

# BUIITEMS

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

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# Editorial

Higher education significantly impacts lifelong learning and is one of the leading forces behind growth, stability, and competitiveness in national and international economies. Universities and other organizations offer tertiary education, ongoing skill development, and a thriving research environment that generates discoveries with practical commercial applications. They deploy educational resources, offer learning opportunities to various people, and advance knowledge and skills development. The purpose of our work is to provide assistance to students and educational programs besides to cooperate with teachers and educators. Our vision is to enable students achieve academic success with the right support.

BUISTEMS professional development programs include workshops conducted at campuses to support various initiatives that promote effective teaching and research. Our analytical experience with these activities suggests several barriers these workshops are trying to overcome. In this sense, strengthening the outreach capacity of the University is likely to offer more significant, if not optimal, incentives for all stakeholders.

BUISTEMS hosted a series of capacity-building and entrepreneurship education workshops for the Universities of Balochistan, which will enable university management to implement their e-learning initiative and smoothly run their programs and enhance the capacity of staff members at remotely located universities to impart required skills and knowledge to students in creating future business leaders and promoting entrepreneurial activities. All these events and activities enhance the horizon of our scholars and associates. We believe education goes beyond academic instruction and we provide a three-dimensional educational experience to our scholars and potential intellectuals.

In the last week of June, BUISTEMS organized the third Quetta Literary Festival, to introduce the contemporary literary, artistic, and aesthetic dialogue to the culturally rich city of Quetta as well as to create a shared flux amid established values and apposite nuances, ultimately imparting a ripple that will impact the entire province. The event featured over 200 writers, poets, artists, and journalists from across the country and was attended by over 25,000 visitors from all over Balochistan.

The tradition of imparting hope was also in full bloom, as BUISTEMS is just an example of a university strengthening and leading its nation. If every educational institute in the country starts working to this end, our country will develop by leaps and bounds. The only thing required is a sense of dedication and an urge to work for the betterment of the nation.

## Quetta Literary Festival 2022: A Much-needed Metamorphosis

Reported by: Dr. Syed Mudassir Hussain

The third edition of the annual Quetta Literary Festival (QLF) was held with all its glory and exhilaration on June 27-28, 2022. The event featured over 200 writers, poets, artists, and journalists from across the country and was attended by over 25,000 visitors from all over Balochistan.

BUIITEMS initiated the groundbreaking Quetta Literary Festival (QLF) in 2018 as a project where the intellectuals and educational geniuses meet and share their perspectives with a

predominantly young audience in an open and intellectually conducive environment to build a better understanding of the world around them; The idea is to introduce the contemporary literary, artistic, and aesthetic dialogue to the culturally rich city of Quetta to create a shared flux amid established values and apposite nuances, ultimately imparting a ripple that will impact the entire province.

The event saw the presence of guests and speakers from various fields and disciplines of human ingenuity ranging in arts and literature, economy and politics, science and education, and children's literature. Celebrated literary figures like Answer Maqsood, Amjad Islam Amjad, and Dr. Arfa Syeda Zehra were included in the long line-up of speakers and guests for the various sessions.

The inaugural ceremony of the event took place in Markhor Auditorium, BUIITEMS, on Monday, June 27, 2022, with the session Saqafat: Kal Aur Aaj, which took place where Dr. Arfa Sayeda Zahra and Amjad Islam Amjad had a conversation with Adeel Afzal about the cultural values and gradations in present day and age. This session set the stage for the next two days.

Other sessions that took place around the same time were Photography and Painting Exhibition by BRSP, the Wildlife Photography Exhibition of Mayen Khan and Ashraf Khan, and the Art Gallery showcasing the skillful artworks of fine artists from BUIITEMS.

The session 'Federalism, Regional Development and the 18th Amendment in Pakistan' was moderated by Dr. Hafeez Jamali and included a discussion by Rafiullah Kakar, Dr. Asim Bashir Khan, and Dr. Asma Faiz on the subject. Moreover, a session for kids known as Stranger Danger – Safe Space Training for Primary School Kids and How to Communicate with Kids and Adolescent Children was arranged.



Featured in parallel was a mesmerizing talk on Islamic Art and Architecture titled Majaz Aur Haqiqat by the famed architect Ar. Hassan Taimoor Khan Mumtaz in the Markhor Auditorium.

The 11th Book Fair included Book Launch – Maati Zubanani Arzesht by Yar Jan Badini, moderated by Mah Noor, Book Launch – Kuch Ishq Kiya by Mohsin Shakeel, moderated by Ahmed Waqas, Book Launch – Conceptual Metaphors of Melancholy in Brahui Language by Rabia Baloch, Book Launch Daryab Pa Koza Ki by Dr. Abdul Rauf Rafiqi, moderated by Abdul Waseh Khan, Session on ADHD and Autism Spectrum Online including Sophia Layla, and Dr. Ghina Saleem, Book Launch – Pashtuns Image in the Orientalist Discourse by Barkat Shah Kakar, moderated by Ali Arqam, and a session titled Tehzeeb Taleem O Zindagi including Apa Arfa Sayeda Zehra, Dr. Qandeel Badar in the Markhor Auditorium Hall.



The Sessions included Balochi Dastunk Zeek O Marchi, Dr. Rahim Meher, Muneer Momin, Sharaf Shad, A R Daad, Political Memoirs: Light and Shade --- A Conversation between Senator (R) Javed Jabbar and Syed Jaffer Ahmed. Towards a Political Economy Analysis of Underdevelopment in Balochistan: A Historical Analysis with Dr. Manzoor Ahmed, Dr. Mir Saadat, Rafiullah Kakar, Saira Lehri. 'Thay Khwab Aik Hamaray Bhi aur Tumharay Bhi' with Amjad Islam Amjad, Tamseel Hafsa. Hum Dekhengey – Music and Social Mobilization, including Dr. Taimur Rehman, Naeem Dilpul, Ali Aftab Saeed, and Sajjad Gohar in the Markhor Auditorium.

Higher Education in Pakistan. Where do we stand? Saboor Kakar, Dr. A H Nayyar, Zahoor Buledi, Dr. Abdul Samad, Dr. Fozia Ahmed, and Dr. Faisal Khan in the Pink Hall. Carrying forward, the sessions Rakh & Pargorh – A Discussion on the Conservation of Nature between Khudad Wajoo, Yahya Musakhail, Dr. Quratulain Bakhteari, Ashiq Khan, Dr. Malik Mohammed Akhtar. Ideas and Frames – Emerging Filmmakers in Contemporary Pakistan Cinema amongst Dostain Baloch, Farqalit Gharshin, Adil Bizenjo, Tariq Raiz, Zakir Daad, Kohi Marri, Hafeez Sheerani, Asif Ali Muhammad. Book Launch – My Life and Times – A biography of Khan Shaheed by Muhammad Khan Achakzai. Book Launch – Culinary Tales from Balochistan by Nilofar Afridi Qazi, moderated by Aqsa Gharshin.

The live music and cultural dances at the food court garden were one busy spot of the QLF that saw continuous buzz and excitement. The food court carefully curated great traditional and continental food stalls with a Gidaan (a Balochi/Pashtun nomad tent) providing a stage for amateur indigenous musicians.

A Talk with the legend Anwar Maqsood in Markhor Auditorium included Ali Aftab Saeed as the moderator. Bruhui Mushaira featuring Sair Aziz, Shakir Nadeem, Shehzad Ghani, Nizaam Nazeri, Prof. Hasan Nasir, Hameed Azizabadi, Ghamkhar Hayat, Alam Ajeeb, Gharib Shah Anjum, Afzal Murad was held in Purple Hall.

Balochi Mushaira featuring Balochi Poets was held at Pink Hall. Indigenous artists presented crowd pulling performances. Ahmed Khan and Adeel Afzal's groundbreaking performance occurred at the expo center. Simultaneously, Rozi Khan Shauq, a Pashto stand-up comedian, presented his amusing performance in front of hundreds of packed audiences in the orange hall.

