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Quality & Excellence in Education

Balochistan University of Information Technology
Engineering & Management Sciences



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 to equip 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

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

Our 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, scholar 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 intellectual cultural, spiritual and economic well-being of the society.



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EDITORIAL

Effective education is always focused on stimulating the intellect and satisfying the aesthetic sensibilities of the human beings. All steps and all activities, which help in developing the total personality of the pupil, fall within the ambit of meaningful education. Every human being is born with the potential and talent to flourish intellectually, but he/she does need proper environment and opportunities to grow and exhibit his/her innate capabilities. An educational institution is a life-building workshop where the nascent mind of the pupil is molded to its maximum potential. Opening up of the personality, development of the latent talents, promotion of the intellectual effort and provision of opportunities of healthy competition are the factors which an educational institution must always cater to in order to fulfill its mission of total education of the youth.

BUIITEMS, following her mission of providing quality education with focus on research is endeavoring zealously to equip her students with the art of living as productive and respected members of the society. Our students are groomed not only to become knowledgeable professionals, but they are also expected to become compassionate human beings, endowed with the traits of aestheticism and fellow-feelings. As Livingstone said, education helps in flowering of the creative capabilities, in bringing out the inherent faculties, in awakening the intelligence and in fostering an integrated life. For the sublimation of crude instincts, the young generation needs to be constantly reminded of norms of decency and aesthetic drives. Accordingly, they have to acknowledge the importance of fine arts during the phase of their studentship.

In the words of John Ruskin, 'Fine Arts is that branch of human endeavors in which the hand, the head and the heart of man go together.' Another renowned educationist, Prof. Whitehead has remarked, "Life is rhythmic and the purpose of education is to adjust the rhythm of life of the individual with the rhythm of the society." BUIITEMS offers ample opportunities to her students to explore and enrich their potentials, particularly those potentials which are concerned with the flowering of the artistic talents. During the quarter April_ June, 2011, five different events were held on the BUIITEMS campuses focusing on nurturing the artistic sensibilities of the students. An inter-university painting competition, two poster competitions, one architecture exhibition, and an arts exhibition under the title of "Ray of Hope" are testimony to the support given to the students in respect of the efforts aimed at flourishing their artistic powers of perception.



BUIITEMS Footballers in Limelight

Reported by: Masood Kasi

BUIITEMS Football Team made an impressive show of their prowess in game at the 9th AKU Inter University Football Tournament, 2011 held in Karachi from April 4, 2011 to April 15, 2011. Seventeen teams from various universities in Pakistan participated in the tournament. The teams were divided into four pools and the pool matches were played on league basis:

Dr. K.M. Inam Paul, Section Head, Department of Surgery, AKU formally inaugurated the tournament. BUIITEMS team was placed in Pool B and played their first match on April 5, 2011 against IBA. BUIITEMS came out victorious by thrashing the opponents 6-1. Asad Khan scored two goals, while Waseemuddin, Umer Farooq, Jamshed-ur-Rehman and Shahabuddin added one goal each for the winners.

BUIITEMS Football team played their second pool match against DOW University of Health Sciences on April 8, 2011, clinching victory by 4-1 and ensured their advancement into the quarter finals. Zahoor Shah and Hafeezullah scored two goals each and opened the way to BUIITEMS' triumph. BUIITEMS played their quarterfinal match of the tournament against IBA United team and came out victorious by beating the rivals 4-1. Shah Saud scored two goals for BUIITEMS while Arsalan Khan and Shahabuddin completed the tally.



BUIITEMS Football team in action

The semi-final matches were played on April 13, 2011. BUIITEMS clinched a thumping 5-0 victory against footballers from Hamdard University and qualified to play their final match

of the tournament against NED University of Engineering and Technology. The final match was a close contest and both the teams were locked 0-0 by the end of the scheduled time. The extra two half times failed to produce any result either and the match was ultimately decided on penalty kicks. NED won the hard-fought game by 3 goals to 2. Trophies and prizes were distributed by Mr. Louis R. Ariano, Registrar, Aga Khan University. Rafay Fahim from AKU received the Winner's trophy while BUIITEMS skipper Shahabuddin lifted the Runners-up trophy. Hamdard University Football team got the 3rd position in the tournament.



BUIITEMS Football team with Mr. Ariano

13th All Pakistan Allama Iqbal Inter-University Debate Contest

Reported By: Sania Sabir Qureshi

Allama Iqbal Shield Extempore Debate Contest is held every year under the aegis of the Higher Education Commission in collaboration with the Ministry of Education. This year the contest was held on 7th April 2011, in HEC Auditorium Islamabad. A total of 30 student debaters from all the provinces of Pakistan participated in the bilingual extempore debate round.

The final round was the third one in a series of knock out competitions comprising a strenuous inter-department round within the University, followed by the all Balochistan round. Ms. Sania Qureshi of BS (Eco.) had earlier qualified as an individual debater for this round after securing first position in the all Balochistan round. The final round session was chaired by Dr. Nasir Jamal Khattak, Vice Chancellor,

Kohat University of Science & Technology, Kohat, while Dr. Nafisa Shah (MNA) Chairperson, National Commission for Human Development Islamabad was the chief guest of the event. The contest began with the English extempore debates and concluded with the Urdu extempore debates.



Ms. Sania Sabir receiving certificate of commendations

Dr Javaid R. Leghari, Chairman, Higher Education Commission, in his inaugural address emphasized the significance of holding debates as an ideal pulpit for promoting communication skills and critical thinking of the students. He also gave a presentation highlighting the significance of HEC to Pakistan and its meritorious services in nation-building. Ms. Sania Qureshi was awarded a shield and a certificate, acknowledging her commendable performance in the competition.

BUIITEMS Alumni Homecoming Event, 2011

Reported by: Mohammad Shah Khan

The alumni are the best advocates of an educational institution. BUIITEMS maintains life-long relations with the alumni who are of strategic importance to the university.

The Directorate of University Advancement & Financial Assistance (UA&FA) keeps in touch with the alumni to keep them informed of various aspects of campus life, our progress and achievements and our outreach and involvement with the world beyond campus. The Alumni Homecoming Event, April 09, 2011 was one such effort to assemble our alumni on the campus.

