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OUR VISION

To be among the leading universities of the world - accessible to all, imparting quality education and promoting cutting edge research.

MISSION STATEMENT

At **BUIITEMS**, we are committed to providing quality education with focus on research and equipping students with the art of living as productive members of society, contributing to the socio-economic uplift of Pakistan in general, and Balochistan in particular.

OUR GOALS

1. To provide outstanding academic programs that further strengthen our performance, pre-eminence and efficiency.
2. To provide an excellent teaching and learning environment for students to reach a level that matches the best universities in the world.
3. To raise revenues from partnerships, research grants and technology transfer while strengthening our ability to more effectively invest and allocate resources for education.

CORE VALUES

- Accountability:** We are committed stewards of the loyalty and goodwill of our alumni and friends of the human, fiscal and physical resources entrusted to us.
- Diversity:** We recognize that diversity leads to excellence, enhancing our teaching, scholarship and service as well as our ability to respect and interact with people.
- Integrity:** We practice honesty, truth and integrity in all that we do.
- Respect:** We treat each other with civility, dignity and respect.
- Social responsibility:** We contribute to the intellectual, cultural, spiritual and economic well-being of the society.

Editorial

There is never a dull moment at BUIITEMS and the first flakes of snow hailed in the 5th convocation ceremony. A fresh batch of well-groomed students standing on the threshold of their professional lives was a sight worth beholding. They reflected competence and confidence of not only being able to do full justice to the tasks assigned to them in future, but their faces also radiated with the assurance of being able to mould the future on positive lines. We've been witnessing these proud moments for the past seven years and it never loses its aura.

BUIITEMS has played a pivotal role in imparting quality education, boosting the students' determination to compete and excel. The proud architects of such moments, the faculty and administrative staff of BUIITEMS, stood proud in the knowledge that they were moving in the right direction; that they have made good headway towards the achievement of their avowed goals. This steady progress on the educational front provides an opportunity for the university administration to bring into focus both the intellectual and the physical aspects of the students' lives. A healthy body harbors a healthy mind and we at BUIITEMS are well aware of it. The inauguration of the cricket ground is a milestone in this direction. It caters not only to the needs of the university students but is also open for young men from neighboring areas. Furthermore the Sports Complex project has been approved and a state of the art Fitness Center is ready to serve the students and faculty at Takatu Campus.

BUIITEMS is reaching out to the clientele from the interior of Balochistan with the hope that eventually this university would achieve the same level for Balochistan that Harvard or Stanford universities hold in USA or Cambridge and Oxford hold in UK. Our financial support program ensures that every 4th student at the university gets financial support to some extent. These scholarships are both need based and merit based.

Grooming our students is our first and foremost objective; we try to instill in our students the quest for attaining knowledge and building up their characters with open-minded analysis and deliberation thereon, with universal human values of justice, equality and fraternity at the fore front.

CONVOCATION, 2009

Reported by: - Prof. S.M.Niazi

The much eagerly awaited 5th Convocation of the Balochistan University of Information Technology, Engineering & Management Sciences took place on 5th January, 2010 with great aplomb and gusto. This historical event will long be remembered not only by the



passing out graduates as an epoch in their lives, but by organizers and the guests as well, as a colorful event imbued with a unique mixture of serenity and joy. The spacious hall of the Expo Centre was overflowing with colors and festivity on the occasion. There was scope for experimentation and Engr. Ahmed Farooq Bazai, an expert in the exploitation of scope of experimentation fully let loose his idealistic prowess for capturing the maximum impact. It was no doubt a mega-event in the history of the University and it would not be out of place to claim that it was an event of the greatest magnitude in the city. The organizers put in their maximum energies for the sake of success of this mega-event. Faculty members, the support staff and the students all deserve commendation for their devoted services.

The academic procession was heralded by the passing out graduates followed by the faculty in ascending order of their status i.e Lecturers were followed by Assistant Professors, Associate Professors and Professors. The members of the

University Senate formed the vanguard of the procession with the Pro Vice Chancellor, Vice Chancellor, and the Honorable Chancellor forming a dazzling array. The arrival of the academic procession was announced by Mr. Mohammad Shah Durrani and Ms. Batool Asadi with a fanfare and all those present in the convocation stood up to greet them. Marching to the tunes of the pipe band, the procession entered the hall and units of the procession took their respective seats. The dais was bedecked with members of the University Senate on both flanks of the head table, where the Controller of Examinations, Pro Vice Chancellor, Chancellor, and Vice Chancellor graced the central stage.

The convocation was declared open by His Excellency Nawab Zulfiqar Magsi, Chancellor BUIEMS and Governor Balochistan. The proceedings commenced with the recitation of verses from the Holy Quran and their translation.