The first day included all-day activities for kids at the Kid's Corner in SS Block Corridors, which included Calligraphy Desk with Hassan Akhlaqi, Routine Immunization Awareness for Parents, University Tour, Tug of War, Paint



your Shoes, Lemon Spoon Race, Puzzles, Magic Show, and other activities. The first phase of the QLF, commencing on June 27, ended with the Urdu Mushaira. The mushaira was held at the Expo Center. It included Sawar Javed, Beeram Ghauri, Mohsin Shakeel, Mustafa Shahid, Mohsin Changezi, Qandeel Badar, Ahmed Waqas, Yaseen Zameer, Tamseel Hafsa, Saleem Shehzad, Salam Aasi, Injeel Sahifa, Awais Asaidi, Bilal Asvad, Wasaf Basit, Anjum Akbar, Faiz Mohammad, Sania Khan.



The second day included 'Urdu Adab, Taraqi Pasand, Riwayat aur Balochistan', Water Crisis in Balochistan – Every Drop Matters, Book Launch – Sadia Nafas E Bagheecha – Sohraab Sepehri aur Muneer Niyazi ka Taqabuli Jaiza, Refugee Students Gala, Perspectives on Urban

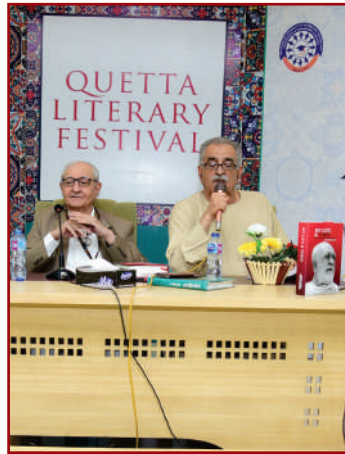
Marginality, Master Class on Creative Writing by Maliha Bazai, Urdu se Agay: Globalization and the Future of Brahui Literature, Wide Open World: How Volunteerism Makes it Better, Colonial Balochistan: Production of Knowledge, Subjects and Consciousness, Menstrual Hygiene Management Session, Film Screenings, Panel Discussion on Single Curriculum, Book Launch – Four Dervishes, Book Launch: Struggle for Hegemony in Pakistan: Fear, Desire and Revolutionary Horizon, Role of Language Academies in the Promotion of Regional Languages, Dynamics and Challenges of Culture and Tourism in Balochistan, The Economic Crisis – How did we get here?, Discovering the Feminine Around Us, Mera Sheher Mujhey Wapas Kardo, A Discussion on Quetta City, Book Launch – Thinkers, Dreamers and Doers, Creativity and Constraints in Pakistani Cinema, Pashto Mushaira, Hazargi Mushaira, Hassay tou Phassey by Mustafa and Faisal Chaudhary moderated by Ali Aftab Saeed.

QLF third would not have been possible without the generous support of the sponsors and partners. The sponsors include the Higher Education Commission, Serena Hotels, UNICEF, Pakistan Polio Eradication Programme, Delegation of the European Union to Pakistan, Defence Housing Authority Quetta, PPL, UNDP, Oxford University Press, Kasib Associates, Bank Islami, and HUB for SDG8. The event was also supported by media partners the Jang Media Group and Geo News, whose support made it possible to reach audiences across the country and beyond.

The 2022 edition of the event has continued to trail blaze and become a torch bearer of academia, literature, culture, tradition, poetry, and arts. The organizers, university management, and everyone involved with the event have done a commendable job by pulling off an event of such magnitude giving hope to the province of Balochistan and further becoming a beacon of light that promises the inhabitants that intellectual, academic, and literary prosperity is but near for the people.



The bits of the event were available on various social media, including the QLF website (<https://www.quettalf.org/>), Twitter (@QuettaLF), Facebook (@QuettaLF), and Instagram (@QuettaLF)



## Capacity Building and Promoting Entrepreneurship Education in Universities of Balochistan (January-June 2022)

Reported by: Prof. Dr. Bilal Sarwar

Under the visionary leadership of Ahmed Farooq Bazai (S.I.), Vice Chancellor, BUIITEMS, the Department of Management Sciences won a grant titled 'Capacity Building and Promoting Entrepreneurship Education in Balochistan Universities' under the U.S. – Pakistan University Partnerships Grants Program (UPGP) 2020-22, which is funded by the U.S. Mission in Pakistan and administered by the United States Educational Foundation in Pakistan (USEFP). The participating universities under the grant were the University of Loralai, University of Turbat, Balochistan University of Engineering & Technology, Khuzdar, Lasbela University of Agriculture, Water & Marine Sciences, Mir Chakar Khan Rind University, Sibi, and University of Gwadar, all remotely located in Balochistan.



This grant covered three broad thematic areas:

1. Promoting Entrepreneurship Education
2. Promoting Active Learning in Business Education
3. Implementing Learning Management System (LMS) at Partner Universities



The Learning Management System (LMS) enabled university management to implement their e-learning initiative and smoothly run their programs, especially during COVID-19. Programming under this initiative was aimed at enhancing the capacity of staff members at remotely located universities in imparting required skills and knowledge to students. It will help in creating future business leaders and promoting entrepreneurial activities.

The virtual program orientation ceremony was held on January 24, 2022. Dr. Noor Muhammad led the orientation with a brief overview of the virtual training program. Vice Chancellors, focal persons, trainers, from participating universities along with participants of the capacity-building sessions attended the orientation.

John Rhatigan, Acting Public Affairs Officer at U.S. Consulate General Karachi, Kemana Roh, Deputy Public Affairs Officer at the US Embassy, and Ali Chauhan, Cultural Affairs Manager at U.S. Consulate General, Karachi, represented USEFP in the orientation session.

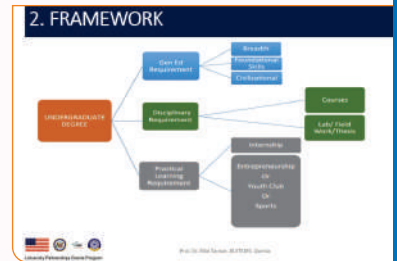
### Webinar 1: An Introduction to Course Design

The first session, An Introduction to Course Design, was conducted by Mr. Raja Rub Nawaz (Assistant Professor, Karachi University Business School). The webinar was conducted from January 31- February 04, 2022, for the faculty members of the participating universities. The session encompassed the components of a course design and their interconnection. Mr. Raja elaborated on the combination and alignment of literary elements and the relationship between learning outcomes, content, methodology, assessment, and evaluation criteria for a course and the study program.



## Webinar 2: Higher Education Commission (HEC) Undergraduate Education Policy, 2020

The second webinar, titled Higher Education Commission (HEC) Undergraduate Education Policy, 2020, was conducted by Prof. Dr. Bilal Sarwar, BUITEMS, Quetta, from February 7 -11, 2022.



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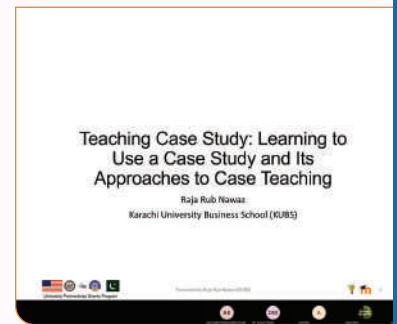


## Webinar 3: Tertiary Teaching: Exploring Our Beliefs

The third webinar was conducted from February 14-21, 2022, by Dr. Ghina Saleem, Assistant Professor and Chairperson, Department of Psychology, BUITEMS, Quetta. The virtual sessions covered the objectives of tertiary education. They analyzed various teaching methods, the cognitive and psychosocial dimensions, and their significant role in developing a realistic and practical curriculum in this context.