This mega event, took place at the Expo Center. In this first ever event of its type, more



Alumni Homecoming Event in progress

than 400 Alumni from across the country and abroad participated. Vice Chancellor BUIITEMS, Engr. Ahmed Farooq Bazai was the Chief Guest of the event.

After the recitation of Quranic verses and Naat khawni, alumni representatives were invited on stage to express their views.

Mr. Muhammad Shah Khan, Deputy Director, gave a brief presentation on the Alumni Relations and Alumni Association. The theme of the presentation was the role of alumni in the development of BUIITEMS. He also announced the formation of BUIITEMS Alumni Association.

Ex-Federal Minister Mr. Ayatullah Durrani also joined the gathering. In his speech, Mr. Durrani appreciated BUIITEMS for organizing the first ever event of such type in the province. He also commended the performance of BUIITEMS leadership and faculty in promoting quality education.

Pro Vice Chancellor BUIITEMS, Prof. Dr. M.A.K. Malghani, in his speech elaborated the importance of alumni for BUIITEMS development. He said that BUIITEMS is proud of her alumni as they were doing a wonderful job in whatever fields they serve.



Dr. M.A.K Malghani Addressing the Alumni

Vice Chancellor BUIITEMS, Engr. Ahmed Farooq Bazai expressed his happiness on meeting the old students of the University. He stated that the University had so far produced more than 1600 graduates and 600 post graduates in different disciplines. They are now practically contributing to the developmental efforts of the nation.

The formal ceremony was followed by the alumni visit to different departments. Later on, the lunch was served which was followed by a music concert.

Professional Competency Enhancement Program for Teachers (PCEPT) Completed

Reported by: Ms. Fakhira Ramzan

Closing ceremony of the month long PCEPT training was held on April 21, 2011 in the Video Conferencing Hall, Takatu Campus. Senator Rahmatullah Kakar graced the occasion as the Chief Guest. Ms. Noor Amna Malik, Director General Learning Innovative Division, represented HEC, Islamabad as the Guest of Honor on the occasion.

The Honorable Vice Chancellor, Pro- Vice Chancellor, the Registrar, the Deans, the Controller of Examinations, the Directors, Additional Registrar, the resource persons and the participants of the training program were present on the occasion.

The proceedings started with the recitation of verses from the Holy Quran. Professor Barkat Ali, Director HRD presented the welcome address. He briefed the audience about the activities undertaken during the training program. He expressed his gratitude for the Chief Guest the Vice Chancellor, the Pro Vice Chancellor, the Guest of Honor and the

audience present on the event. He appreciated the efforts of Ms. Fakhira Ramzan, Deputy Director HRD/ Course Coordinator, PCEPT and support staff in making the program a success. A video documentary highlighting various academic and administrative aspects of the University was shown.



Sen. Rehmatullah kakar receiving the University shield

The Honorable Vice Chancellor briefed the visitors on BUIITEMS development & progress since its establishment. The Honorable Chief Guest and the Guest of Honor promised to take up the financial constraint issue at the appropriate forum and assured BUIITEMS administration of their full support on the issue. Ms. Noor Amna Malik, Director General Learning Innovations, HEC, speaking on the occasion emphasized the need of continuous polishing of the teachers' capabilities in order to prepare them for meeting the challenges of modern teaching innovations.

Certificates were distributed amongst the trainees by the Chief Guest, Senator Rehmat Ullah Kakar. Vice Chancellor, Engr. Ahmed Farooq Bazai presented the University shield to the Honorable Chief Guest and to Ms. Noor Amna Malik.



11th Meeting of the Advanced Studies & Research Board, BUIITEMS

Reported by: **Manzoor Hussain**

The 11th meeting of the Board of Advance Studies & Research , BUIITEMS was held on April 22, 2011 under the chairmanship of Engr. Ahmed Farooq Bazai, Vice Chancellor.

Matters relating to publications in recognized journals of HEC and research projects of the BUIITEMS faculty members were discussed at length and recommendations made by the Board on each agenda. The Board also considered suggested titles of theses and proposed external examiners in respect of registered MS and PhD Scholars of different faculties.



Meeting of B AS&R in progress

The Board appreciated the offering of graduate courses through the National Video Conferencing Program (NVCP) in accordance with the Academic rules of BUIITEMS and the Virtual Education Project being run at the University with the coordination of Higher Education Commission. The board agreed to recognize and accept credits awarded to the students for the courses qualified through NVCP and VEPP.

The Advanced Studies and Research Board of BUIITEMS also deliberated on the Graduate Academic Rules and made recommendations for the Academic Council.



Another section of the participants

Empowering Women Entrepreneurs

Reported by: **Arbab Naseebullah**

PASTIC National Center, Islamabad arranged a seminar on April 23, 2011 on the subject 'Empowering Women Entrepreneurs - Exploring Opportunities and Avenues'. Prof. Dr. M.A.K. Malghani, Pro Vice Chancellor BUIITEMS and Arbab Naseebullah Kasi, Lecturer Management Sciences represented BUIITEMS. It is pertinent to mention that Balochistan has the privilege of having established a Women's Chamber of Commerce & Industry (WCCI). BUIITEMS's female graduates would be getting benefit from it with regard to their entrepreneurial endeavors. BUIITEMS female alumni now have ample opportunities of exploring new opportunities and avenues.

The seminar was held at Hotel Serena, Quetta. Begam Ghazala Gola, provincial Minister for Women Development Balochistan was the Chief Guest of the seminar which was focused on women in business, their issues and matters related to trade and business.

Mrs. Fehmida Jamali, President WCCI presented the welcome address. Ms. Nageen Ainnuddin, Director PASTIC, presented the aims and objectives of the seminar. Mrs. Ghazala Gola, in her inaugural address emphasized the need of support for women entrepreneurs. Dr. Fauzia Marri, Advisor to Chief Minister Balochistan and Prof. Dr. M.A.K. Malghani, Pro Vice Chancellor BUIITEMS also spoke on the subject. Arbab Naseebullah Kasi presented his paper on 'Empowering Women Entrepreneurs—Exploring Opportunities and Avenues.' Mr. Shafqat Ali, NRDS UNICEF, Mr. Aurangzeb Kamal, Ms. Eram Abbas and Mr. Ehsan also presented their papers and success stories.

