank

He also gave the future vision of the university and hoped it will Inshallah be among the top 10 universities of Pakistan. In his address the chief guest said that he was delighted being at BUITMS. Mr. Nishtar said Balochistan is a land of opportunities and he has personal attachment to this province. He commended the phenomenal progress made by BUITMS in a short period of 3 years. He told about the tremendous progress Khushhali Bank has made in 5 years since its beginning. It started from scratch and now it has 0.5 million clients. He informed that the strategic asset of the bank is youth of Pakistan. The average age of employees is about 28 years. Mr. Nishtar said that after LUMS and IBA, BUITMS is the third educational Institution selected for



VC, in discussion with guests

Bank scholarship Scheme. The MoU was signed by Mr. Ghalib Nishtar from Khushhali Bank and Dr. Muhammad Abbas Chaudhary on behalf of BUITMS. The V.C. presented a shield of BUITMS to Mr. Ghalib Nishtar in appreciation of his cooperation and financial assistance to BUITMS.

At the end Dr. Muhammad Ishaq Ghaznavi, Director Admissions, Students & Academic Affairs and focal person of BUITMS in Khushhali Bank Scholarship Program offered a vote of thanks for the chief guest and his team for extending financial assistance to the students of BUITMS.

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ANNOUNCEMENT

Perceiving the importance of the BUITMS Convocation 2006, the University has decided to publish an exclusive issue of the Newsletter 'Convocation Special'.

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