## Webinar 4: Teaching Case Study: Learning to Use a Case Study and Its Approaches to Case Teaching

This introductory course was held from Feb. 21 - 25, 2022, by Mr. Raja Rub Nawaz educating Case Study: Learning to Use a Case Study and Its Approaches to Case Teaching. Attendees from six partner universities had an opportunity to attend the presentation and to enhance and extend their existing knowledge and learning concerning case teaching methodology within their respective academic focus.



## Webinar 5: Design Thinking as a Medium to Provoke Strategic Thinking

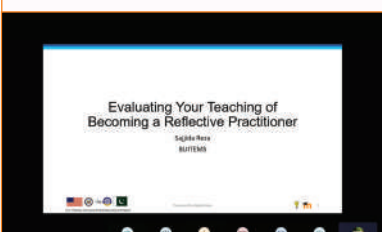
This session was conducted virtually by Becky Howland, Program Manager & Academic Director, University of Massachusetts, Amherst, MA, U.S.A. Donahue Institute (U.S. Partner) for the faculty members of the participating universities of the grant. The main aim of the session was to drive innovation:

and collaborate with thought leaders to identify opportunities for innovation.

## Webinar 6: Higher Education Commission (HEC) Revised Business Education Roadmap

Prof. Dr. Bilal Sarwar started the sixth session with a discussion on the National Qualification Framework of Pakistan (Pakistan Qualification Framework), and the objectives of the Pakistan Qualification Framework (PQF) were discussed in detail. Dr. Bilal deliberated on the requirements and duration of the Master of Business Administration (MBA) program for both applicants with Business and Non-Business backgrounds. Furthermore, the Executive MBA (EMBA) program details were also discussed. Finally, the Bachelor of Business Administration (BBA) requirements were discussed.

Pakistan Qualifications Framework (PQF)			
For Formal & Higher Education			
Level	Level	Award Title	Award Equivalent
Higher Education Level	25	PhD	PhD
	23	MA	MA
	22	MPhil	MPhil
	21	MBA	MBA
	20	MSc	MSc
Intermediate Level	18	Higher Secondary School Certificate (HSSC)	F.A., F.Sc., I.C.S., I.C.M., D.S.S., Govt. etc.
	17	Intermediate	Intermediate
	16	Secondary School Certificate (SSC)	SSC
Middle Level	14	Middle School Certificate (MSC)	Middle School Certificate
	13	Middle School Certificate (MSC)	Middle School Certificate



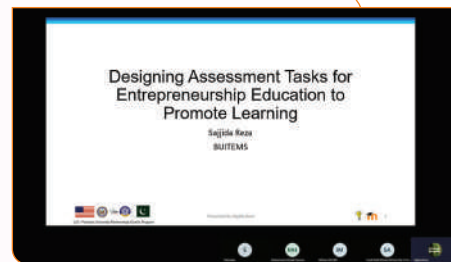
## Webinar 7: Evaluating Your Teaching of Becoming a Reflective Practitioner

The seventh session was conducted from March 7 -11, 2022, by Ms. Sajjida Reza, Assistant Professor BUITEMS, Quetta.

### Webinar 8: Designing Assessment Tasks for Entrepreneurship Education to Promote Learning

The seventh session was conducted from March 14-18, 2022, by Ms. Sajjida Reza, Assistant Professor BUIITEMS, Quetta.

The session, keeping in view the dynamic demand, explored the current assessment practices of entrepreneurship educators. Its discourse delineated the assessment practice framework in general and progressed to reflect on the different forms of entrepreneurship education by presenting a typology/framework.



#### Six Levels of Learning



### Webinar 9: Using Bloom's Taxonomy to Write Effective Learning Objectives

The was conducted by Raja Rub Nawaz, Assistant Professor, Karachi University Business School, from March 28 to April 01, 2022. Bloom's Taxonomy is a convenient way to describe the degree to which we want our students to understand and use concepts, demonstrate skills, and have their values, attitudes, and interests

affected. Bloom's taxonomy primarily provides instructors with a focus for developing their course learning outcomes.

### Webinar 10: Adopting Outcome Based Education (OBE) in Business Schools

The session was conducted in the first week of April 2022 by Dr. Bushra Naeem, Associate professor, Department of Information Technology BUIITEMS. Outcome Based Education (OBE) is a process that involves assessment and evaluation practices in education to reflect the attainment of expected learning and show understanding in the program area.



#### Entrepreneurial Thinking



### Guest Speaker Webinar 1: Practical Entrepreneurs

This session was designed to dispel popular myths about Entrepreneurship and share what people need to know about starting their journey as an entrepreneur. The session was conducted by Mr. Arbab Naseebullah Kasi (Academic Director, Entrepreneurship & Economic Development (International Education & Cultural Exchange Program), University of

Massachusetts, Donahue Institute, Amherst, U.S.A.).

### Guest Speaker Webinar 2: Why Most of the Startups Fail?

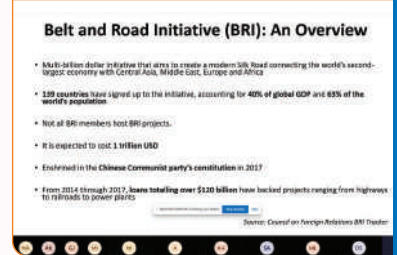
The second session was Led by Mr. Ali Sufiyan, Co-Founder of Next Mile Consultants (a local startup established in 2010).

### Guest Speaker Session 3: China Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC): Opportunities and Challenges for Businesses

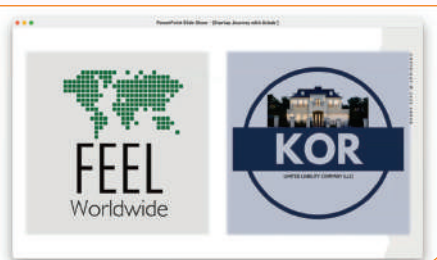
The session was led by Rafiullah Kakar, Director, Special Policy Reforms Cell, Planning, and Development Department, Government of Balochistan, on March 22, 2022. The session covered various dimensions of the One Belt, One Road (OBOR) initiative by China in general



and CPEC particularly. The expert started the session with a brief introduction and history of the Belt and Road Initiative (BRI), which is planning to establish the 21st-century Maritime Silk Road in Europe, Asia, and Africa. Further, the discussion moved on to the objectives and motivation of China behind the BRI. The session also chewed over an overview of the CPEC portfolio, its completed and ongoing projects, the status of funds, and its modes and functional zones. Lastly, with the active participation of participants from partner universities, the session emphasized opportunities and risks for businesses, whether small or mature, in the context of CPEC.



### Guest Speaker Session 4: The Start-up Journey: From Idea to Exit



A session titled The Start-up Journey: From Idea to Exit and their failures was led by Mr. Arbab Naseebullah Kasi, Academic Director, Entrepreneurship & Economic Development. The session began with a discussion about making a thriving startup environment and concluded with his journey.

### Grant Monitoring Visit of UPGP Program Manager to BUIITEMS

Mr. Shahram Niazi, Program Manager, University Partnerships Grants Program (UPGP), visited BUIITEMS, Quetta, on March 28-29, 2022, to conduct an in-person grant monitoring process. During his visit, Mr. Shahram had an introductory meeting with Dr. Abdul Rehman Khan, Pro-Vice Chancellor, BUIITEMS, followed by a presentation by the grant lead, Dr. Noor Muhammad, and the team briefed Mr. Shahram on the grant and its activities. Mr. Shahram Niazi briefed the members regarding the potential scholarship and grant opportunities available for the faculty and students. He then visited the City Campus where Mr. Muhammad Ali Kakar, Administrator of City Campus, facilitated him.