In his welcome address, the Honorable Vice Chancellor, Engr. Ahmed Farooq Bazai



A section of the Guests

highlighted the importance of the historic occasion. He was proud of the fact that the 5th academic round had been completed with flying colors. He expressed his optimism for more rewarding achievements in future. He described the establishment of linkages with prime institutions of the world as the launching of an enterprise towards universal recognition of the University. "The element of relevance between learning and its practical applicability is the hall mark of our endeavors. We focus on awakening the spirit of inquisition and innovation among our students and their responsiveness is ensured through the valuable guidance by our forward-looking teaching faculty". "It is a matter of pride for BUIITEMS that it has been able to keep up her forward thrust by introducing three major programs of study in the Faculty of Engineering and two programs of study in the Faculty of Life Sciences and Informatics. Public response to such programs has been tremendous and in certain cases, even overwhelming. Our new Engineering programs are drawing unprecedented rush for admissions as there is



Welcome address by the Honorable Vice Chancellor



immense scope of job availability in those fields in future. The programs in Life Sciences provide optimistic clues to finding solutions against poverty, hunger and disease." "This university is serving to kindle awareness amongst the female students about their own latent potentials and dormant talents. They are regarded as persons of equal capabilities and more than equal in pursuing their studies without inhibition of gender barriers or discrimination." The conferment of the degrees was the focal activity of the day. Dean, Faculty of Life Sciences and Informatics, Dean, Faculty of Information and Communication Technology, Dean, Faculty of Management Sciences and Dean, Faculty of Engineering, by turns presented the batches of graduates in their respective fields and requested the Honorable Vice Chancellor to admit the passing out graduates to MS/(Biotechnology & Informatics), MBA, MBA(Banking & Finance), BS (Biotechnology & Informatics), BS(Business Administration), BS(Economics), BS(Chemical Engineering), BS(Petroleum & Gas Engineering), BS(Textile Engineering), BS (Electronic Engineering), BS (Telecommunication Engineering),

BS(Computer Sciences), and BS(Computer Engineering) degrees respectively. The Honorable Vice Chancellor, conferred the respective degrees. It was enthralling to see young men and women, proudly marching on to the stage and receiving their degrees from the Chancellor and Vice Chancellor. The graduates, who had distinguished themselves by notching top positions in various programs of study, were awarded gold medals. Nineteen students were honored with the award of gold medal.

The Honorable Governor Balochistan in his address congratulated the university authorities, especially the energetic and imaginative Vice Chancellor, Engr. Ahmed Farooq Bazai on holding the 5th Convocation of the university. He appreciated the efforts of the university teachers in refining the raw human beings that came to them after their intermediate studies into capable and competent human resource. Appreciating the steady progress of the university, he said, "BUIEMS has worked very hard to come to the point where it is right now. This institution has constantly struggled to grow and it is the outcome of an undying keenness to



A graduate receiving her degree



Honorable Governor addressing the audience



expand that the university now has additional blocks at Takatu Campus & the most modern facilities like Video Conferencing, modern technologies like Campus Management Solutions and latest engineering laboratories. The university has taken a number of steps to move closer to its vision of being one of the greatest universities in the world."The unique geo-political situation and the imminent prospects of Balochistan emerging as the hub of commercial and industrial activities in near future, make it imperative for our youth to equip them selves with the latest know-how and expertise in the related fields."

"We already feel the impact of Information Technology boom, and it is heartening to see that BUIITEMS is working fast and effectively to fill the void in this specialized area. Similarly, prospective growth in Petroleum and Gas industry and other fields of Engineering is also likely to open immense venues of employment in the province." He once again congratulated the passing out graduates, their proud parents and teachers on their glorious achievements.

Qari Arshad Yameen solemnly led the gathering in offering 'dua' at the end of the degree awarding ceremony. On this occasion, Daily Dawn; Daily Jung, Quetta; Daily Mashriq, Quetta



A group of the gold medalists



and Balochistan Times brought out special supplements, highlighting messages received from the President, the Prime Minister Pakistan, Governor Balochistan, Chief Minister Balochistan, Chairman HEC and VC BUIITEMS and depicting salient features of the university.

HEC-FAD Delegation to USA

Reported by: Prof. S.M.Niazi

A high-level delegation comprising Chairman HEC, Executive Director HEC, Advisor Human Resource Development HEC, Joint Education Advisor Ministry of Education, Pakistan; Vice Chancellor BUIITEMS, Vice Chancellor LUMS, Dean and Director IBA, Karachi; Chair person, Department of Economics, QAU, Islamabad; Vice Chancellor, University of Agriculture, Faisalabad; Vice Chancellor, Arid Agriculture

University, Rawalpindi; Director IMS, Peshawar; Vice Chancellor, NWFP Agriculture University, Peshawar; Vice Chancellor, Sindh Agriculture University, Tandojam; Director IBA, Sukkur; Program Coordinator, USAID funded Scholarship program visited various offices and organizations in the United States from November 7-27, 2009. The delegation was accompanied by Dr. John W. Shumaker as Chief of party facilitated by Mr. Nasir Kazmi as Deputy Chief of party. The object of the visit was to approach the potential collaborators for the advancement of Capacity Development in Financial Aid/ University Advancement Program initiated by the HEC in respect of eleven institutions of higher education.

The outcomes of the visit were ultimately expected to help the HEC and the participating universities in designing programs and initiatives needed for the achievement of specific goals of university linkages, partnership or other relationships reflecting national and international



Dinner hosted by Provost University of Indiana



Delegation being briefed at the World Bank Office, Washington D.C.

priorities. The delegation, after detailed and fruitful discussions with the heads and notable functionaries of various organizations in US, resulted in opening up vistas of great promise in a number of areas. The engagements of the delegation commenced with orientation briefing at the Academy for Educational Development in Washington D.C.

