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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

In the face of an ever-changing world fraught with challenges, it is our collective capacity for hope, resilience, and innovation that will light the path to a brighter future. From global pandemics and climate change to economic uncertainties and social disparities, the trials we encounter demand not only steadfast determination but also a willingness to embrace new and creative solutions.

Hope, often deemed a beacon of light during times of darkness, fuels our perseverance and resilience. It is a reminder that even amid adversity, there exists the potential for positive change. Hope inspires communities to rally together, support one another, and envision a world where challenges are met with unwavering determination. When we harness hope, we tap into a wellspring of strength that empowers us to confront the seemingly insurmountable obstacles that stand in our way.

Resilience, the art of bouncing back stronger after setbacks, is an essential trait that shapes our responses to challenges. The pages of history are filled with stories of individuals and communities who, in the face of adversity, demonstrated remarkable resilience. Resilience is not simply about weathering the storm; it is about using adversity as a catalyst for growth and transformation. When we cultivate resilience, we transform challenges into opportunities to learn, adapt, and evolve, ultimately emerging stronger and more capable of facing what lies ahead. Innovation, the cornerstone of progress, offers us the tools to navigate uncharted territories. The human spirit has an innate ability to devise inventive solutions, even in the most trying circumstances. From technological breakthroughs that redefine industries to social innovations that bridge divides, the power of innovation is limitless. When we encourage and support innovative thinking, we pave the way for the creation of novel strategies that have the potential to reshape our world for the better.

Surviving and thriving in the face of challenges necessitates a harmonious interplay of hope, resilience, and innovation. These three pillars form the foundation upon which we can build a world that is not only more sustainable but also more compassionate and equitable. In the realm of climate change, for instance, our hope for a greener planet propels us to act, our resilience enables us to adapt to changing conditions, and our innovation drives us to develop sustainable technologies and practices. The challenges we face are complex and multifaceted, often requiring multifaceted solutions. By infusing our actions with hope, resilience, and innovation, we unlock the potential to transcend the limitations of the present and create a legacy of positive change for future generations. It is through the fusion of these attributes that we find the courage to overcome adversity, the strength to rise above setbacks, and the imagination to pioneer new frontiers.

As we stand at the crossroads of uncertainty, let us remember that challenges are not roadblocks; they are opportunities for transformation. With hope as our guide, resilience as our anchor, and innovation as our compass, we have the capacity to not only survive but also thrive amidst the challenges of our world. Let us forge ahead with unwavering determination, knowing that our collective actions can shape a future defined by progress, unity, and the indomitable human spirit.

Meeting of Industrial Advisory Board (Department of Geological Engineering)

Reported by: Mr. Nasir Khan

The Department of Geological Engineering at BUIITEMS held a meeting of the Industrial Advisory Board (IAB) on April 07, 2023. Dr. Abdul Muntaqim Naji, Chairman of the Department of Geological Engineering, chaired the meeting. Eng. Muhammad Saeed, Superintending Geophysicist at the Geological Survey of Pakistan; Mr. Mazhar Ali, Senior Hydrogeologist at Water and Sanitation Agency (WASA) Quetta; Dr. Saeed Ahmad, Resident Engineer at MM Lahore Pakistan (joined online); and Eng. Zaman Ali Sheikh, Superintending Engineer at Irrigation Division Sibbi, were invited as members of the IAB for the Geological Engineering Department. They participated as experts to review the course contents of the 6th Board of Studies (BOS), which had been approved by the Department Quality and Enhancement Cell (DQEC). The members also agreed to provide internships to BS Geological Engineering students and to conduct sessions for the department's students. The Director of the Survey of Pakistan assured that they would sign an MOU between the Department of Geological Engineering and GSP. Nasir Khan and Dr. Rafi Ullah, Lecturers in the Geological Engineering Department, also participated in the meeting.