### Five-Day On-Campus Workshops under the U.S. – Pakistan University Partnerships Grants Program

University Partnerships Grants Program Team BUIITEMS won a supplementary grant under the project 'Capacity Building and Promoting Entrepreneurship Education among the Universities' of Balochistan under the U.S. – Pakistan University Partnerships Grants Program (UPGP) 2020-22. A five-day workshop was organized at Training Hall, BUIITEMS, Main Campus, Quetta, from May 26-30, 2022.



Twenty-Three (23) faculty members and Five (05) Moodle-Learning Management System (MoodleLMS) focal persons attended the week-long workshops from the participating (partner) universities from Balochistan, namely, University of Loralai, University of Turbat, Lasbela University of Agriculture, Water & Marine Sciences, Mir Chakar Khan Rind University, Sibi, and University of Gwadar. The week-long sessions covered aspects like Designing Courses & Using Bloom's Taxonomy to Develop Effective Course Learning Objectives by Mr. Raja Rub Nawaz, Adoption of Outcome-Based Education in Business Schools by Dr. Bushra Naeem, Commencing Master's Degree programs in Business Departments at Partner Balochistan Universities by Dr. Bilal Sarwar, Using Simulations in Business Education through CAPSIM & Public Private Partnership: Opportunities and Challenges for Businesses by Dr. Noor Muhammad. Moodle-LMS Training to LMS Focal Persons and the faculty members of partner universities by Dr. Mumraiz Khan. The Acting Pro-Vice Chancellor, Dr. Nazeer Ahmed, was the distinguished Chief Guest of the closing ceremony who distributed certificates among the participants.

## Grant Monitoring Visit to Partner Universities

A monitoring visit of the partner universities under the grant titled 'Capacity Building and Promoting Entrepreneurship Education in Balochistan Universities' was carried out by Dr. Bilal Sarwar, Grant Co-Lead, Department of Management Sciences, BUIITEMS, Quetta (Lead University), and Mr. Shahram Niazi, Program Manager, University Partnerships Grant Program from June 7-14, 2022.

The visit started with Lasbela University of Agriculture, Water, and Marine Sciences (LUAWMS), Uthal, on June 07, 2022, followed by the University of Gwadar on June 09, 2022, and the University of Turbat on June 10, 2022. The Mir Chakar Khan Rind University, Sibi, and University of Loralai were visited in the second leg on June 13 and June 14, 2022, respectively.



During the visits, meetings were held with the respected Vice Chancellors, University Administrative Heads, Grant Focal Persons, and program beneficiaries. The monitoring team had a tour of the campuses, visited the facilities, and received information on the university's departments, faculty, and student strength as part of a broader needs assessment USEFP is conducting with partner universities to identify areas where they can provide and extend support.

## Higher Education System Strengthening Activity (HESSA) project Consultative Meeting

Reported by: Arbab Abdul Wajid



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The Higher Education System Strengthening Activity (HESSA) project is led by the University of Utah, the University of Alabama, and the Institute of International Education (IIE). These implementing partners will offer expertise in higher education, university design, administrative leadership, student support, research, curriculum development, and graduate preparedness to help Pakistan reach its potential in delivering competitive graduates to the global workforce. BUIITEMS is a close partner university among Pakistan's 15 Higher Education Institutions (HEIs). Dr. Abdul Rehman Khan, Pro-Vice Chancellor, BUIITEMS, attended the consultative meeting USAID/Pakistan Higher Education System Strengthening Activity (HESSA) project on 15-16 February 2022 at the Marriott Hotel, Islamabad. The purpose of the meeting was to brief the leadership of selected Pakistani universities about the scope and objectives of the HESSA project and to seek their feedback for strengthening different elements of the proposed implementation strategy.



## HESSA Partner Institutions' Vice Chancellors Dialogue

*Reported by: Arbab Abdul Wajid*

Dr. Abdul Rehman Khan, Pro-Vice

Chancellor, attended the dialogue of the Vice Chancellors/Rectors of HESSA partner universities scheduled for 22-23 June 2022 in Ambassador Hall-1 of Marriot Hotel, Islamabad. The overall theme of the dialogue was "Developing Leadership for the 21st Century Universities". The purpose was to formally commence strategic leadership engagement with leaders from partner HEIs to provide leadership training to partner HEIs in line with HESSA's goals and support partner HEIs' strategic leadership objectives and institutional development.



## Pak-US Educational Linkages Development Workshop

*Reported by: Arbab Abdul Wajid*

Dr. Abdul Rehman Khan, Pro-Vice Chancellor BUIITEMS, and other leaders of Higher Education Institutions in Pakistan visited the United States from 18-30 July 2022 to promote people contacts and educational linkages between Pakistan and the United States.



## Higher Education System Strengthening Activity (HESSA) "Strengthening Skills in Successful Department Chairs"

*Reported by: Dr. Fozia Ahmed*



A three-day training, "Strengthening Skills in Successful Department Chairs," was organized from May 10-12, 2022, under the Higher Education System Strengthening Activity (HESSA) Program in Islamabad. HESSA is a partnership initiative between the Government of Pakistan and USAID to address critical challenges in the higher education sector with an emphasis on making higher education and research market driven. HESSA's overarching goal focuses on enhancing the employability potential of graduates by improving capacities and skills, relevance adequacy, and inclusiveness. This goal directly contributes to USAID/Pakistan Country Development and Cooperation Strategy for 2018-2023. The chairperson's Department of Education, Department of Telecommunication, and Department of Biotechnology, from BUIITEMS, Participated in the session. The sessions were facilitated by Dr. Michael Barber - University of Utah, Dr. Delores Robinson - University of Alabama, and Dr. Sajjad Ahmad - University of Nevada – Las Vegas

Regarding the given objectives, the program focused on developing skills that enabled department heads to prepare strategic plans to run their departments systematically, contributing towards the institutional goals. Numerous significant concerns related to educational leadership and management were emphasized. Additionally, we were exposed to peers from other academic contexts and were able to develop our professional networking.



## Higher Education System Strengthening Activity Bootcamp

Reported by: SAMI KAKAR



A Bootcamp titled The College and University Teaching started on May 30, 2022, to August 15, 2022. The University of Utah led the Bootcamp, the University of Alabama, and the Institute of International Education (IIE), funded by USAID under the project Higher Education System Strengthening Activity (HESSA) in collaboration with HEC.

It was an online course, with a two days workshop in Islamabad, designed to think about teaching and learning at the university level. It involved an intensive study of the

issues, policies, and principles associated with teaching in higher education. Topics covered include the history and philosophy of college teaching, internal and external influences on instruction, faculty, and students, instructional models and methods, documenting and assessing teaching, and instructional improvement.

## HESSA Summit

Reported by: Ghazal Nagi

The United States Agency for International Development (USAID) Higher Education System Strengthening organized Student Support Services Annual Capacity Building & Knowledge-Sharing Summit'. This three-day in-person summit was held on July 26-28, 2022. HESSA aimed to strengthen the capacity of Pakistan's Higher Education managers to reform policies, manage organizational transformation, and improve global rankings and graduate success. It also aims to support the services across the student life cycle and to formally commence strategic engagement with partner



Universities, provide training to participants within specific thematic work areas, and jointly plan targeted and relevant interventions for each partner university within the domain of student support services.

HESSA Supports Public Higher Education institutions through six thematic areas

1. Financial Aid
2. Career Readiness
3. Student Leadership and Co-Curricular
4. Alumni Engagement & Development
5. Student Entrepreneurship
6. Mental Health & Psychological Support



The Student Support Services of BUIITEMS participated in the three days summit. The summit was designed to cater to the capacity building of each focal person of the thematic area. The summit enhanced the capacity of each staff working in the Student Support Services by discussing different strategies for engaging students and university alumni through innovation and creative ways.