The delegation also visited the Northern Virginia Community College (NOVA) in the afternoon where president NOVA gave a detailed introduction of his institution. During the visit a roundtable meeting was held at Ronald Reagan Building in Washington where views on Education development and financial aid were exchanged. The group also participated in a meeting on Communication for branding universities where Bob Brock gave an enthralling presentation. In one of the sessions there was a discussion forum on Education and Democracy in Pakistan. On November 25, 2009, a wrap-up meeting was held where Louisville/UPS Metropolitan College was focused upon as an

educational model. Finally, the delegates from HEC had a debriefing session and the following ten point outcome agenda was agreed upon by the Vice Chancellors of degree awarding institutions for implementation:

- I) Leaders of Higher Education to devote more time to strategic visioning, thinking, planning and monitoring actions.
- II) Improve communications, coordination and cooperation among the various stakeholders particularly among the faculty, students, staff, members of the syndicates, etc.
- III) Change our behaviors, mind sets and attitudes in changing situations and be more responsive.
- IV) Set up inter-departmental and multi-disciplinary teams to break the barriers, boundaries and borders that characterize our universities today.
- V) Set-up integrated Student Services Centers where all activities ranging from admission, testing, enrolment, financial aid, guidance, counseling, mentoring,

career advice and placement are brought together.

- VI) Make greater use of on-line classes and e-learning for delivery of courses and increasing access to the students from remote areas of the country as internet infrastructure has spread widely.
- VII) University-Industry and University-Community linkages have to be strengthened as the pay offs are quite high and the outcomes are clearly win-win.
- VIII) The model of North America Community colleges needs to be preferably emulated in Pakistan too, in order to facilitate greater access of students to higher education and meet the challenge of shortage of skills.
- IX) As quality teaching resources at a single university level are highly limited there should be greater sharing of these resources between the universities in one city particularly in Karachi, Islamabad-Pindi, Lahore, Peshawar, Hyderabad, Quetta and Faisalabad. This necessitates changes in the present rules allowing ease of credit transfers and cross-registration.
- X) The activities of the Fund raising, Alumni affairs, and communications should be combined under one department as

they are closely linked. Internal communications with the faculty, students and staff by the university leadership is critical for external communication to be effective.

Delegation from American Consulate General Visits BUIITEMS

Reported by: Prof. S.M. Niazi

A five member delegation led by Dr. Elizabeth Colton, Chief Public Affairs Officer, American Consulate General, Karachi made their visit to BUIITEMS a prominent part of their visit to Quetta. On their arrival at the university on December 10, 2009, the delegation was received by the Hon. Vice Chancellor and the Pro Vice Chancellor. The delegation paid rich tributes to the university authorities and faculty members on providing world-class educational facilities and academic environment to the students. The delegation was escorted to the syndicate room of the City Campus where they were given a pictorial briefing by Engr. Ahmed



The Vice Chancellor and Dr. Elizabeth Colton at the briefing

Farooq Bazai, Vice Chancellor, BUIITEMS with the help of multimedia. Salient features of development and future growth plans of the university were specifically high lighted during the briefing.

Dr. Elizabeth Colton, who was professionally engaged in teaching Mass Communication, prior to her joining US diplomatic services, expressed willingness to support all endeavors undertaken for the promotion of education in Balochistan. She showed keen interest in the proposed Nanotechnology project of BUIITEMS, owing to the immense scope of this technology in the global advancement of industry. She expressed her firm belief that quality education is the sole means of raising the position of Pakistan in the global comity. On her 4th visit to Quetta, she could well anticipate glimpses of development in the region in the form of BUIITEMS.

Dr. Colton was of the opinion that it is the duty of the alumni to contribute to the development of the university as this practice is applied for the promotion of education and development of the institution by all developed nations of the world. Dr. Colton gave a detailed account of procedures needed to be followed for qualifying for the grant of Fulbright scholarships and pledged to persuade American scholars to particularly assist the local universities in gearing up their academic activities.

Engr: Ahmed Farooq Bazai presented the



University shield is being awarded to Dr. Elizabeth Colton

university shield to Dr. Elizabeth Colton as a memento of the delegation's visit to BUIITEMS and thanked the team for singling out this institution for such detailed exchange of useful information.

BUIITEMS Win All Pakistan Essay Writing Competition

Reported by: Ms. Zarmina Mehmood

Ms. Samia Zia, a student of BS (Business Administration) BUIITEMS got first position in All Pakistan Essay Writing Competition organized by the Forum for the Promotion of Religious-Science Discourse (FPRSD) NWFP Agricultural University Peshawar. The topic of the Essay Competition was "Frontiers of Science in the Light of Islam" and last date for the submission of essays was January 27, 2009 while the competition was announced on December 1, 2008. Participation in the essay writing competition was so heavy that it took the panel of judges almost nine months to evaluate all the essays. Finally, the results of the essay competition were declared in November 2009. Ms. Samia Zia from BUIITEMS was adjudged to be the best essay writer and she was given a prize of Rs. 10,000 along with a certificate and letter of appreciation from FPRSD.

Vice Chancellor BUIITEMS Engr. Ahmed Farooq Bazai, Pro Vice Chancellor Prof. Dr. M. A.K. Malghani, Director Communications Prof. Sultan Mahmood Niazi and Director Student Affairs Mr. Ahmad Shah Durrani congratulated Ms. Samia Zia on her great achievement and hoped that she would keep up her efforts in future as well.