CSC BUIITEMS Participation in the Alliance of China-Pakistan Research Centers

Reported by: Dr. Abdul Sattar

On 11 April 2023, the launching event

of the Alliance of China-Pakistan Research Centers was organized by the Institute of Peace and Diplomatic Studies (IPDS). The alliance aims at strengthening the longstanding bond between Pakistani and Chinese academic institutions. The heads of several study/research centers from both China and Pakistan participated in the event, including Dr. Farhat Aisf, President of the Institute of Peace and Diplomatic Studies; Prof.

Tang Jun, Director of the Pakistan Research Center at Inner Mongolia Honder College of Arts and Sciences; Prof. Sun Hongqi, Pakistan Study Center at Jiangsu Normal University; Prof. Dr. Zahid Anwar, Director of the China Study Centre at the University of Peshawar; Prof. Huang Qiuwen, Director of the Pakistan Research Center at Jiangxi University of Science and Technology; Dr. Samina Sabbir, Director of the CPEC Center at the University of Azad Jammu and Kashmir; Dr. Tahir Mumtaz Awan, Director of the China Study Center at COMSATS University, Islamabad; Prof. Ma Fujian, Director of the Pakistan Study Center at North Minzu University; Dr. Abdul Sattar, Director of the China Study Center at BUIITEMS, Quetta; Dr. Zhao Yankan, Pakistan Study Center at Southwest University of Political Science and Law; Dr. Faqeer Muhammad, Director of the China Study Center at Karakoram International University, Gilgit;



Prof. Guo Yaling, Pakistan Research Center of Hebei Normal University; Prof. Jin Qiang, Intercultural Communication Research Center at Hebei University; and Ms. Xiang Yang Scarlet, Director of the China Study Center at the National University of Science and Technology, Islamabad.



The participants expressed their commitment to promoting research center alliances and exploring new areas of cooperation to achieve common goals. The Alliance of China-Pakistan Research Centers is a significant step towards promoting academic collaboration and achieving common goals between Pakistan and China.

The Director of the China Study Center at BUIITEMS warmly welcomed the initiative and expressed that by pooling resources, expertise, and research capabilities, the alliance of China-Pakistan research centers creates a platform for meaningful dialogue, academic collaboration, and the exploration of shared challenges and opportunities. It enables the exchange of innovative ideas, promotes interdisciplinary research, and encourages the development of practical solutions that address the socio-economic needs of both nations.

Industrial Advisory Board (IAB) Meeting for BOF Meeting of Mechanical Engineering Department

Reported by: Moiz Ullah

The Department of Mechanical Engineering at BUIITEMS conducted the Industrial Advisory Board meeting on April 12, 2023. The meeting took place in the meeting room of the Faculty of Engineering & Architecture (FOE&A) at BUIITEMS Quetta. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the Faulting agendas of the board. Chaired by Assistant Professor Dr. Asad Ullah, who is also the head of DQEC in the Department of Mechanical Engineering, the meeting had the participation of Engr. Usama Bin Riaz, an Engineer at OGDCL, and Engr. Muhammad Anss, Assistant Director at PSQCA (MoST, Govt of Pakistan). They were among the members of the Industrial Advisory Board for the Mechanical Engineering Department.



In addition to them, several other faculty members attended the meeting, including Asst. Prof. Arshad Ali, Engr. Arsalan Yawar, Engr. Muhammad Ayub, and Engr. Moiz Ullah. During the meeting, the IAB members served as experts and reviewed the course contents of the 3rd BoS for the 4th BoS. As a result of their expert insights, several recommendations were put forth. These recommendations encompassed updating the curriculum to reflect current industry trends, integrating practical experiences into the curriculum, fostering collaborations with industries, placing an emphasis on professional development opportunities for the faculty, strengthening the connections between the industry and the university, and ensuring that the curriculum meets accreditation and quality assurance standards.