## HESSA Two-day workshop on High Impact practices (HIPS) and Experiential Learning (EL).

*Reported by: Sunila Bakhsh*

The USAID-funded Higher Education System Strengthening Activity (HESSA) was organized by the University of Utah and its partner institutions. The first onsite phase of the faculty training program, an online Bootcamp training session, was held in Marriot Islamabad for thirty full-time faculty members from HESSA's fifteen HEIs partners. The Chief of Party HESSA, Dr. Aslam Chaudhry, chaired the session with an introduction of the project, the project and training efficacy and of its international trainers —Dr. Claire Major, Dr. Karri Holley, Dr. Lisa Pawloski, and Dr. Steven Burian—from the University of Alabama.



The cohort represented diverse disciplinary fields. Among the two members from BUITEMS, Ms. Sunila, an Assistant professor in the Department of Physics, was selected for the HESSA training boot camp.

The workshop trainers Dr. Lisa Pawloski, and Dr. Karri Holley, described various elements of high-impact practices (HIPS) and Experiential learning (EL) to the participants. The event also discussed the importance of diversity and inclusion in teaching and learning. Various group activities were conducted to train the participants to implement these practices at the university level. Networking and sharing experiences with other institutions benefit faculty members in adopting effective practices to improve teaching performance and enhance student learning.

## Exposure Visit to University of Alabama

*Reported by: Hameeda Aslam*

The USAID's Higher Education System Strengthening Activity (HESSA) organized a workshop titled, "Women Leadership in Higher Education" in Islamabad from June 13 to 15, 2022 that was attended by Ms Sumera Zakir, Chairperson Department of Mass Communication and Ms Hameeda Aslam, Director Communication. The program has 3 inter-related components, including the workshop, an exposure visit to University of Alabama and a six month online-course. Team BUITEMS visited University of Alabama from July 16 to 31, 2023. 24 Women from 16 Universities of Pakistan were selected for the first cohort of the program. The participants had to propose an on-campus project that will be implemented at their respective institutes. Throughout the stay at the University of Alabama, we attended various sessions about leadership strategies, roles, responsibilities and contribution. The participants also had the opportunity to observe and understand the strategies of women leaders at the University of Alabama by shadowing activity. During the visit all the participants noted down their experiences and learning in an online reflective journal. It was overall an exposure visit in which we visited historical sites as well we were invited to tea in different groups to various American homes so that people to people contact may be established.



## Ramzan Ration Drive 2022

Reported by: *Sadia Zahra & Muhammad Farooq*

Ramzan ration drive 2022 is a donation campaign for low-income families on campus and outside the university. The BUIITEMS Student Affairs Diversity council started this campaign on April 3-15, 2022. This campaign aims to provide food to low-income university families, especially private security guards and sweepers; 30 families were covered in this donation campaign. BUIITEMS students collected donations with the help of group members from all clubs and councils. Sameen Khan started the campaign, and the team distributed it among the needy families.



## The Role of Youth in National Integration

Reported by: *Zahoor Ahmed*

The World Health Organization (WHO), Pakistan representative Dr. Palitha Gunarathna Mahipala, on April 14, 2022, visited BUIITEMS Takatu Campus on World Health Day to donate masks to the university. During his visit, he met with the Worthy Vice Chancellor, Mr. Ahmed Farooq Bazai, which was proceeded by tree plantation, and a formal donation ceremony.

After briefly introducing this year's theme of the WHO, the Pro Vice-Chancellor, Dr. Abdul Rehman Khan, Deans, Professors, and the students interacted with the WHO representative and shared their experiences and ideas of how the WHO could utilize the university to make the community a better place. The visit ended with a tour of the university. Concluding, Dr. Palitha noted everyone's concerns and promised a collaborative future ahead.



## 05 days of virtual training on Biorisk Management at Advance Microbiology Lab

Reported by: *Syed Inayatullah Agha*

Association for Biorisk Management

signed an MOU with BUIITEMS on April 14, 2022, under the theme of Biosafety and Biosecurity by Enhancing Veterinary Diagnostic and Research Laboratories Capabilities in Pakistan. BUIITEMS MS and BS-microbiology students were nominated for five days of virtual training about biosafety and biosecurity. The guest speakers were. Dr. Agha Muhammad Raza, Dr. Kaleem Kakar, Dr. Asma Yousafzai, Dr. Shukat Khan, Program Training Manager, and Dr. Saifullah, Training Coordinator BRM, all trainees received their certificates, biosafety kit, and the advanced procedure regarding conducting research work, biosafety, and biosecurity techniques. The lab staff and research students were trained in lab practices.



## Final Year Project of the Computer Science Department

Reported by: Maheen Zahid

The Department of Computer Science University College of Zhob (BUIITEMS) is passing out its first batch for Fall 2018-2022. The students successfully defended their internal Defense of FYP Part- 1 held on April 19, 2022. The students of the Computer Science Department are currently working on emerging problems related to Computer Vision, Machine Learning, and Data Science. The titles of various projects are given below:

S.no	Project Title	Supervisor	Student Name	CMS ID
1.	Real-Time Bus Tracking System	Ms. Maheen Zahid	Amjad Khan	(47933)
2.	Visualization of 2d Diagrams Into 3d Models Via Augmented Reality in Education	Ms. Maheen Zahid	Asif Ali Ahmed	(47825)
3.	Sign Language Recognition and Translation Using Camera for Deaf and Dumb People	Ms. Maheen Zahid	Muhammad Muzammil Khan	(47943)
4.	Mobile Application For Plant Diseases Classification	Mr. Farhad Hassan	Zahid Hassan and Ehsan Ullah	(47937) (47816)
5.	Zhob Tourist E-Guide	Mr. Fareed Ullah	Nasir Khan and Umer Farooq	(46607) (47934)



The final year project committee members, along with the supervisors of the Zhob Campus, were Dr. Mehmood Baryali, Mr. Yahya Jan, and Mr. Siraj Muneer from the Computer Science Department Takatu Campus, BUIITEMS Quetta.

## Board of Studies Meeting (BS Program in Urban & Regional Planning)

Reported by: Ar. Dr. Waqas Ahmed Mahar



Urban and Regional Planning is essential for developing the communities around us, especially in cities and densely populated areas. Urban planning also affects our residential, commercial, and industrial areas' transportation, infrastructure, layout, and prescribed densities. Balochistan is Pakistan's most extensive and least developed province; adopting sustainable planning and development will lead to a better-built environment. In this regard, the Department of Architecture arranged a meeting of the Board of Studies (BoS) to devise the plan and curriculum to start the BS program in Urban & Regional

Planning (URP) at BUIITEMS on Tuesday, May 10, 2022. The Urban and Regional Planning program's vision will be to promote just and inclusive human settlements in which economic development, environmental enhancement, and social justice jointly contribute to sustainability, resilience, and quality of life from local to global levels.

Two experts, Prof. Dr. Imtiaz Ahmed Chandio (MUET) and Ar./Plnr. Fariha Amjad Ubaid (NED-UET) joined us for an in-person meeting. Moreover, two more experts sent their comments and recommendations, i.e., Ar. Dr. Asifa Iqbal from University of Gavle, Sweden, Plnr. Ayub Tariq, Former Director Building Control, CDA Islamabad. The BoS members provided valuable feedback and suggestions for improving the proposed curriculum for the Program Urban & Regional Planning (URP).

## Training in Surveying and Leveling

Reported by: Ghulam Rabbani and Samiullah Khan



Training and Development Department, in collaboration with the Department of Civil Engineering, organized a ten days training on "Surveying and Leveling" from May 10-23, 2022, at BUITEMS, Quetta. The Government of Balochistan funded the training under the World Bank-funded Balochistan Integrated Water Resources Management and Development Project (BIWRMDP). The main objective of the training was to train the technical officials of the Agriculture Department, Irrigation Department, Public health Engineering Department, and On-Farm Water Management Project on the applications of Advanced Engineering surveying and leveling techniques and equipment so that the trainees can use the acquired techniques as per their demand in their respective field. The 12 participants included Executive engineers, Sub Divisional Officers, and Sub-engineers from various divisions of Balochistan.