Seminar on “Impact of Energy Crisis on Economy of Pakistan”

Reported by: Nizamuddin

A seminar was arranged on 26th April 2011 by the Department of Economics on the topic of “The Impact of Energy Crises on Economy of Pakistan” in the Auditorium of City Campus BUIITEMS. Mr. Aziz Ahmed Lecturer in Economics was the seminar coordinator. Prof. Munir Ahmed, a prominent economist presently serving as Controller of Examinations, BUIITEMS was the guest speaker on the occasion.



Group photo of participants with guest speaker

The students discussion panel included Ms. Heera Aslam, Abdul Mateen, Ali Ahsan, Imran Aliza, Arsalan Khalid, Israr Kakar, Ms. Maliha Khaliqdad, Syed Allauddin, Nizamuddin, Khalid Ahmed and Ms. Sania Sabir. The discussion was focused on observing and evaluating the views of the students of Economics Department regarding the impact of energy crunch on the economy of Pakistan.

The representatives and office bearers of World Time Magazine witnessed & recorded the analysis of the situation by the future economists of Pakistan for publication in the magazine. World Times Magazine Balochistan Bureau Chief, Mr. Waqas described the format of discussion to the participants.

Mr. Munir Kakar presented his views on the energy crunch & its impacts on our economy. He highlighted the historical development of the energy crisis and offered his expert opinion. The student participants elucidated the current dilemma caused by the shortage of power, oil and gas energy.

The discussion concluded with identification of alternate energy resources as possible substitutes. The following remedies for the energy crisis were suggested:

Research on solar energy devices be encouraged and accelerated forthwith. Wind energy be harnessed in the coastal regions. Thar coal reserves be exploited for thermal power generation and large dams be constructed for additional hydro power production.

Art Competition at BUIITEMS

Reported by: Kaleem Khan

An Art Competition / Poster Making Contest on the topic of Child Labor was arranged on the 5th of May, 2011 in the Exhibition Hall of BUIITEMS. The event was sponsored by SEHER International (Quetta Chapter). Students representing the Fine Arts departments of various universities in the province participated in the competition.

The students of Fine Arts Department BUIITEMS expressed their thoughts and ideas explicitly.

The exhibition was inaugurated by the well known supporter of educational and art activities Ms. Rahila Durrani, the Provincial Minister for Prosecution Balochistan. She announced a cash award for the participants of the exhibition. A large number of students, faculty members and other art lovers enjoyed and commended the show. The 1st prize was won by the Department of Fine Arts, University of Balochistan, the 2nd prize was won by Mr. Abid, Department of Fine Arts BUIITEMS and the 3rd prize was won by the Department of Fine arts SBKWU Quetta.



A student artist describing his exhibit to Ms. Raheela Durrani, Provincial Minister

Ethical Values Poster Exhibition

Reported by: Ms. K. Durrani

BS(BA) students were given the assignment of organizing an 'Ethical Value Posters Exhibition' in the Auditorium City Campus BUITEMS on 6th May and 9th May 2011 with the object of promoting ethical values required for success in the social and professional lives of students.

The assignment required the participants to design posters displaying universal ethical values like honesty, respect, integrity, equality and punctuality.

The Honorable Vice Chancellor, Engr. Farooq Bazai visited the exhibition. He appreciated the quality of the posters displayed by the students. The Vice Chancellor suggested holding exhibition at Takatu Campus as well.

The "Ray of Hope" Poster Exhibition was held on 28th June 2011 in the Training Hall, Takatu Campus. All students and faculty of BUITEMS and Fine Arts students from SBK Women University were invited to participate.



Prof. Niazi & Prof. Barkat talking to a participant

The Honorable Vice Chancellor inaugurated the second phase of the exhibition. He went round the hall critically examining and assessing the posters. The variety of ideas and creative genius of the participants was manifest every where. In his address to the audience, Engr. Ahmed Farooq Bazi appreciated the artists for their richness of thought and directed the organizers to compile a brochure containing snaps of the exhibits along brief descriptions.

The Vice Chancellor commended the efforts of Prof. Barkat Ali, Dean Management Sciences,

Mr. Jamal Mustafa, Chairperson of the department and Ms. Khalida Durrani, Chief Organizer of the exhibition in arranging such an inspiring event.



Vice Chancellor addressing the participants

Book Fair at Takatu Campus

Reported By: Mohammad Rafiq Khurasani

A book fair was held on the Takatu Campus from May 10-12, 2011. The fair was formally inaugurated by Mr. Naseebullah Bazai, the Provincial Secretary for Culture, Tourism and Archives Department. Speaking on the occasion, Mr. Naseebullah emphasized the importance of books as the best and most authentic sources of information. He appreciated the services of BUITEMS in providing quality education and in popularizing the concept of independent quest for information among the students. He termed the holding of the book fair as effective means of bringing the treasures of books within the reach of the book lovers.



Mr. Naseebullah Bazai inaugurating the Book Fair

After the formal inauguration of the Book Fair, the provincial secretary for Culture, Tourism and Archives department visited the bookstalls where thousands of books were on display.



Vice Chancellor & the Chief Guest visiting the stalls

Vice Chancellor BUIITEMS, Engr. Ahmed Farooq Bazai, Pro Vice Chancellor Prof. Dr. M.A.K Malghani, Registrar Dr. Ghulam Hussain Jaffar, heads of various departments, faculty members and students also visited the stalls. The Vice Chancellor commended the efforts of Dr. Shoibullah Khan, Chairperson BUIITEMS Library Committee in organizing the fair. The exhibited books were mainly related to the fields of science and technology, the areas of prime interest for our students.

Auditorium Foundation Plaque Unveiled

Reported by: Engr. Laique Tariq

The provincial Minister for Prosecution, Ms. Raheela Durrani has contributed a lot to the development of educational institutions in the province, and BUIITEMS is one of the major beneficiaries of her contributions for the educational and co-curricular facilities. In this connection, a graceful ceremony was held on Takatu Campus on May 12, 2011 when Ms, Raheela Durrani unveiled the foundation plaque of a modern, spacious and fully equipped auditorium. The project is another milestone in the history of BUIITEMS and is aimed at catering to the expanding needs of co-curricular activities on the campus. With a seating capacity of 500, the auditorium will have latest sound system, projection

equipment, side rooms, stage exit and entrance corridors and a vast stage with cinema screen and drama performance facilities. The auditorium will also broaden the scope of holding debates, declamation and recital contests for large number of students not only from BUIITEMS, but also from all over the country.