Group from National Institute of Management visits BUIITEMS

Reported by: Ms. Zaib-Un-Nisa Gharshin

A group comprising federal and provincial government officers, undergoing management training at the National Institute of Management, Quetta paid a visit to BUIITEMS on October 26, 2009. The group was headed by the Chief Instructor, NIM, Col(R) Hamid Ghani and included Additional Directors, Mr. Shakil Ahmed and Mr. Ghulam Rasool. Giving a briefing on the history and notable achievements of the university during the seven years of her existence, the Hon. Vice Chancellor, Engr. Ahmed Farooq Bazai remarked that BUIITEMS students are capable of making their mark in every sphere of professional life. A large number of our alumni are creditably discharging their duties as responsible executives of organizations across the country. Briefing the visiting team in the Video Conferencing room, he pointed out that the university has signed MoU's with Glasgow University (U.K) Minnesota University (U.S.A) Simon Frasier

University (Canada) British Columbia University (Canada) and Adelaide University (Australia) for the purpose of academic and research coordination.

BUIITEMS is the first institution that is dispensing IT education along with engineering studies. Directorate of Information Technology is making use of the latest "Campus Management Solutions". BUIITEMS is again the first university to introduce this program which is operative in just 6 universities in the country. BUIITEMS will also be the hub of fiber optic connection for the remaining universities of Balochistan under PERN II. This system allows the students access to lectures from foreign universities.

At the end of the visit, the officers appreciated



Group from NIM with Vice Chancellor and Pro Vice Chancellor



Vice Chancellor Engr. Farooq Ahmed Bazai giving a briefing to the Management Officers

the academic environment prevailing at the university and paid rich tributes to the university authorities for imparting quality education.

Annual Technical Conference 2009

Reported by: Mohammad Hashim

The Annual Technical Conference 2009 structured by the Society of Petroleum Engineering (SPE) and the Pakistan Association of Petroleum Geologists (PAPG) was held on November 17-18, 2009 in Islamabad. Fifteen (15) papers by students from six institutions of Pakistan were presented at the Student Paper Contest. The participating institutions included Balochistan University of Information Technology, Engineering and Management Sciences (BUIITEMS), Nadirshaw Ediljee Dinshaw University (NED) Karachi, University of Engineering and Technology (UET) Lahore, Mehran University of Engineering and Technology (MUET) Jamshoro, University of Punjab (Institute of Geology) Lahore and University of Sindh.

Ms. Rubbia Majeed represented BUIITEMS as the only student from Balochistan. Her paper on "Optimizing the HC Recovery along with CO₂ Storage" dealt with a burning concern of the present day industry. Ms. Rubbia Majeed was awarded 3rd prize and her paper was selected for the Society of Petroleum Engineers Sub Regional Student Paper contest at Mehran University of Engineering and Technology, Jamshoro.



Ms. Rubbia appreciated on winning award

Prof. Dr. Abid Hussain, Dean Faculty of Engineering, BUIITEMS appreciated the efforts of Ms. Rubbia Majeed for her outstanding achievement at the conference.

Workshop on Assessment and Testing

Reported by Ms. Khalida Durrani

A four day Master Trainer workshop titled "Assessment and Testing for the Implementation of Semester System in Higher Education Institutions of Pakistan" was held at Sardar Bahadur Khan Women University as a joint venture of Higher Education Commission and Aga Khan University Examination Board from 10th - 13th November 2009. Participants comprised faculty members from UOB, SBK, BUIITEMS and Science College. BUIITEMS was represented by Ms. Asma Yousefzai (Lecturer Faculty of Life Sciences & Informatics), Engr. Shanila Azhar and Ms. Attiya Shoab (Lecturers Faculty of Information and Communication Technology) Engr. Maria Ayaz (Lecturer Faculty of Engineering) and Ms. Khalida Durrani (Lecturer Faculty of Management Sciences).

The participants were provided training on the following topics: learning and assessment, course file and its components, command words and Blooms Taxonomy, student learning objectives, essay development, constructed question development, multiple choice question development, case study and portfolio assessment. The resource persons from AKU were Mr. Abid Sohail, Dr. Amin Rehmani and Dr. Tauseef Lateef. For the effective delivery of information on the topics, group activities and role plays were conducted so that the participants could have a better understanding of their group members and the topic at hand. This was evident when the participants were asked to developed question items and to form groups of the various stakeholders of an educational institution where they presented their efforts to the rest of the participants. The



Participants of the workshop with Chief Guest Begum Parveen Magsi

Prof. Allahdad Niazi. The Chief Guest for the competition was Mr. Abdul Khaliq Achakzai, Provincial Minister for Youth Affairs. A total of 45 students from different universities and colleges of Balochistan competed in this contest. Despite the tough competition, the students from BUIITEMS excelled and won in both the English and Urdu debates. Ms. Marjan Arbab stood 2nd in English debate and Mr. Faizan Hassan stood 1st in the Urdu Debate. This competition had two categories. One was for the

participants appreciated the relevance of the topics to their work as they are the essential tools that aid teachers in testing a student. As Dr. Amin Rehmani described a teacher as an agent of change so it is the responsibility and duty of all teachers to encourage their students to focus on inspirational learning as well as academic learning.

school students and the other was for university and college students of Balochistan. The competition had a break in between in which a scenario was enacted on PRCS emergency services by Mr. Jahangir Khan Bazai, President Student Affairs committee of BUIITEMS along with group of students working as volunteers in PRCS. In that scenario the audience were informed about the functioning of Pakistan Red Crescent Society emergency services. The scenario artistes simulated a bomb blast scene on a road by two terrorists. It was quite interesting to see the PRCS ambulance coming forward with its crew ready to help the injured people and evacuate them to hospitals.