## 36th Meeting of BUITEMS Syndicate

Reported by: Muhammad Yaseen

The 36th meeting of the Syndicate was held on May 10, 2022, under the Chairmanship of the Worthy Vice Chancellor, Mr. Ahmed Farooq Bazai, at BUITEMS, Quetta. The following officers attended the meeting:-

- ◆ **Mr. Ahmed Farooq Bazai,**  
Vice-Chancellor BUITEMS.  
Chairman
- ◆ **Dr. Raheela Umar,**  
Dean Faculty of Social Sciences & Humanities, BUITEMS
- ◆ **Prof. Dr. Nazeer Ahmed Durrani,**  
Dean Faculty of Life Sciences and Informatics, BUITEMS  
Member
- ◆ **Dr. Mohammad Saeed,**  
Dean Graduate Studies Office, BUITEMS  
Member
- ◆ **Prof. Dr. Muhammad Naeem Shahwani,**  
Dean, Faculty of Basic Sciences, BUITEMS  
Member
- ◆ **Prof. Dr. Abdul Salam Lodhi,**  
Director, University College of Zhob, BUITEMS  
Member
- ◆ **Dr. Syed Munawar Shah,**  
Dean Faculty of Management Sciences, BUITEMS  
Member
- ◆ **Mr. Babrak Ali Panezai,**  
Director, BUITEMS Sub Campus Muslim Bagh  
Member
- ◆ **Dr. Syed Kamran Sami,**  
Dean Faculty of Engineering & Architecture, BUITEMS  
Member
- ◆ **Mr. Niaz Mohammad Kakar,**  
Controller of Examination, BUITEMS  
Member
- ◆ **Dr. Bakhtiar Khan Kasi,**  
Dean Faculty of Information and Communication Technology, BUITEMS
- ◆ **Mr. Babar Faiz Baloch,**  
Director Finance, BUITEMS  
Member
- ◆ **Syed Dara Shikoh Amir,**  
Director, Quality Enhancement & Accreditation, BUITEMS  
Non-voting Member
- ◆ **Dr. Anayatullah,**  
Director ORIC, BUITEMS  
Non-voting Member
- ◆ **Dr. Zahid Rauf,**  
Registrar, BUITEMS  
Secretary



The meeting started with the recitation of verses from the Holy Quran. The Vice-Chancellor BUITEMS/ Chairman BUITEMS Syndicate welcomed all the members of the Syndicate. With the chair's permission, the Registrar / Secretary BUITEMS Syndicate started the meeting proceedings. The Secretary presented the agenda items before the BUITEMS Syndicate about academic and administrative matters of the university for consideration and deliberations.

The Syndicate members deliberated upon the presented agenda items, and decisions were made accordingly. The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the chair & members.

## Architecture and Planning for Sustainable Development

Reported by: Dr. Waqas Ahmed Mahar

The Department of Architecture organized a seminar at the BUIITEMS on May 11, 2022. There were four main speakers at this seminar. Two experts, Prof. Dr. Imtiaz Ahmed Chandio, Chairperson, Department of City and Regional Planning, MUET, Jamshoro and Ar. Planer. Fariha Amjad Ubaid, Associate Professor, Department of Architecture & Planning, NED-UET, Karachi were invited from Sindh province. Other two experts, including Ar. Dr. Waqas Ahmed Mahar, Chairperson, Department of Architecture and Ar. Dr. Sohrab Ahmed Marri were from BUIITEMS Quetta. The worthy Vice-Chancellor BUIITEMS, Mr. Ahmed Farooq Bazai (S.I), was the Chief Guest of the event.



The seminar included different segments, including a welcome note from Dr. Waqas, presentations of all four speakers, a panel discussion, a Q&A session with the participants, and concluding remarks from the Dean, Faculty of Engineering & Architecture, Prof. Dr. Syed Kamran Sami, and worthy Vice-Chancellor, Mr. Ahmed Farooq Bazai (S.I). The participants acknowledged the need and importance of the architecture and planning profession for sustainable development. It was stressed that planners focus on the big picture of community needs and the impact surrounding areas, so both planners and architects must work together to ensure sustainable development focusing on the UN SDG 11, Sustainable Cities and Communities.

## The American Institute of Pakistan Studies (AIPS) Collaborative Curriculum Development workshop

Reported by: Dr. Nagina Gul

The Forman Christian College University, Lahore, hosted the American Institute of Pakistan

Studies (AIPS) Collaborative Curriculum Development workshops from May 13-15, 2022, to discuss the barriers causing hindrance to the inception of moral, social, and political harmoniousness and compatibility among the U.S and Pakistan students. The perceived need for increased coordination prompted Farah Habib, Associate Professor of English, Bristol Community College, Dr. Robert A. Soza, Mesa Community College, MARICOPA community Colleges, Faculty | Department of English, and Paul R. Edelman, Ph.D., professor, Political Science and Communications, Sauk Valley Community College to organize these workshops. The workshop session discussed the political challenges and upheavals encountered by both Pakistan and the U.S. It helped develop curricula to provide the required platform to students for such discussions that were the critical aim behind addressing these issues.



Two experts, Prof. Dr. Imtiaz Ahmed Chandio (MUET) and Ar./Plnr. Fariha Amjad Ubaid (NED-UET) joined us for an in-person meeting. Moreover, two more experts sent their comments and recommendations, i.e., Ar. Dr. Asifa Iqbal from University of Gavle, Sweden, Plnr. Ayub Tariq, Former Director Building Control, CDA Islamabad. The BoS members provided valuable feedback and suggestions for improving the proposed curriculum for the Program Urban & Regional Planning (URP).

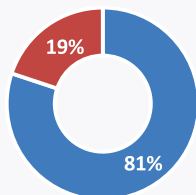
## Institutional Scholarship Award Committee meeting for Benazir Undergraduate Scholarship Program Phase III

Reported by: SAMI KAKAR



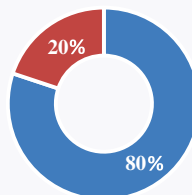
The Institutional Scholarship award committee meeting was held from May 16 -20, 2022, in the meeting room of UAFA. The agenda of the meeting was to evaluate the students for the scholarship award. Acting Pro Vice Chancellor, Prof. Dr. Nazeer Ahmed, chaired the meeting. The stats of the meeting are as follows:

**TOTAL NO OF APPLICANTS RECEIVED**



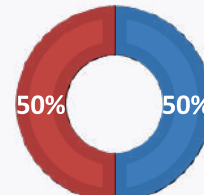
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**Applicants shortlisted for ISAC Interviews**



■ Male ■ Female

**Candidates Recommended by ISAC**



■ Male ■ Female

### Students with different disabilities:

S.no	MALE APPLICANTS	FEMALE APPLICANTS	TOTAL
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## One-Day Seminar on 'Learning from China

Reported by: Dr. Abdul Sattar

The China Study Center (CSC) BUIITEMS organized a One-Day Seminar under the theme 'Learning from China on May 19, 2022, on Chinese scholarships, culture, and Chinese language and enlightening them about the China-Pakistan ties under China Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC). Professor Lin Li from Wuhan Textile University, China, joined the event via Zoom while the rest of the speakers were physically present at Pink Hall, Takatu Campus. Brig (R) Agha Ahmad Gul, the Guest of Honor and the Chairman of CSC, Consultant/CEO of Balochistan Think Tank Network (BTTN), highlighted China's growing power in the world economy and politics. He urged that we learn from Chinese experiences and benefit from the CPEC projects. Professor Lin Li highlighted ongoing projects under CPEC and expressed that China and Pakistan can benefit from the Built and Road Initiative (BRI) CPEC. She also acknowledged the contribution of Pakistani students studying in China and hoped to enhance collaborations with China Study Center BUIITEMS in the future. Dr. Tayyaba Akram, Associate Professor in the Department of Management Sciences, BUIITEMS, discussed scholarship opportunities for studying in China. The third speaker of the seminar was Dr. Anwar Khan, Director of Research from Balochistan Think Tank Network (BTTN), who highlighted some interesting facts about Chinese culture.