Inauguration Ablution Wastewater Treatment Plant at BUIITEMS

Reported by: Rida Faisal

Securing the rapidly diminishing water resources in Balochistan for future generations is a significant challenge. In this regard, on April 14th, 2023, Dr. Abdul Rehman Khan, the Vice Chancellor of BUIITEMS, inaugurated an ablution wastewater treatment plant. The treated water from this plant will be reused to artificially recharge the groundwater. The project is funded by Islamic Relief USA and is being implemented by the Department of Environmental Science at BUIITEMS, in collaboration with Islamic Relief Pakistan. The Principal Investigator (PI) of this project is Dr. Malik Muhammad Akhtar, an Associate Professor in the Department of Environmental Science (FLS&I). During the inauguration, Dr. Abdul Rehman Khan emphasized the importance of water resources, the challenges posed by water scarcity, and potential solutions. He declared water as the lifeline of Balochistan, stressing that it's the responsibility of everyone to monitor this precious limited resource through modern technology and research. He further emphasized the appropriate use of water in all aspects of life based on its necessity. Dr. Abdul Rehman Khan also proposed the establishment of similar plants on a larger scale in Quetta city to recharge underground water and address emerging water-related issues in Balochistan.



The Principal Investigator of the project provided insights into the project's design, functions, and expected outcomes. The inauguration ceremony was attended by Mr. Hamid Latif Rana, the Managing Director of WASA; Mr. Issa Tahir, the Regional Head of Islamic Relief; and Mr. Rizwan Kasi, a Senior Advocate and engagement officer, along with faculty members from the Environmental Science Department at BUIITEMS. Concluding the event, Dr. Nazeer Ahmad, the Dean of FLS&I, expressed gratitude and extended a vote of thanks. The ceremony concluded with the distribution of souvenirs among the guests by the Vice Chancellor of BUIITEMS.

Fine Arts Exhibition Inauguration

Reported by: Syed Shah Muhammad



On April 18, 2023, the acting Vice-Chancellor of BUIITEMS, Dr. Abdul Rahman Khan, along with the Registrar, Dr. Zaid Rauf, Director of Fine Arts, Kaleem Khan, and senior staff, inaugurated the Fine Arts exhibition showcasing the students' artwork. The event was attended by a large number of students. The exhibition highlighted Balochistan's culture in a grand university style and was organized mainly to celebrate World Heritage Day while raising awareness about the local culture.

The Vice-Chancellor stated that Balochistan is a unique province of Pakistan, renowned for its cultural significance. He praised the students' work in arts and photography, noting that it offers a glimpse into Balochistan's culture. He also appreciated both the students and teachers for their efforts.

NIC Quetta hosted UNHCR's Deputy Country Representative

Reported by: Syed Shah Muhammad



NIC Quetta hosted UNHCR's Deputy Country Representative, Ms. Tammi Sharpe, at the facility. She was provided with a guided tour of the facility by the Director of the National Incubation Center Quetta, Mr. Muhammad Shah Khan. During the tour, she met participants of the ideation bootcamp for Meri Shinikaht, Mera Karobar Microenterprise program, and admired the center's efforts to foster innovation and entrepreneurship in Balochistan and the country as a whole. The Acting Vice Chancellor, Prof. Dr. Abdul Rehman Khan, highlighted that BUIITEMS is contributing not only to the education sector but also to the socio-economic growth of the country. BUIITEMS serves as a global hub for SDG-8 (Decent Work and Economic Growth), thereby supporting the SDG agenda of 2030. BUIITEMS has incorporated entrepreneurship into its curricula for all major degree programs and has encouraged its students and alumni to plan their startups. Ms. Tammi Sharpe was presented with an honoring shield by the acting Vice Chancellor, Dr. Abdul Rehman Khan.