Secretary C&W describing the construction plan.

Vice Chancellor BUIITEMS, Engr, Ahmed Farooq Bazai, Pro Vice Chancellor, Dr. M.A.K. Malghani, Registrar Dr. Ghulam Hussain Jaffar , Director Communications Prof. Sultan Mahmood Niazi, Director Planning & Projects Engr. Laique Tariq and a group of engineers led by Mr. Salim Raza, Secretary Communication & Works Department, Govt of Balochistan were present on the occasion. After unveiling of the plaque, all present on the occasion raised their hands in prayers for the successful and timely completion of the project and for the continued rise of BUIITEMS as a model educational institution.



Ms. Raheela with University & Govt. Officers in front of the plaque

The provincial Secretary C&W Department, Engr, Salim Raza gave a short description of the project and explained the salient features of the new auditorium on completion within a period of 18 months.

Engr. Ahmed Farooq Bazai, Vice Chancellor BUITEMS expressed his gratitude to Ms. Raheela Durrani for her generous contribution for educational uplift in the province in general and at BUITEMS in particular. He hoped that other public representatives would emulate her noble example and contribute a part of their development allocations to the development of educational facilities in the province.

BUITEMS Faculty and Students Meet U.S Information Officer

Reported by: S.M. Nabeel

The U.S Information officer Andie De Arment met with the female faculty members of BUITEMS, SBK and UOB on May 13, 2011. The meeting was a part of an orientation session to inform the teachers and students regarding different US based scholarship programs and exchange programs offered by the U.S consulate of Karachi which works for the provinces of Balochistan and Sindh.

Ms. Naureen Kasi, Ms Marjan Arbab; lecturers in Economics, Ms. Zarmina Mehmood and Ms. Amarrah Gillani; lecturers in Managements Sciences department BUITEMS represented the female lecturers of Balochistan.



BUITEMS students talking to Ms.Andie De Arment

BUITEMS students attending the session included Heera Khan BS (Eco), Sadia Ali (MBA) and Sania Sabir BS (Eco). The information officer discussed various education related issues of Balochistan with the

participants of the meeting and hoped that more teachers and students would avail the US based scholarships offered so that the quality of education in Balochistan could be enhanced.

Chief Secretary Balochistan Visits BUITEMS

Reported by: Prof. S.M.Niazi

Mr. Ahmed Bakhsh Lehri, Chief Secretary, Balochistan paid a visit to Takatu Campus, BUITEMS on May 14, 2011. He was accompanied by Mr. Sarwar Javed, Senior Member Board of Revenue, Mr. Mohammad Naseem Lehri, Commissioner Quetta Division, Mr. Jalal Khan, Secretary Health and Mr. Saleem Raza, Secretary Communication and Works, Balochistan.

The distinguished visitors were received by the Vice Chancellor, the Pro Vice Chancellor and the Registrar, BUITEMS on their arrival. They were shown around different components of the campus and apprised of the distinctive features of educational facilities provided to the students. Mir Ahmed Bahsh Lehri appreciated the steps taken by the university administration in maintaining high standards of education and discipline. He showed keen interest in the working of the newly established laboratories and Campus Management Solution system installed in the new academic block.



Chief Secretary Balochistan being briefed by the Vice Chancellor

The visitors were taken to the video conferencing room where they were shown a documentary movie depicting salient administrative and academic facets of the university. Engr. Ahmed Farooq Bazai briefed the visitors on the policies and practices of the university. He spot lighted the outstanding

accomplishments of BUIITEMS faculty and alumni during the short span of eight years since the establishment of the university. He pointed out that the university was meeting the needs of students not only from Pakistan, but was also providing education to many students from the neighboring countries too. He expressed his gratitude to the provincial authorities for their continued support and hoped for unfaltering patronage of the institution by the provincial government in future as well.

Mir Ahmed Bakhsh Lehri thanked the Vice Chancellor for providing him and to his colleagues the opportunities of seeing an institution which stands out as a symbol of hope and reconstruction in the province. He disclosed that he had reserved the day particularly for visiting educational institutions and his visit to BUIITEMS had served to intensify his belief in the immense potential of growth and economic development as a result of spread of quality education. He remarked that BUIITEMS had earned enviable repute as a model institution and invited the heads of faculties to extend technological support to the provincial government in revolutionizing the lot of the masses.

Vice Chancellor Engr. Ahmed Farooq Bazai presented BUIITEMS shield to the Chief Secretary Balochistan and hoped that he would be able to spare more time in future and get a more comprehensive picture of the academic and research activities going on at the University.



University shield being presented to the Chief Secretary, Balochistan

Rector NUST Calls on VC BUIITEMS

Reported by: Dr. Ehsanullah Kakar

Lt. Gen. (R) Mohammad Asghar, Rector National University of Science and Technology called on Engr. Ahmed Farooq Bazai, Vice Chancellor BUIITEMS in his office on May 17, 2011. The purpose of his visit was to get first hand view of the developmental accomplishments of the premier institution of higher education in Balochistan province. On his arrival at the Vice Chancellor's secretariat the distinguished guest was warmly greeted by his counterpart and the two exchanged feelings of mutual goodwill. They talked on topics of educational interest and shared their views with regard to provision of quality education to the students and keeping the curricula in line with contemporary developments and requirements. The issue of cut in financial support to the universities on the part of the government was also discussed.



Rector NUST talking to the Vice Chancellor

The distinguished guest was taken on a round of Takatu Campus and shown salient features of recent developmental advancements. Lt. Gen.(R) Mohammad Asghar was pleased to see the remarkable facilities provided to BUIITEMS students and showed keen interest in the technological installations in various laboratories and administrative units of the university. Prof. Dr. A.H. S. Bukhari, Dean Faculty of Information Technology and Mr. Mohammad Anwar Khan, Director Information Technology briefed the distinguished visitor on the main features of their respective units. The honorable guest appreciated the quality of educational facilities provided to the students at BUIITEMS and offered full cooperation in

academic, technical and non-technical fields in order to build up ties of mutual friendship between the two renowned institutions. He offered to arrange lectures by NUST faculty for the BUIITEMS students through the video-conferencing facility. Engr. Ahmed Farooq Bazai and his colleagues thanked the honorable visitor for his goodwill gesture.