Dr. Manzoor Ali Brohi, Chairperson Department of Public Administration, spoke about the importance of the Chinese language and literature and shared his experience. The Chief Guest, Dr. Nazeer Ahmed, Dean of the Faculty of Life Sciences and Informatics, gave his concluding remarks. The seminar ended with the souvenir distribution to the speakers.

## Training on Freelancing

Reported by: *Mayen Khan & Syed Umair Shah*

Department of Training and Development and the Faculty of Information and Communication Technology (FICT) organized a one-day training workshop on "Introduction to Freelancing" for professional engineers and senior students on May 19, 2022. The session was delivered by Lecturer Engr. Syed Umair Shah. The training was part of Continuing Professional Development (CPD) of Pakistan Engineering Council's training for professional engineers.



## Balochistan Education Endowment Fund (BEEF) cheque distribution Ceremony

Reported by: *Syed Israrullah & Mayen Khan*



The Balochistan Education Endowment Fund cheque distribution ceremony was held on May 24, 2022, at Takatu campus BUIITEMS in which funds worth rupees 37860000 were dispersed on merit. Every year BEEF awards meritorious students from different universities in Balochistan. Under scholarship policy, 2020-21 BEEF awarded the top 10 students of BS 2nd prof, 4th prof, and 6th professional and MS and MBA students of session Spring 2020.

- ◆ Stats of the start of the scholarship are as follows:
- ◆ Total Students awarded: 631
- ◆ BS programs: 582
- ◆ MS /MBA program: 49
- ◆ Total amount disbursed: 37,860,000. i.e., 60,000 Per Student.

The event was attended by officials of BEEF Mr. Muhammad Farooq (program executive), Mr. Awais Kasi (Program Associate), Mr. Abdul Karim (Program Executive), and Dean FICT Dr. Bakhtiyar Kasi, Dean FBS Dr. Naeem Shahwani, and Director UAFA team. The event's chief guest was Acting Pro Vice Chancellor Dr. Nazeer Ahmed. The event ended with a vote of thanks and shield distribution among the financial aid staff.

## Training Workshop on "E-Commerce"

Reported by: *Syed Israrullah & Mayen Khan*

Department of Training & Development organized a CPD workshop on "E-Commerce" on May 26, 2022, with the collaboration of the Society of Petroleum Engineers (SPE), and the Department of Petroleum and Gas Engineering BUIITEMS, Quetta. The primary purpose of this endeavor was to create E-Commerce awareness among emerging engineers of Balochistan. Mr. Yousuf Abbas, Head of Etsy Training and Mr. Moiz Zohaib, Head of Amazon FBA Wholesale shared their knowledge and practical methods regarding E-Commerce and running and sustaining an online business.



## Career Counselling Seminar

Reported by: Ali Zain



BUIITEMS Career Services Office organized a one-day career counselling seminar for the students of Faculty of Management Sciences at the City Campus, on May 30, 2022. The session was commenced with the recitation of Holy Quran followed by welcoming the students. The speaker for the session was Mr. Ali Zain, Manager Job Placement, and Internships, who provided career development tips to the students. The focus of the session was to provide clear directions to students to develop their job-related skills, gain capabilities and competencies required in today's dynamic world of work. Additionally, students were briefly guided about their cover letters, and about writing a job winning Resume/CV. The students were further informed about the requirements of the industry. The seminar was ended with Questions and Answers session.

## City School Students Visited BUIITEMS

Reported by: Attiq Agha

The City School faculty, staff, and students visited BUIITEMS, Quetta, on June 03, 2022. The visit's purpose was to witness the progress, success, achievements, and academic & non-academic activities of the leading institute of the province. Student Affairs Office warmly welcomed the staff and the students. Community Service Council President, Mr. Attiq Agha guided the guest and showed the sports complex, National Incubation Center (NIC), and various academic blocks of the campus to the students. The school team and students highly appreciated the efforts and contribution made by BUIITEMS to society.



## Salamti Fellowship- COHORT VII Shaoor Foundation for Education and Awareness SFEA

Reported by: Saud Waqas



One of BUIITEMS students, Aiman Nadeem, a student of International Relations, was selected for the 07 days Residential, Tech-Free, Salamti Fellowship program at Burhban, Murree, on June 04-10, 2022. Aiman is a Youth activist working as a student vice-president with the College of Youth Activism and Development (CYAAD). The fellowship included sessions on diverse topics such as the Judicial system, the Crisis of Federalism in Pakistan, Democratic dilemmas of Pakistan, Conflict resolution, Extremism, Positive peace, and Literature, where Peace Gurus, Academicians, and specialists about nonviolence. During the fellowship, a diverse group of participants joined the sessions of renowned professional scholars from the Judiciary, academia, public & private sector, and development sector.





## Report on “Dropout Prevention and Intervention Seminar”

*Reported by: Saud Waqas*

The faculty of Social Sciences and Humanities with its aim to decrease the drop of rate announced a series of counselling seminars. The faculty organized its first one day seminar on June 7th 2022 titled, “Dropout Prevention and Intervention for students with low C GPA (0.0 to 1.5)’. The Seminar aims to help students to improve their grades and learning skills. Dr Aurangzaib Alamgir, Professor, Department of International Relation inaugurated the session and welcomed the participants faculty members and the panelists. Professor, Dr Abdul Wadood, Associate Dean FSS&H highlighted the importance of this seminar and explained the self-enrollment and repeating procedures. After a brief introduction to the program, Dr. Fozia Ahmed, Chairperson Department of Education gave a presentation regarding BUIITEMS academic rules and regulations. She emphasized the role of students in obtaining good GPAs. The jury included Dr Shahab Naiman, Dr Fozia and Ms Sumera Zakir, Chairperson, Mass Communication department. The panelists responded to the queries of students.



## PEC Confirmatory Accreditation Visit

*Reported by: Engr. Fawad UI Hassan*



The PEC Visitation team comprised, Prof. Dr. Muhammad Zubair Abu Bakar, Dean, Faculty of Earth Sciences and Engineering UET Lahore, and Engr. Jehan Zeb Khan visited BUIITEMS, Quetta on June 09, 2022. They appreciated the Mining Engineering Department's progress and commended the faculty's efforts. During the mutual interaction, the faculty of Mining Engineering, the PEC Visitation Team, and Dr. Laeeque Daneshmend of Queens University had a thorough discussion regarding the prevalent problem of the Mining industry, possible solutions, and the way forward for the uplifting mineral industry of the country in general and Balochistan in particular.

## The Operational Excellence Standards Required for Mining World Class Deposits; Social License to Operate; Triple Bottom line

*Reported by: Engr. Fawad UI Hassan*

The Department of Mining Engineering organized a seminar on June 09, 2022, on "The Operational Excellence Standards Required for Mining World Class Deposits; Social License to Operate; Triple Bottom line” at BUIITEMS, Quetta. The resource person, Dr. Laeeque Ahmed Khan Daneshmend from Queens University, Canada, elaborated before the audience on the Operational Excellence Standards Required for Mining World Class Deposits for the incoming world-class mining project of Reko Diq and presented the concepts of Social License to Operate; and Triple Bottom line applied by the Barrick Gold Corporation for Reko Diq Gold and Copper Project. Students, Graduates, Professionals, and Faculty members from Mining Engineering and Geological Engineering attended the seminar, culminating in a thorough discussion during the Q&A session. The seminar was concluded with a note of thanks to the resource person.