Australian High Commissioner Visit to BUIITEMS

Reported by: Syed Shah Muhammad

Australia has implemented a policy of maintaining the best relations and ties with Pakistan. Collaboration between Australia and Pakistan spans education, livestock, agriculture, water resources, and other sectors. The Australian High Commissioner to Pakistan, Mr. Neil Hawkins, visited BUIITEMS on May 4, 2023. During his interaction with the faculty and students, he appreciated the efforts to provide quality education with state-of-the-art facilities. The delegation was welcomed by the acting Vice Chancellor, Dr. Abdul Rehman Khan, along with senior management. They also visited the CPEC Center, National Incubation Center (NIC) in Quetta, and other university facilities. Dr. Abdul Rehman Khan briefed the Australian High Commissioner on the university's educational, research, and administrative affairs through a detailed presentation on BUIITEMS. The honorable guest was presented with a shield by the acting Vice Chancellor.



GIZ Head Quarter, Germany Visited BUIITEMS

Reported by: Syed Shah Muhammad

In a move to combat water scarcity in Balochistan, BUIITEMS constructed a Decentralized Wastewater Treatment System (DEWATS) at the Takatu campus with financial assistance from Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ), technical supervision from Bremen Overseas Research & Development Association (BORDA) Germany, and operational supervision from Balochistan Rural Support Program (BRSP). Ms. Baerbel Schwaiger, Program Director at GIZ Headquarters in Germany, along with officials from BRSP, Quetta, visited BUIITEMS on May 4, 2023. The team was briefed on the DEWATS design and its application for treated water irrigation. The Acting Vice Chancellor of BUIITEMS, Dr. Abdul Rehman Khan, welcomed and briefed the delegation about BUIITEMS. The delegation also toured various sections of BUIITEMS and met faculty members and senior staff.



Session on “Dream Come True: Choosing the Right Career Path”

Reported by: Rozina Kakar



The Office of BUIITEMS Career Services, Directorate of UA&FA, organized an awareness seminar titled "Dream Come True: Choosing the Right Career Path" on May 4, 2023, at Pink Hall, Sir Syed Block, BUIITEMS, Quetta. A significant number of BUIITEMS students attended the session. The guest speaker, Dr. Fozia Ahmed, Assistant Professor and Chairperson of the Department of Education in the Faculty of Social Sciences and Humanities at BUIITEMS, delved into the process of selecting the right career path for success. The session aimed to highlight the factors crucial for achieving career goals. Dr. Fozia answered participants' questions thoroughly and patiently.

BISP's Conference

Reported by: Dr. Muhammad Zubair Khan

As a member of the BISP's steering committee on National Socio-Economic Registry (NSER), Dr Muhammad Zubair Khan was invited to attend the conference at PC Bhurban, Murree, from May 8 to 10, 2023. The conference aimed to bring together stakeholders from federal, provincial, and regional governments to develop joint actionable steps for a social protection system that is better equipped to address the needs of the most vulnerable, particularly in the wake of climate change. The conference also gathered social protection experts, representatives of international organizations, and other stakeholders to discuss various social protection initiatives and programs in Pakistan.



First Public Lecture on “Trafficking In-Person and Smuggling of Migrants in Balochistan”

Reported by: Nafisa Nasar



Date & Venue: May 8, 2023, BUIITEMS Video Conference Room

Speaker: Dr. Farhan Navid Yousaf, ICRMS

Key Points:

- Balochistan as a hub for human trafficking, especially Afghan refugees and minorities.
- Global policy framework by UNHRO, Pakistan's constitution, and Balochistan's laws against human trafficking.
- Policy Recommendations: Increase awareness, strengthen law enforcement, protect vulnerable groups, enhance international cooperation, and strengthen border control.

Guest List: Representatives from government departments, legal and judicial bodies, inter-governmental and non-governmental organizations, UNHCR, and BUIITEMS faculty and students.