PRCS Debate Competition

Reported by: Ms. Marjan Arbab

Getting the opportunity of standing in front of a lot of people and influencing them with words is not an easy task. But many students of BUIITEMS have the capability of doing that. And so they did at the Pakistan Red Crescent Society Debate Competition held on 7th September when three of our students namely Ms. Marjan Arbab and Ms. Kinza for English and Mr. Faizan Hassan for the Urdu debate were selected for the ultimate round in Islamabad. The Judge for the English debate was Mr. Anil Ahuja who is also the Coordinator of HIV Aids in PRCS and for Urdu debate the judge was



A group of prize winners of the debate

Visit of School Students under Balochistan USAID project

Reported by: Ms. Nida Ali Khan

"BUIITEMS has an important role to play in the development of education not only in the province but also in the country and it is the insignia of promoting higher education". These views were expressed by the Director Student Affairs, Mr. Ahmad Shah Durrani while addressing a large number of school students from all districts of Balochistan under the Ed-link project of United States Assistance for International Development (USAID). The group came on a visit to the university on Oct 14, 2009. Mr. Ahmad Shah gave briefing to the students regarding various departments of the university, the academic rules and regulations, facilities, opportunities and quality of education provided to the students at BUIITEMS. The students were accompanied by their teachers and administrative staff. Later on, Controller of Examinations BUIITEMS, Prof. Munir Ahmed Khan addressed the group and gave them the message that doors of BUIITEMS will always be open for talented youth of the

province. The students also visited various class rooms, libraries, laboratories and computer labs. At the end of the visit, the delegation expressed gratitude for the cooperation of BUIITEMS. They were highly impressed by the quality of teaching being imparted at the university.

Investigative Reporting Workshop on Poverty Alleviation

Reported by: Ms. Zainab Qurban

A three day workshop was arranged by the Pakistan Press Foundation in Karachi from 9th to 12th November 2009. The workshop was attended by leading journalists from the country and BUIITEMS was represented by Ms. Zaib-Un-Nisa Gharshin (PRO). The speakers at the workshop focused on the need of objective reporting.

The workshop arranged in collaboration with Panos South Asia and Pakistan Press Foundation (PPF), was attended by journalists from all over Pakistan. A majority of them were female journalists. The venue was Country Club (Arabian Sea) in Karachi. The agenda of this

workshop was to guide and train reporters about the investigative and research based aspects of good reporting. Chief Guest at the occasion was Minister for Information, Sindh, Ms. Shazia Marri who appreciated the efforts of PPF in arranging the workshop and high lighted the importance of serious reporting in diagnosing the causes of poverty in society. Ms. Marri said, "This is the first time that the provincial government has allocated funds for the welfare of journalists". She added, "These funds would



Group of visiting students at the City Campus

be utilized through press clubs". General Secretary PPF, Mr. Aslam Ali emphasized the importance of arranging such workshops and focused on investigative reporting in this era of freedom of speech. In her address Panos Country Director, Ms. Sehar Ali said, "The journalists in rural areas, like their urban counterparts, should also focus on investigative reporting" Ms. Sehar Ali announced a fellowship program for the reporters. PPF Secretary General Mr. Owais Aslam Ali, senior journalist Mr. Muhammad Idrees Bakhtiar and Mr. Absar Aalam also spoke on the occasion. Senior reporter, Mr. Absar Aalam was not only one of the speakers but he also carried out the duties of resource person for the participants. The workshop kicked off with a training session for the participants on investigative reporting. They were also asked to pick out topics of individual interest.

A field visit was arranged for the next day and all the members were taken to Karachi Press Club. At the end of this visit, the participants met with the editors of leading newspapers of Karachi. On the third day, the participants were asked to write investigative reports on their selected topics. After this activity, a lecture on investigative reporting was delivered by renowned reporter Muhammad Idrees Bakhtiyar. Distribution of certificates by Chief Guest, Ms. Shazia Marri signaled the end of this rewarding workshop.



Ms. Zaib-un-Nisa receiving the certificate from Ms. Shazia Marri

GM PPAF (Human & Institution Development) Visits BUIITEMS.

Reported by: Ms. Humera Qazi

Mr. Mohammad Aamir Qureshi, General Manager, Human and Institutional Development of Pakistan Poverty Alleviation Fund paid a visit to the Takatu Campus of BUIITEMS on November 19, 2009. He was accompanied by the Chief Executive, Taraqqi Foundation, Mr. Amjad Rasheed, who is also a member of the University Senate. The distinguished visitors called on Dr. M.A.K. Malghani, the officiating Vice Chancellor, who briefed them on the history and salient features of the accomplishments of the university since her establishment in 2002. He pointed out that the university is committed to providing quality education with focus on research and equipping students with the art of living as productive members of the society. He stated that the university encourages inquisitive approaches in learning instead of following the traditional approach of lectures and study of books alone. He emphasized the importance of the linkages of BUIITEMS with renowned universities of the world in respect of educational cooperation and students and faculty exchange. He remarked that BUIITEMS has the distinction of offering programs of study in

Information Technology as well as in various engineering disciplines side by side with programs in Business Administration, Life Sciences & Informatics and Arts & Basic Sciences. The introduction of the Campus Management Solutions and the availability of the video-conferencing facility are the recent land marks of our achievements.