Rector NUST receiving the BUIITEMS shield from the Vice Chancellor

10th meeting of BUIITEMS Academic Council

Reported by: Abdul Qadeem Kakar

The 10th meeting of the BUIITEMS Academic Council was held on May 23, 2011 under the Chairmanship of Engr. Ahmed Farooq Bazai, Vice Chancellor. Various agenda items and recommendation of the boards of study in different disciplines were discussed and decisions crucial to the achievement of the objectives of the university were arrived at. Matters related to updating of the curricula in the light of latest developments in various fields of study were examined closely as they are of particular importance for the acceptance and success of our alumni in their professional spheres.

Speaking on the occasion, Vice Chancellor Engr. Ahmed Farooq Bazai praised the performance of the boards of study which pave the way for constant revamping of the curricula in the light of contemporary findings and advancements. He stated that traditional knowledge is to be reinforced by the application of modern technology as the amalgamation of the present and past trends paves the way for the amelioration of the condition of masses in the province.



Meeting of the Academic Council in progress

He spotlighted the position of the youth as the harbingers of change and remarked that it is imperative for the universities to acquaint the youth with latest scientific and technological developments. He described 'research' as one of the foremost accomplishments of a university. He exhorted the members of the academic council to make research an integral part of the courses of the study, so that students are encouraged to undertake research. He pledged to offer all help to the faculty members and teachers in achieving this target. The meeting concluded with a vote of thanks to the chair.

Quaid's Portrait Presented to Vice Chancellor

Reported by: Abdul Haleem Khan

Mr. Kaleem Khan, Chairperson, Fine Arts Department, BUIITEMS presented a portrait of Quaid-e-Azam Mohammad Ali Jinnah to Vice Chancellor, Engr. Ahmed Farooq Bazai for his secretariat on June 2, 2011. Pro Vice Chancellor Dr. M.A.K. Malghani, Dean Faculty of Arts and Basic Sciences, Dr. Mohammad Nawaz, Registrar Prof. Dr. Ghulam Hussain Jaffar and faculty members of the Department of Fine Arts were present on the occasion.

Mr. Kaleem Khan is an artist of national repute and has the distinction of being honored with "Pried of Performance" title by the President of Pakistan. Thanking Mr. Kaleem for his valuable present, the Vice Chancellor acknowledged his prowess and termed the portrait as a masterpiece of art. He appreciated the depth of thought, infused in the portrait by Mr. Kaleem Khan as Quaid always believed in the sanctity of 'work, work and work'.



Mr. Kaleem with VC, Pro VC & Dean FABS.

Engr. Ahmed Farooq Bazai exhorted the colleagues of Mr. Kaleem to emulate his example and take the department to the pinnate of international recognition.

Inter Departmental Table Tennis Tournament 2011.

Reported by: Masood Kasi

BUIITEMS arranged the 7th Inter Departmental Table Tennis Tournament from June 1-4, 2011 in the Blue Hall, Takatu Campus. In all, teams from 10 teaching departments took part in the tournament. Separate contests were held for male students, female students and Faculty & Administrative staff.

Category A: (Male Students)

The ten departmental teams were divided into two groups. Winners from each group were to qualify for the final. The matches were played on knock out system. The first semi-final was played between BS (BA) and BS (TE). The former won the match 2-0. The second semi final was played between MBA (B&F) and BS (EE). MBA (B&F) triumphed 2-1.

The final match of the category was played between MBA (B&F) and BS (BA). The former carried the day with a 2-1 victory. The victorious team comprised:

- ✧ Nauman Bashir (Captain)
- ✧ Abdul Malik
- ✧ Zubair

Category B: (Female Students)

The Inter-departmental Table Tennis matches were played on June 1-2, 2011. The teams were divided into two groups. Syeda Iqra of BS (C.E) beat Ms. Faryal of BS (IT) in the first semi-final, while. Samana Ishaq of BS (P&G) beat Ms. Maria Ata (MBA) in the second penultimate match of the championship.

In the final, Ms. Samana Ishaq of BS (P&G) outplayed Syeda Iqra of BS (C.E) and won the championship.

Category C: (Faculty & Staff)

In the Faculty and staff category, sixteen players were divided into two groups and the matches were played on knock out system. In group A, Mr. Kamran, Lecturer qualified for the final by beating Mr. Shah Marjan, Lecturer (Computer Science). In group B, Mr. Zuhair Durrani, lecturer beat Mr. Kaleem Khan, member administration and reached the final. Final match in Category C was played between Mr. Kamran and Mr. Zuhair Durrani on June 4, 2011. Mr. Zuhair Durrani carried the day by scoring a 2-1 victory.

BUIITEMS Inter Departmental Badminton Championship.

Reported by: Masood Kasi

Inter Departmental Badminton Championship was held on June 4-9, 2011. Ten departments vied for top honors in the tournament. The teams were divided into two groups and the matches were played on knock-out system.

Boys Category:

In group A, BS (BA) qualified to play the finals by beating MBA (R).

In Group B, BS (CE) made their way to the finals by beating BS (Bio).

The final match was played on June 5, 2011 between BS (CE) and BS (BA) which the latter won 2-0. The victorious team was composed of Ali Raza (Captain), Sudesh Kumar and Ahmed Sayal.

Girls Category:

Inter Departmental matches in girls category were played on June 9, 2011.

In Group A, Syeda Iqra of BS (CE) qualified to play the final, by beating Ms. Maria Ata (MBA) 2-1.

In group B, Ms. Samana Ishaq of BS (P&G) qualified to contest the final by beating Ms.Sania (MBA) 2-1.

In the final match of the Inter Departmental Badminton tournament, Syeda Iqra of BS (C.E) notched up the coveted title by beating Ms. Samana Ishaq of BS (P&G) 2-1.