Panel Discussion on Reform for a Brighter Future: Time to Decide

Reported by: Mohammad Ahsan Achakzai

BUIITEMS, in collaboration with the Pakistan Institute of Development Economics (PIDE), Islamabad, and The World Bank (WB), organized the Balochistan Chapter's Discussion on Reform for a Brighter Future: Time to Decide on Friday, May 12, 2023. The discussion covered four themes: Business Environment, Revenue and Expenditure, Agriculture and Energy, and Human Capital. Government secretaries, business community representatives, professionals, officials from various departments, civil society representatives, teachers, researchers, and students attended the discussion and presented their viewpoints on respective topics. The first session highlighted the business environment in Balochistan. Difficulties faced by the business community, especially women entrepreneurs, were discussed, and panelists including Agha Gul Khilji, QCCI Representative; Mr. Shakoor Baloch, MD SMEDA; and Dr. Noor Muhammad, MD Balochistan PPP Project, shared solutions to the problems. The second session focused on revenue and expenditure in Balochistan. Panelists, including Mr. Kamal Hassan Siddique, Tax Consultant; Mr. Mahfooz Ali Khan, Former Secretary Finance; Mr. Arif Shah, Chief SDGs P&D; and Dr. Hafee Jamali, DG BCSA, discussed the issues and problems faced by Balochistan. Drawing on their experience, they proposed strategies to improve Balochistan's provincial revenue streams. The third session delved into human capital, social sector, and energy issues in Balochistan. Panelists included Mr. Imran Durrani, MD WASA; Dr. Abdul Salam Lodhi, Director of BUIITEMS Zhob Campus; Dr. Habibullah from the Agriculture Department of Balochistan; Mr. Shafqat Ali, Chief Engineer QESCO; Ms. Ayesha Wadood from UN Women; Mr. Habib ur Rehman from the M&E Office BEF; Dr. Ahmed Wali from the Health Department; Dr. Jeneen Panezai, Clinical Researcher at BUIITEMS; and Mr. Kaleemullah from AD BISP. The World Bank's team attended the session online via Zoom. The Bank's Lead Economist, Mr. Tobias Haque, addressed the audience and presented his work on the economy. He shared strategies that can help expedite development in Pakistan and Balochistan, addressing key reforms that are economically important and have a significant impact on economic development.



39th Meeting of BUITEMS Syndicate

Reported by: Mohammad Yaseen

The 39th meeting of the Syndicate of Balochistan University of Information Technology, Engineering, and Management Sciences (BUITEMS), Quetta, was held on May 12, 2023, in the Video Conferencing Hall of the New Academic Block at the Takatu Campus. The meeting was chaired by Dr. Abdul Rehman Khan, Acting Vice Chancellor of BUITEMS.



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Pro-Vice Chancellor, BUITEMS
Chairman
- **Hafiz Abdul Majid,** Secretary,
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Member
- **Mr. Mubarak Ali,**
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- **Dr. Zahid Rauf,**
Registrar, BUITEMS
Secretary

The meeting began with the recitation of verses from the Holy Quran. The Vice-Chancellor of BUITEMS and Chairman of BUITEMS Syndicate welcomed all the members of the Syndicate. The Registrar and Secretary of BUITEMS Syndicate, with the chair's permission, initiated the proceedings of the meeting. The Secretary of BUITEMS Syndicate presented the agenda items, which included financial and policy matters related to sports, for consideration and discussion. The Syndicate members discussed the presented agenda items and made decisions accordingly. The meeting concluded with a vote of thanks to the chair and the members.



National Games Balochistan Torch in BUIITEMS

Reported by: Muhammad Azam M Shahi



The 34th National Games were held in Balochistan after a gap of 17 years. Following the tradition of the International Olympic Games and National Games, a torch relay ceremony took place before the start of the sports events. Veteran international and national sportsmen and sportswomen from the province carried the torch to different designated locations. Each athlete ran with the torch in their assigned area before passing it on to another player. Eventually, the torch arrived at the main sports stadium, where it was used to light a large torch, marking the commencement of the regular