The distinguished guests were shown the Directorate of Information Technology, the Owais Ahmed Ghani Hall, the library, the CAD/CAM laboratory and various engineering workshops and



Mr. Aamir Qureshi and Mr. Amjad Rasheed talking to Pro Vice Chancellor

laboratories. The visitors were highly impressed to observe the keenness of the students while they were busy in academic pursuits every where. The visitors were accompanied by Dr. M. Rafiq Baloch, Director QEC, Prof. Dr. Ehsan, Chairman Faculty of Engineering, Mr. M. Laique Tariq, Director Planning and Projects and the heads of various departments. Expressing deep satisfaction over the quality of education being imparted at BUIITEMS, Mr. Mohammad Aamir Qureshi eulogized the university authorities and the faculty on their enviable work. He appreciated the state of the art, well-equipped and well-utilized laboratories and emphasized the role of quality education in moulding the character and grooming the capacities of the youth. He expressed his intention to promote mutual cooperation between BUIITEMS and PPAF through the offer of internships for the students.

Job Fair at Serena Hotel

Reported by: Ahmed Zaki

The Innovative Development Organization in collaboration with the British High Commission organized a one day job fair at Serena Hotel, Quetta on the 24th of November 2009. To avail this opportunity BUIITEMS students of BS (BA) and MBA participated in the event under the supervision of Mr. Jamal Mustafa, Assistant

Professor and Ms Khalida Durrani Lecturer from the faculty of Management Sciences. Many national and international organizations from the fields of industry and commerce such as Telenor, Habib Bank Ltd, IDO etc participated. Among the many stalls, one was displaying "home made" jams and preserves, an interesting initiative to encourage self employment in rural Balochistan. The mobile network provider Zong introduced a new initiative to develop entrepreneurship skills of students, by providing them

with Zong sim cards and top up cards for a small deposit. The students would then have to sell these cards and win a cash bonus if they were able to sell specific number of cards. The students were provided with information regarding the particular professional fields and the employment opportunities available to them. Overall it was a valuable and rewarding learning experience.

International Human Rights Day Function

Reported by: Mohammad Shah Durrani

The Directorate of Student Affairs, BUIITEMS and the Human Rights Commission Balochistan jointly organized the International Human Rights Day function at the City Campus on December 10, 2009. Engr Ahmed Farooq Bazai, Vice Chancellor, Balochistan University of Information Technology, Engineering and Management Sciences, was the Chief Guest on the occasion. Addressing a large gathering at the function, Mr. Ahmad Shah Durrani, Director Student Affairs shed light on the history of Human Rights and pin-pointed the relevance of those rights in the present day perspective. Prof. Munir Ahmad Khan, Controller of Examinations, BUIITEMS emphasized the need of allegiance to the Human

Rights Declaration for the amelioration of the condition of our masses. Mr. Saeed Ahmad Khan, Director Human Rights Commission Balochistan, in his address, focused on the need of promoting human values in the society, so that the basic rights of all segments of the society are protected and an economic state of equilibrium in the country is guaranteed. He stated that institutions are established with the objective of forestalling social decadence. It is imperative that Human Rights are given precedence in the society so that an ideal, peaceful and judicial social set up is ensured. On this occasion, Prof. Dr. M.A.K. Malghani, Pro Vice Chancellor, BUIITEMS, expressed the need of creating awareness about the importance of Human Rights and promotion of their practical application. Engr. Ahmed Farooq, Bazai Vice Chancellor, BUIITEMS, in his concluding address, stated that our youth are the real hope of our future development. Their vision has the power to mould the social inclinations on positive lines. The International Human Rights Day is the occasion to renew our pledge, to examine our own attitudes and to realize our individual responsibilities.



Engr. Ahmed Farooq Bazai addressing as Chief Guest

All Balochistan Inter University Urdu Debate

Reported by: Ms. Sabika Batool

An All Balochistan Inter University Debate was organized under the umbrella of Higher Education Commission and Civic Education Foundation at the City Campus of BUIITEMS on December 16, 2009. The topic was "Naujawan ko apni zimmadarion ka ehsas hay" (The youth are aware of their responsibilities). Five teams each comprising two debaters from every



Participants of debate with Pro Vice Chancellor & HEC representatives

university participated in the debate. One from each team spoke in favour of the motion, while the other presented views and arguments against the motion. Teams from the following public sector and private universities took part in the debate.

1. Balochistan University of Information Technology Engineering and Management Sciences, Quetta
2. Al Hamd University, Quetta.
3. Iqra University, Quetta.
4. Sardar Bahadur Khan Women University, Quetta
5. University of Balochistan, Quetta.

As the topic for the debate was directly related to the potentials of youth, the speakers and the audience showed immense excitement and warmth at the function. Students thronged the auditorium of the City Campus and the atmosphere reflected the zeal and spirit of youth throughout. Prof. Dr. M.A.K. Malghani, Pro Vice Chancellor BUIITEMS was the Chief Guest and Dr. Agha Nasir from the University of Balochistan and Dr. Zafarullah Khan Chief Executive, Higher Education Commission Pakistan were the honorable guest speakers on the occasion. The jury for the debate comprised Mr. Shazad Anwer and Dr. Zia-ur Rehman. As expected, the air was charged with youthful

energy, both in expression of arguments for and against the motion and lively emotions spilling over along the arguments. According to the unanimous decision of the judges, Mr. Talat Rehman from IQRA University carried the day by securing the first position in the contest. However, the BUIITEMS debaters, i.e. Mr. Jahangir Bazai (BS- Textile Engineering) and Ms. Sabika Batool (MBA-Banking & Finance) notched up the 2nd and 3rd positions respectively and carried away the debate trophy, much to the happiness of the audience. They also qualified to take part in the All Pakistan Inter University debate to be held in HEC Islamabad sometime in February, 2010.