Faculty & Staff Category:

Members of the administrative staff and faculty were divided into two groups and the matches between them were played on knock out basis. In the first semi-final, Mr. Shah Marjan, made his way into the final by beating Mr. Irfan, while in the second semi-final, Mr. Sabir Kasi, member administrative staff made short work of Mr. Tahir and qualified for the final.

The final match in this category was a closely contested game, but eventually Mr. Sabir Kasi triumphed 2-1 to clinch the championship.

BUIITEMS Bags Two Positions at Mega Talent Hunt 2011

Reported by: Sania Qureshi

The final round of All Balochistan Mega Talent Hunt was conducted by The Organization for Youth Development (ODY) on June 3, 2011. Earlier in the preliminary round more than 200 youth from all educational institutions including schools, colleges and universities in Balochistan participated. The event was open for all, from schools up to universities. The event was truly a talent hunt as it covered competitions in drama, debates, singing and poster making. Ms. Sania Sabir of BS (Eco.) and Bilal got selected in the top 5 finalists in the debate event, while Ubaidullah of MBA got selected for the final round of the singing competition.

The final round was presided over by Mr Saqib Aziz, Provincial Secretary of Education, youth affairs and sports. Provincial Minister of Health

and numerous other Government officers also graced the occasion. The first round of All Balochistan English Declamation turned into a close contest. BUIITEMS' Sania Sabir of BS (Eco.) was awarded second position. In Urdu declamation Bilal secured 2nd position. The position holders were awarded shields by the Chief Guest.



Ms. Sania Sabir receiving her award

Workshop on “Student Development”

Reported By: Kaleem Tareen

A three day training workshop on “Student Development” was organized at City Hall, Quetta by BARGAD Pakistan (A Youth Development Organization), from June 5-7, 2011. The resource persons for the workshop were Ms. Sabiha Shaheen (Executive Director BARGAD) and Mr. Iqbal Haider Butt. Students from different educational institution of Quetta participated in the workshop. BUIITEMS was represented by:

- ✦ Kaleem Tareen
- ✦ Khalil Ahmed
- ✦ Khanzaib Khan
- ✦ Qudratullah



A group photograph of the workshop participants

The workshop aimed at grooming and training the students about the process of student development during their academic careers. At the end of the training program, the participants were awarded certificates of attendance by Mr. Saqib Aziz, Secretary Youth and Sports Affairs, Balochistan.

MoU Signed between BUIITEMS and Own-a-Student

Report by: Syed Shah Mohammad

A memorandum of Understanding (MoU), was signed between BUIITEMS and a Khyber Pakhtoonkhwa based organization, 'Own a Student' on June 08, 2011 at the Takatu Campus. The objective of this MoU was to provide financial assistance to the IDP students of Swat and Malakand Divisions. Under this MoU, Own-a-Student will provide 20 scholarships to BUIITEMS students who belong to Swat and Malakand Division. All Deans and Directors were present at the ceremony.



Mr. Khalil Abbas Khattak & Dr. Ghulam Hussain exchanging the MOU

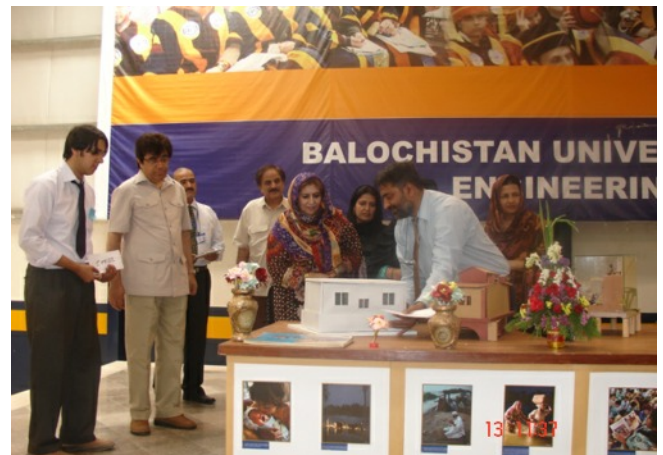
On the occasion, Mr. Mohammad Shah Khan, Deputy Director UA&FA, explained the objectives and roles of both organizations. The MoU was signed by Dr. Ghulam Hussain Jaffer, Registrar on behalf of BUIITEMS and by Mr. Khalil Abbas Khattak, CEO of 'Own-a-Student'.

Department of Architecture 2nd annual exhibition 2011

Reported by: Muhammad Sohail Alvi

The Department of Architecture BUIITEMS organized its second annual exhibition in Expo Centre Takatu Campus on June 13, 2011. The

theme of the exhibition was "Architectural Design Idea Competition" for low cost houses suitable for flood-affected areas of Pakistan, particularly in Baluchistan. Keeping in mind the aftermath of flood havoc in 2010, it was imperative to ponder over reconstruction designs based on cost saving, energy austerity, time efficiency, and disaster resistant construction techniques in order to improve the quality of life of the masses. Entries were invited from 3rd semester architecture students, for designing houses up to covered area 500 sq ft.



Mr. Suhail Alvi describing a model to the visitors

The exhibition was quite relevant to the needs of the province and the students' participation was heart-warming.

Provincial Minister for Women's Development, Ms. Ghazala Gola and Advisors to Chief Minister Balochistan, Ms. Hussan Bano Rakhshani and Ms. Zarina Zehri came to witness the exhibition which was formally inaugurated by Madam Ghazala Gola. Vice Chancellor Engr. Ahmed Farooq Bazai, Pro Vice Chancellor Dr. M.A. K Malghani, Registrar Dr. Ghulam Hussain Jaffer, Dean Engineering Dr. Abid Hussain & other respected guests were present on the occasion.

Arch. Muhammed Sohail Alvi, Chairperson of the Department of Architecture welcomed the Provincial Minister and Advisors to Chief Minister, Balochistan. He explained the aims and objectives of the exhibition. Vice Chancellor, Engr. Ahmed Farooq Bazai, highlighted the services of the university in respect of social reconstruction by grooming up competent and productive youth. Ms. Ghazala Gola in her address assured the

university authorities of her support in nation building programs. She also offered full co-operation in the construction of the main boundary wall of BUIITEMS. At this occasion advisors to the Chief Minister Balochistan, Ms. H.Bano Rakhsani and Ms. Zarina Zehri also addressed the students.