games. On May 16, 2023, the torch reached BUIITEMS, where it was received by Mr. Abdul Qadeem Kakar, Director of Administration & General Services, at the main gate. He carried the torch to his designated area. The torch was then passed on to Mr. Masood Ahmed Kasi, Additional Director of Sports, along with Mr. Akhtar Moiuddin, Sports Mentor, Mr. Arbab Sabir Kasi, Deputy Director of Sports, Miss Kinza Khan, Miss Nousheen Sabir, and Miss Ghazal Mughal. Finally, the torch was handed over to Vice Chancellor Dr. Abdul Rehman Khan and Registrar Dr. Zaid Rauf by Mr. M Azam M Shahi, Deputy Director of Sports. During his speech, VC BUIITEMS expressed honor in hosting 13 sports events of the 34th National Games. He extended his gratitude to the Balochistan Olympic Association, sports associations, Directorate of Sports Balochistan, and especially the Directorate of Sports BUIITEMS staff for their diligent efforts in organizing the sports events. At the conclusion of his speech, Dr. Abdul Rehman Khan handed over the torch to the Balochistan Olympic Association.

VC's Focal Persons Workshop

Reported by: Syed Shah Muhammad

From May 16 to 18, 2023, the VC's Focal Persons Workshop was held under the directives of the Chancellor/Governor of Balochistan. The workshop, led by Acting Vice Chancellor Dr. Abdul Rehman Khan, aimed to address financial, academic, and administrative matters in public sector universities.

The workshop fostered collaboration and knowledge exchange among participants. Key recommendations emerged, including the reinforcement of financial planning, enhancement of academic quality, streamlining administrative processes, promoting effective governance, and fostering industry collaboration. These recommendations will be discussed further at the Vice Chancellor's conference on May 19-20, 2023, with the goal of developing action plans aligned with the universities' vision and mission. Implementation of these recommendations will enhance the overall performance, reputation, and competitiveness of the universities while advancing education and research in society.



ORIC Seminar Series- "Role of ORIC - Objectives & Responsibilities."

Reported by: Sahar Munir

ORIC introduced an exciting initiative "ORIC Seminar Series", aimed at fostering knowledge sharing, collaboration, and intellectual growth within our institution. The ORIC Seminar Series has been carefully curated to provide a platform for researchers, academicians, and professionals to exchange ideas, discuss cutting-edge research, and explore innovative approaches across various disciplines. The inaugural session of this series was conducted on May 18, 2023, in Pink Hall, which focused on the "Role of ORIC - Objectives & Responsibilities." This session served as a platform to enhance understanding of the objectives and responsibilities of ORIC, facilitating a more comprehensive grasp of its role in driving research excellence, innovation, and collaboration. It offers an excellent opportunity to expand knowledge, share experiences, and explore potential collaborations. Dr. Muhammad Asif gave a brief presentation followed by discussion and Q/A session.



Vice Chancellor's Conference at BUIITEMS

Reported by: Syed Shah Muhammad



BUIITEMS had the privilege of hosting Governor Balochistan, Malik Abdul Wali Kakar, on May 19, 2023. The Acting Vice Chancellor, Dr. Abdul Rehman Khan, along with the top management, warmly welcomed the Honorable Governor/Chancellor upon his arrival. The purpose of the visit was to attend a two-day Vice Chancellor's Conference presided over by the Honorable Governor to address the challenges faced by public sector universities in Balochistan and explore strategies to ensure their long-term sustainability. The conference

brought together the Vice Chancellors from ten esteemed universities in Balochistan, including BUIITEMS Quetta, the University of Balochistan, Sardar Bahadur Khan Women's University, Makran University, Gwadar University, the University of Khuzdar, Mir Chakar Khan Rind University, the University of Loralai, the University of Turbat, and the University of Lasbela. The Vice Chancellors participated, engaging in discussions and exchanging ideas to find effective solutions. Key topics included research and innovation, infrastructure development, collaboration and partnerships, quality assurance, faculty development, and financial sustainability. The conference provided a collaborative platform to foster collaboration and generate innovative ideas. BUIITEMS expressed gratitude to Governor Balochistan and anticipated positive outcomes for the region's higher education system.