BUIITEMS Student Outshines All at 2009 Education Week, Doha Qatar

Reported by: Ms. Rubbia Majeed

The International Petroleum Technology Conference Education week, 2009 was held in Doha, Qatar under the theme "World Energy



Group B1: from left Rubbia Majeed (Pakistan), Amir Nadeem (Pakistan), Alexander Kuvichko (Russia), Faisal Al-Sultaiti (Mentor from RasGas Company of Qatar), Basmah Seraidy (UAF) Arian Ebrahimi (Germany) Muhammad Aris (Malaysia)

Challenges: Endurance and Commitment" from December 5-9, 2009. The event was hosted by a number of Oil and Gas industry sponsors and the objective of the event was to select top students, studying in Engineering, Geo-sciences and Science degree programs at recognized institutions across the globe. During this event, the students interacted with major industry executives who were eager to pick really talented and promising students for employment. 75 students from 36 countries pursuing degree programs at 54 institutions were selected to participate in the Education Week 2009. The participating students were from Europe, Russia, Africa, Middle East, Asia Pacific, US and Canada. The International Petroleum Technology Conference (IPTC) covered the travel and accommodation expenses of all the selected students. The list of selected students was finalized on the basis of the strict merit and selection criteria. Four students from engineering universities in Pakistan were finally selected to participate. Ms. Rubbia Majeed from Department of Petroleum and Gas Engineering, BUIITEMS was the only student selected from Balochistan.

In Doha, Ms. Rubbia was assigned to students Group B1, along with seven other students, from different parts of the world. The group was required to research the topic "Relative Value of Oil Versus Gas Reserves" with guidance from a young professional mentor, Mr. Faisal' Al-Sulaiti of Ras Gas Company Limited, Qatar. The group worked intensively to develop the final

report. The comprehensive report finalized by the group covered observations on the historical value of Oil and Gas reserves, market and political impacts, present market conditions, future trends in Oil versus Gas supply and demand implications for Global Economics, Political Impacts, Environmental Implications and Unconventional Resources. Ms. Rubbia Majeed won first position in her group assignment on the basis of her thorough coverage of the topic and remarkable presentation. She brought fame to her country in general and to BUIITEMS in particular. This is a glorious accomplishment for the Petroleum & Gas Engineering Department of BUIITEMS. Such international participations give the students a clearer insight into the working of the Petroleum industry and provide them opportunities to work together on joint technical projects.

Visit by "Talent of Balochistan" Group

Reported by: Ms. Asma Toqir

Twenty students from Balochistan took part in The Inter Provincial Tour of Talented Student of Balochistan to Punjab from 18th to 23rd November 2009. The tour was hosted and organized by the Punjab Government.

Ms. Asma Toqir a student of first semester Computer Engineering BUIITEMS was among those students who were recognized as "Talent of Balochistan", due to her outstanding performance in F. Sc. pre-Engineering. Chief Minister Punjab Mr. Shahbaz Sharif awarded cash prizes to members of delegation and responded very positively to the request of delegation, for admissions in Professional institutions and universities of Punjab.



Mr. Shahbaz Sharif, Chief Minister Punjab, awarding prize to Asma Toqir

Mr. Sharif also assured to offer scholarship to the two top students from Balochistan for study

abroad. Expressing her views, the student of BUIITEMS Asma Toqir said that their study tour to Punjab had been very successful and productive; Punjab Chief Minister Muhammad Shahbaz Sharif not only promoted inter-provincial harmony but also acknowledged and appreciated the talent of such students.

Grand Songs and Drama Competition

Reported by: Ms. Marjan Arbab

Talented people are not just those who can write or debate well but also those who can act and sing well. BUIITEMS has numerous such talented people. They gave a solid proof of their capabilities by taking part in a song and drama competition held on November 23, 2009 on the City Campus lawns under the aegis of the Dramatic Society, BUIITEMS. The jury for the competition comprised Miss Zaib-un-Nisa Gharshin, Miss Sehar Raza, Mr Zeeshan Khalid and Mr Nabeel-ul-Haq. This competition turned out to be one of the big events of BUIITEMS with hundreds of students and faculty members attending the festivities. The

audience had a memorable feast of voice quality, performance style and confident and composed rendering by the students in singing their songs and performing the dramas. Every singer and drama artiste had his/her own peculiar way of showing and expressing what they wanted to present. Surprisingly the girls of BUIITEMS performed very well in both the drama and singing. The two comperes namely Mr. Jahangir Khan Bazai, the president of Student Affairs committee and student of BS (Textile Engineering) and Ms. Sania Sabir of BS (Economics) proved their exceptional capabilities of hosting the event well through their impressive demeanor. It was pure dedication, hard work plus team work of all that led to the happy ending of the show.



A scene from one of the drama presentations



One of the students presenting a song

Director Student Affairs BUIITEMS Mr. Ahmed Shah Durrani addressed the audience on the occasion and high-lighted the scope and significance of co-curricular activities. He said that such activities polish the latent skills of students and make them realize their real potentials. He added that such co-curricular activities build confidence among students. He said that BUIITEMS has gained a national level repute in respect of co curricular activities along with its high quality academic performance. There were 4 plays and 25 singers who had qualified for the competition. Out of them the Drama "Farangees" performed by the BS (Economics) got first prize. In Song competition, Mr. Arsalan Haider Nagi of BS (Business

Administration) won the first position, Mr. Sher Ali got second position and Mr. Abdul Wadood BS (Computer Science) got third position.