Ms. Ghazala Gola being greeted at the Expo Hall

The best three entries in the exhibition were awarded prizes by the Vice Chancellor BUIITEMS & Minister for Women's Development Ms. Ghazala Gola. The prize winners were:

1. Ehtesham Jogezi — **First prize**
2. Adeel Zahoor — **Second prize**
3. Abdul Majid Malghani — **Third prize**

One-Day Seminar on “Smart Studies”

Reported by: Sana Naeem,

A one-day seminar on “Smart Studies” was organized by the Directorate of University Advancement & Financial Assistance (UA&FA), BUIITEMS on June 14, 2011.

Mr. Mohammad Shah Khan, Deputy Director UA & FA, gave a presentation on “Time Management for Students”. The emphasis of his presentation was on students' need to realize the importance of time in order to be achievers in studies and in life. Different techniques like ‘To-do-Lists’, ‘First things first’ and ‘prioritization’ were shared with students. Mr. Ishaq Khan, the guest speaker, gave a lecture on “Smart Studies Techniques”

including vocabulary learning and methods of memorizing lists. Students from all the faculties of BUIITEMS participated in the seminar.



Mr. Muhammad Shah talking to the participants

BUIITEMS Syndicate Meets Its 16th Session

Reported by: Manzoor Hussain

The 16th meeting of the Syndicate of BUIITEMS was held on 14th June, 2011, at Takatu Campus, BUIITEMS under the chairmanship of the Vice Chancellor. The meeting commenced with the recitation of verses from the Holy Quran.



Syndicate members being briefed about CMS

The learned members of the Syndicate were shown an introductory video of the University. Following which, sincere gratitude was expressed for the out-going members after dedicated completion of their term as members of the University Syndicate.

The newly designated members of the BUIITEMS Syndicate were cordially welcomed on the August body of the University.



Syndicate Meeting in progress

Engr. Ahmed Farooq Bazai, made a detailed presentation on University services, faculties and functionaries before the learned members of the BUIITEMS Syndicate. The achievements of the University with regard to accreditation of all Engineering Programs of the University by the Pakistan Engineering Council, meetings of its statutory bodies, ISO certification status, Academic Set-up and details of degree programs offered by the University were focused on in the presentation.

The learned members commended the remarkable achievements of the University. They assured the University for their support on the matters highlighted in the presentation.

Seminar on “Interdisciplinary Research in Medical Textiles”

Reported by: Dr. Agha Muhammad Raza

Faculty of life sciences, BUIITEMS organized a lecture presentation on ‘Interdisciplinary Research in Medical Textiles’ on 14th June 2011 at 3:0 pm at computer lab of Faculty of Life Sciences and Informatics, Takatu Campus, Quetta.

Prof. Dr Muhammad Azam Kakar, Chairman, Department of Biotechnology & Informatics, Faculty of Life Sciences, welcomed the faculty and postgraduate students to the seminar with brief introduction of the speaker Prof. Dr. Faheem Uddin, Chairperson Textile Engineering Department, BUIITEMS, and described the spirit behind arranging the lecture.

The speaker, Professor Dr. Faheem Uddin emphasized importance of medical textiles discipline as an interdisciplinary subject of study; introducing medical textiles and promotion of medical textile studies and the results, findings and products of interdisciplinary research.



A slide of Mosquito net shown at the seminar

A number of medical textile products worn by the surgeons, the wound dressings, masks, bandages, artificial ligaments, sutures, artificial liver/kidney/lungs, nappies, sanitary towels, vascular grafts/heart valves, artificial joints/bones, eye contact lenses and artificial cornea were discussed. The products were identified with potential interest to undertake development work in postgraduate studies through the linkage between textiles and medical science researchers. The possible subjects included: fibers and textile used in curing, medical treatment support, health enhancer, and as medicine and ligament. Prof. Dr. Azam Kakar opened the session for questions and comments at the end.



Dr. Azam Kakar and Dr. Faheem at the seminar

PhD Programs Review Committee Meeting

Reported by: **Dara Shikoh**

The PhD Programs Review Committee of Higher Education Commission visited BUIITEMS on June 24, 2011 to determine the implementation status of the HEC criteria for PhD studies. The committee comprised:

1. Prof. Dr. Khan Bahadar Marwat, Vice Chancellor, Agricultural University, Peshawar
2. Prof. Dr. Mansoor Akbar Kundi, Vice Chancellor, Gomal University, D.I.Khan
3. Prof. Dr. Abdul Nabi, Vice Chancellor, University of Balochistan, Quetta
4. Prof. Dr. Fazal A Khalid, Pro-Rector, Ghulam Ishaq Khan Institute of Engineering & Technology Topi



PhD Programs Review Committee Meeting in progress

BUIITEMS arranged a presentation/ meeting in the video conferencing Hall, where Engr. Ahmed Farooq Bazai, Vice Chancellor, Prof. Dr. M.A.K. Malghani, Pro Vice Chancellor, Prof. Dr. Ghulam Hussain Jaffar, Registrar, Deans of faculties, Directors and Chairpersons of the concerned departments were present.

Proceedings of the meeting started with the recitation from Holy Quran. It was followed by a welcome address by Engr. Ahmed Farooq Bazai, with brief introduction of BUIITEMS by Prof. Dr. Ghulam Hussain Jaffar, Registrar BUIITEMS.

The Committee reviewed the current status of PhD programs of the university and gave valuable suggestions for their sustainability. The comprehensive presentation included Department of Management Sciences,

Department of Environmental Management & Policy, Department of Biotechnology & Informatics and Department of Mathematics.