## BUIITEMS & NUST MoU Signing Ceremony

Reported by: Muhammad Yaseen



The Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) signing ceremony between the Balochistan University of Information Technology, Engineering & Management Sciences (BUIITEMS) and the National University of Sciences & Technology (NUST), Islamabad, was arranged on June 09, 2022, at BUIITEMS, Quetta.

Vice Chancellor, Mr. Ahmed Farooq Bazai (S.I), Registrar, Deans, and Directors, attended the ceremony. On behalf of the National University of Sciences &



Technology (NUST), Islamabad, Lt General Engr. Javed Mehmood Bukhari HI (M), Rector NUST, and Dr. Adnan Maqsood, Director of Academics, participated in the ceremony.

The substance of the MoU is to collaborate and cooperate and to strengthen further the relationship for mutual benefit in academia, skills development, and research areas/fields, and to uplift the higher education sector of Balochistan.

## A Workshop on Aspects of Research

Reported by: Mir Hassan

The Department of Public Administration students successfully attended a workshop entitled "Aspects of Research: The Exploratory Process through a Qualitative lens" scheduled on June 09, 2022, at the city campus BUIITEMS. This workshop aimed to introduce the qualitative research process and raise awareness about various steps involved in practical qualitative research. The resource person, Dr. Erum Shafi, Department of Economics, interacted with students of Public Administration and assisted them in identifying research problems and initiating the process using a Qualitative lens.



Dean FMS, Dr. Munawar Ali Shah, Associate Dean FMS, Dr. Muhammad Irfan Khan, and Chairperson Department of Public Administration, Dr. Manzoor Ali Brohi, along with other faculty members, appreciated the organizers and thanked the resource person.

## Training Workshop on "Developing CV and Interview Skills"

Reported by: Mayen Khan & Mehmood Khan



BUIITEMS Executive Education Center (BEEC) collaborated with the College of Youth Activism & Development (CYAAD) to provide a free skill development opportunity for BUIITEMS students and alumni. A one-day "Developing CV and Interview Skills" workshop was conducted. Participants were thoroughly guided regarding the basics of developing a resume and CV and elaborating essential skills needed for compelling job interviews.

## 4th Meeting of Board of Studies (Department of Architecture)

*Reported by: Ar. Dr. Waqas Ahmed Mahar*

Department of Architecture, on June 13, 2022, conducted a meeting of the Board of Studies (BoS) for the BS Architecture Program. The three experts, Prof. Dr. Ali Akbar Husain, NCA, Lahore, Ar. Quratulain Asghar, UET, Lahore and Ar. Naseer Ahmad Hijazi Cameos Consultants joined the meeting along with the faculty members of BUIITEMS. The board members had a detailed discussion on admission policy, scheme of study, course outlines, and credit hours. The BoS members provided valuable feedback and suggestions for improving the proposed curriculum for Bachelor in Architecture (B.Arch.) program.



## One-day online Session on Entrepreneurship Skills Development

*Reported by: Aftab Alam*



Department of Management conducted a one-day online session on June 14, 2022, sponsored by the State Bank of Pakistan at BUIITEMS, Quetta. Mr. Gulzar Khan, White Collar & Financial Crimes Analyst at the National Accountability Bureau was the speaker at the event. The online event took place via Zoom at multiple venues, the primary venue was the City Campus BUIITEMS auditorium, followed by NIC Quetta, and multiple audiences joined from different universities i.e. The University of Balochistan, Al-Hamd University, and Sardar Bahadur Khan Women University.

The audience was briefed about the economy of Pakistan in the first instance, the budget deficit, trade deficit, and their impact on the overall well-being of the commoner. The formal session threw light on recent developments in the field of banking and regulatory mechanisms to aid the entrepreneurial ecosystem.

## National Financial Literacy Program for Youth (NFLP-Y)

*Reported by: Mir Hassan*

The Faculty of Management Science organized a "National Financial Literacy Program" session on June 16, 2022, at the city campus BUIITEMS. The resource team of the State Bank of Pakistan (SBP), in collaboration with the National Institute of Banking & Finance (NIBAF), has launched the National Financial Literacy Program for Youth (NFLP-Y).

This program imparts quality financial education knowledge to BUIITEMS youth to strengthen their currency management skills and understanding of financial matters. The Dean FMS, Dr. Munawar Ali Shah and the team appreciated the efforts and thanked the resource persons.



## Self-Assessment of all Academic Programs at BUIITEMS

Reported by: Farhat Farooqi



The Directorate of QE&A implements and ensures quality across the university. Its work is matched by the steps that have been taken in academic and administrative departments to ensure that the highest quality of learning, teaching, curricula, research, and the academic pursuit of knowledge is maximized. HEC requires universities to conduct periodic self-assessments for their academic programs in order to improve them and ensure high academic standards. The Directorate of Quality Enhancement and Accreditation has initiated the Self-

Assessment (SA) for all the academic programs offered at BUIITEMS. The (SA) was conducted with the prior approval of the Vice Chancellor. The process started on January 1st, 2022 after the notification of the assessment team and successfully ended on June 17, 2022. The assessment results are used to improve student learning. The aforementioned method was introduced by Higher Education Commission (HEC) to assess students' learning outcomes as a resource for the progress of academic programs.

## LUMS Young Writers Workshop

Reported by: Kinza Fatima

The Young Writers Workshop was held from June 13-17, 2022, at Lahore University of Management Sciences (LUMS). The LUMS Young Writers Workshop started its journey in 2012 with a vision to mentor young writers in the craft of fiction and non-fiction writing. It was and continues to be Pakistan's only fully-funded residential creative writing workshop. Each year, eight young writers are selected for nationally advertised ideas to pitch and contest for it. The selected writers were invited to LUMS for five days workshop. Ms. Kinza Fatima from the Department of IR, BUIITEMS, was selected for the said workshop in the non-fiction category. The workshop was designed and conducted by the novelist and writer Saba Imtiaz, and Bilal Tanveer conducted the fiction category.



## Self-Institutional Performance Evaluation

*Reported by: Farhat Farooqi*

The Directorate of QE&A conducted the self-Institutional Performance Review (IPE) of BUIITEMS from June 21-23, 2022. The review was based on eleven IPE standards: Mission Statements and Goals, Planning and Evaluation, Organization and Governance, Integrity, Faculty, Students, Institutional Resources, Academic Programs and Curricula, Public Disclosure & Transparency, Assessment, and Quality Assurance, and Student Support Services. The Directorate of QE&A has prepared the University Portfolio Report (UPR) for the year 2021-22, based on the guidelines provided by HEC to facilitate the IPE panel. During the review process, the Panel had a corporeal examination of the infrastructure facilities, accustomed it to the institutional resources, and had an internal discussion. The IPE Panel was comprised of the following members: Dr. Syed Kamran Sami, Dr. Ameen, Dr. Rozina Sheikh, Dr. Imrana Niaz Sultan, and Dr. Nosheen, Director QE&A, Sardar Bahadur Khan Women University, Balochistan was also the part of the panel as an external member.



## No Backpack Day

*Reported by: Mir Hassan*



"No Backpack Day" is a day set aside where students do not bring backpacks to School, College, and University, aiming to show solidarity to millions of children worldwide who cannot afford backpacks. Students go to educational institutions carrying their books in their hands or other receptacles to develop intense feelings regarding those students who are deprived of Backpacks. The students of the Department of Public Administration (BSPA 2nd Semester) successfully organized the campaign on June 30, 2022, at the city campus BUIITEMS. The students stated that they wanted the fellow students to donate backpacks and other school supplies for the needy students studying at different schools in Quetta.

The Dean FMS, Dr. Munawar Ali Shah, Associate Dean, Dr Mohammad Irfan Khan, and Chairperson Department of Public Administration, Dr Manzoor Ali Brohi appreciated the students by joining the campaign.







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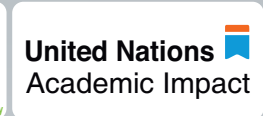
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