At the end of the contest, Pro-Vice Chancellor BUIITEMS Prof. Dr. M.A.K Malghani congratulated the winners and also appreciated the participants. He was very glad to see that the students of BUIITEMS not only had good academic standards but they also possessed artistic talents.

Dilawar Khan of BUIITEMS clinches 2nd position

Reported by: Masood Ahmed Kasi

The All Pakistan Inter University Body Building Championship, 2009 was held at the University of Veterinary and Animal Sciences, Lahore on November 6-7, 2009, under the auspices of HEC

Sports Directorate. Eighty contestants from all the universities in the country vied for top honors in the five weight categories. Dr. Mohammad Nawaz, Vice Chancellor, University of Veterinary and Animal Sciences, was the chief guest at the final of championship. Mr. Dilawar Khan, a student bodybuilder from BUIITEMS was adjudged to be the winner in the 70 kg category, while he won the second position in the over all body building competition.

Mr. Asia, Yahya khan and Mr. Khalid Butt, former Mr. Pakistan were the chief judge and judge respectively. Office bearers of the Pakistan Body Building Association, former Mr. Balochistan, Rozi Khan and Mr. Masood Kasi, Sports Officer BUIITEMS were also present on the occasion. Rich tributes were paid to Mr. Dilawar Khan for his memorable achievement in bodybuilding. He now stands qualified to participate in the Pakistan National Championship, to be held in Quetta in 2010. He will be representing HEC on behalf of Pakistani Universities. Dr. M.A.K. Malghani, Pro Vice Chancellor BUIITEMS congratulated Mr. Dilawar Khan on his glorious



A group of the championship winners

success and termed his achievement as an honor for the Balochistan University of Information Technology, Engineering and Management Sciences. He also appreciated the university sports authorities for their excellent work in grooming the youth through the promotion of healthy activities on the campuses. He said that sportsmen are valuable asset of the nation and this university would continue to encourage their training and development on more sophisticated lines.

Inter Department T-20 Cricket Tournament

Reported by: Masood Khan Kasi

The recently completed Pakistan Sports Board (PSB) cricket ground on the premises of Takatu Campus, BUIITEMS had its first taste of real utility with the holding of Inter Departmental T-20

Cricket Tournament from Oct 19-Nov 01, 2009. Teams from all the departments contested for the coveted top position. Faculty members and the administrative staff were also vying for the top honors. Pro Vice Chancellor BUIITEMS, Prof. Dr. M.A.K. Malghani inaugurated the tournament. In his address, he elaborated the natural relationship between physical fitness and intellectual accomplishments. "Sports play a very important role in grooming and reforming the youth", he said.

Faculty team from the City Campus and the Administration team from the Takatu Campus qualified for the final amongst the staff teams, while MBA and Chemical Engg. Departments distinguished themselves and qualified to play the final amongst the student teams. Takatu Campus Administration team won the staff tournament. Masood Kasi played a pivotal role in the victory of his team by scoring 66 runs on 42 balls. Abid and Bilal were the other main scorers. Babrak Panezai impressed every one with his performance on behalf of the faculty team and was declared to be the best batsman. The



Victorious team with the Pro Vice Chancellor

Inter Department Tournament among the students was won by MBA team. Syed Farid-uddin, captain of the victorious team was adjudged to be Man of the Match and Man of the Tournament. The runners-up trophy went to the Chemical Engineering Department. Abdul Ghaffar Hamid of Biotechnology was the best batsman of the tournament, while Salman from MBA (Banking & Finance) turned out to be the best bowler. Mr. Manan Agha, Chairman Quetta Cricket Association was the chief guest at the concluding ceremony, held on November 1, 2009. He was introduced to the members of the teams in the finals. In his speech, the chief guest emphasized the educative value of sports and exhorted the young students to acquire qualities of, fair-play, team work and mutual respect so that they could be looked upon as civilized members of the society. Prizes were distributed by Mr. Manan Agha among the winners and prominent players of the tournament.

Dr. M.A.K. Malghani presented a shield to the Chief Guest, who also distributed shields to members of the tournament organizing committee. He also awarded shields to Mr. Mansoor Ahmed Khan (Regional Sports Development Officer, Pakistan Sports Board), Mr. Masood Kasi, (Sports Officer, BUIITEMS, Mr. Niaz Kakar (Dy Registrar, Admn) and Ms. Zaib-Un-Nisa Gharshin (PRO, BUIITEMS) for their outstanding services throughout the tournament.

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Obituary

Haji Mohammad Wafa, Head Gardener, BUIITEMS passed away on 30th October, 2009. He joined this university at the time of its establishment. He was known as an expert in his field



and performed his duties with devotion and dedication. The greenery and colour of horticulture at the City and Takatu Campuses are living proof of his love for gardening and will keep his memories alive for a long time to come.

May Allah rest his soul in peace and grant fortitude to the bereaved family.

Obituary



Mr. Mohammad Shujaat, a BUIITEMS student of MBA 4th Semester was unfortunately killed in a road accident in Jinnah Town, Quetta on December 7, 2009. His death was a shocking loss to his teachers and friends as Mr. Shujaat was known to be a diligent, warm-hearted and intelligent young man. May his soul rest in peace and may Allah Almighty grant courage to his family and friends to bear his loss! BUIITEMS Newsletter wishes early recovery to his class fellow and co-passenger, Mr. Rehmat Karim.