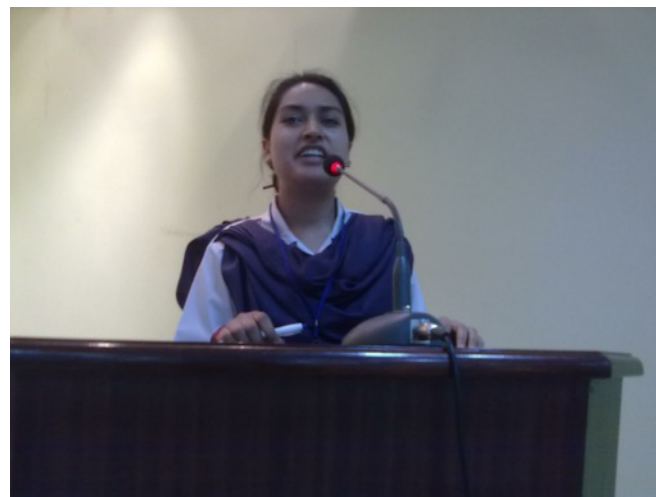
Dr. Khan Bahadar in Directorate of IT

INTER-DEPARTMENTAL, BILINGUAL DEBATE COMPETITION

Reported By: **Kaleem Tareen**

BUIITEMS Students Affairs Department arranged an inter- departmental, bilingual declamation competition in the Seminar Hall, Takatu Campus on June 29, 2011 as a part of the Talent Hunt Program 2011 which also included Essay Writing Competition, Drama Competition and Singing Competitions. A sizeable number of debaters demonstrated their rhetoric skills in front of the audience from the City and Takatu Campuses.

The panel of judges for the competition included Prof. S.M.Niazi, Director, Communications, Ms. Marjan Arbab, Lecturer Management Sciences and Sh. Nabeel-ul-Haq, Coordinator, Students Affairs.



Ms. Sania Sabir delivering her speech

It was a closely contested competition. According to the unanimous jury decision, announced by Prof. S.M. Niazi, Director Communications, the first, second and third positions in English Declamation were respectively bagged by Ms. Sania Sabir Qureshi of B.S Economics, Ms. Kaneez Fatima of BS Biotech and Marjan Gul Panezai of BS Civil Engg.



Panel of judges evaluating the speeches.

In the Urdu Declamation Contest, the position winners were:

- ✘ Bilal Ahmed ___ **First position.**
- ✘ Ali Zulqarnain ___ **Second position**
- ✘ Ms. Maria Alizai ___ **Third position.**

The event ended with a short advisory address by Ms. Marjan Arbab focussing on the scope for improvement in the contestants' declamation..

Sports Orientation Course 2011

Report by Masood kasi

A six day Sports Orientation Training Course was organized at Mehran University, Jamshoro, from June 25th to 30th June 2011.

50 sports directors (male and female) participated in the said course. BUIITEMS was represented by Mr. Masood Ahmed kasi (Sports officer).

The course was conducted by highly qualified resource persons from different branches of sports. It was an informative, learning and



Mr. Masood kasi

practical oriented program. Following topics were focused on in the training.

Topic Resource persons

1. Sports injuries

Dr. Faheem Memon (Orthoped)

2. Judo

Mr. Muhammad Ali (coach)

3. Sportsmen's psychology

Mr. Iqbal Memon

4. Role of psychology

Mr. Sheeraz Ahmed Shaikh

5. Talent identification

Mr. Muhammad Akeam Ansari

6. Positive Coach mental model

Mr. Dr. Jamsheed Ahmed

7. Stress Management

Mr. Dr. Tauha Hussain Ali

8. Wushu

Mr. Dr. Zulfiqar Ali

9. Netball

Mr. Mudassar Arain

10. Role of Media

Mr. Dr. Mehmood-ul-Hassan

11. Karate

Mr. Abdul Hameed

12. Baseball

Mr. Jameel kamran

13. Rowing

Mr. Rahim khan Babai

On the conclusion of the training course, Dr. Abdul Qadeer Khan, Vice Chancellor, Mehran University Jamshoro, distributed certificates among the participants at a simple yet impressive ceremony.

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Improving Web Page Readability by Plain Language

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Abstract

In today's world anybody who wants to access any information, the first choice is to use the web because it is the only source to provide easy and instant access to information. However web readers face many hurdles from web which includes load of web pages, text size, finding related information, spelling and grammar etc. However understanding of web pages written in English language creates great problems for non native readers who have basic knowledge of English. In this paper, we propose a plain language for a local language (Urdu) using English alphabets for web pages in Pakistan. For this purpose we developed two websites, one with a normal English fonts and other in a local language text scheme using English alphabets. We also conducted a questionnaire survey from 40 different users with a different level of English language fluency in Pakistan to gain the evidence of the practicality of our approach. The result shows that the proposed



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plain language text scheme using English alphabets improved the reading comprehension for non native English speakers in Pakistan.

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User Experience (UX) and the Web Accessibility Standards

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Abstract

The success of web-based applications depends on how well it is perceived by the end-users. The various web accessibility guidelines have promoted to help improve accessing, and understanding the content of web pages. Designing for the total User Experience (UX) is an evolving discipline of the World Wide Web mainstream that focuses on how the end users will work to achieve their target goals. To satisfy end-users, web-based applications must fulfill some common needs like clarity, accessibility and availability. The aim of this study is to evaluate how the User Experience characteristics of web-based application are related to web accessibility guidelines (WCAG 2.0, ISO 9241:151 and Section 508).

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Abstract

In this era of globalization, inflation crosses borders and affect to both developing and developed countries and now inflation is a major problem of today's world including Pakistan. It is generally felt that for several years, Pakistan has had double digit inflation. This study maps out the impact of inflation on consumption decisions of households. The hypothesis of the study is proposed as there is significance impact of inflation on household consumption and the ANOVA has been used to test the hypothesis. The findings prove that in Pakistan household consumption is subject to decrease with the increase in inflation. This study sets ground for further research regarding the impact factors and remedies for such problems.

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Risk Mitigation in Islamic Finance through Policies and Regulatory Model- A Way to Long-Term Stability

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Abstract

Hedging of risks in Islamic finance has gained more importance in recent era because of the financial crisis faced by conventional finance. It is believed that Islamic finance is turning to be an alternative to orthodox economic system but the nature and risks faced by Islamic financial institutions have alarming concerns for Islamic finance and it's functioning. In this regard, this paper aims at suggesting policies and procedures for risk mitigation in Islamic finance by proposing a regulatory model which highlights different pre requisite policies mandatory for effective risk management. In this paper policies and procedures are highlighted as the variables of the study , including, policies for prudent financing, investing and lending activities, separation of Shariah advisory board from management for the mitigation of Shariah non Compliance , effective information system, policies for mitigating risks. The regulatory frame work of this paper leads to purported results which provide bases for stability and effective risk mitigation of Islamic banks.

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