Emerging Leadership Program - 2023 of SSGC

Reported by: Wajid Mustafa



An awareness session on Emerging Leadership Program 2023, Sui Southern Gas Company (SSGC) was successfully organized by the BUIITEMS Career Services Office, Directorate of UA&FA with the coordination of Department of Petroleum & Gas Engineering and Society of Petroleum Engineers Quetta Student Chapter, BUIITEMS, on May 19, 2023, at Pink Hall, Sir Syed Block, BUIITEMS. Many students participated in the awareness session, from Faculty of Engineering & Architecture, Faculty of Information & Communication Technology and Faculty of Management

Sciences. Mr. Ali Imran Farooqi, Manage HR -OD presented the Company's recruitment procedure and encouraged the students to join (SSGC) through its program. The participants also asked some questions about SSGC and its Emerging Leadership Program 2023. Dr. Azizullah Shaikh, Chairman, Department of Petroleum of Gas Engineering presented souvenir to the Team of SSGC. On a closing note, Mr. Muhammad Salman, student of BS Petroleum Engineering, 8th Semester, extended a vote of thanks to the guest speaker, Team of SSGC and participants.

Chairman HEC Visit to BUIITEMS

Reported by: Syed Shah Muhammad

Chairman of the Higher Education Commission, Prof. Dr. Mukhtar Ahmed, visited BUIITEMS on May 22, 2023, and was welcomed by the Vice Chancellor of BUIITEMS, Dr. Abdul Rahman Khan, and his team. The visit aimed to emphasize the significance of BUIITEMS and its rapid progress in higher education. The presence of such a prominent figure underscores BUIITEMS' importance and remarkable achievements within a relatively short period.

During the visit, the Chairman engaged in various activities, including a campus tour and interactions with faculty and students. The visit also included a productive meeting with the Vice Chancellor of BUIITEMS, during which discussions revolved around enhancing education quality and addressing the current financial position of the institution. The Chairman of the Higher Education Commission expressed heartfelt appreciation for the remarkable efforts made by the institution and Vice Chancellor Dr. Abdul Rahman Khan. The Chairman praised BUIITEMS as a leading institution in higher education and commended Dr. Khan's exceptional leadership in steering the university towards excellence. The Chairman highlighted BUIITEMS' significant contributions to education, research, and innovation, along with its commitment to fostering a conducive learning environment and promoting industry-academia collaboration. This visit and acknowledgment stand as a testament to BUIITEMS' dedication to academic excellence and its transformative impact on higher education in the region. The esteemed guest was presented with an honorary shield by Vice Chancellor Dr. Abdul Rahman Khan.



HEC Electric Wheelchair Distribution Ceremony at BUIITEMS

Reported by: Syed Shah Muhammad

On a momentous occasion, BUIITEMS had the privilege of hosting the esteemed Governor of Balochistan and the Chairman of the Higher Education Commission (HEC) for a significant visit on Tuesday, May 23, 2023. The purpose of their visit was to oversee and support the distribution of electric wheelchairs among students with mobility challenges, reaffirming the university's commitment to inclusivity and accessibility. The Vice Chancellor warmly welcomed the distinguished guests, expressing gratitude for their presence and unwavering support for this vital initiative. The event highlighted the collaborative efforts between the university and higher education authorities in promoting equal opportunities for all students. The Honorable Chancellor appreciated the presence of the Chairman of HEC, underscoring the Higher Education Commission's student-focused policies and initiatives that prioritize youth support and higher education. The Prime Minister's Electric Wheelchair Scheme for University Students exemplifies the commitment to inclusivity and equal educational opportunities. Both the Chancellor and the Chairman of HEC commended the university's dedication to creating an environment that fosters independence and empowers physically challenged students to thrive. The distribution ceremony was marked by joy and gratitude as students received their electric wheelchairs, symbolizing newfound freedom of movement and a promising future.



MoU signing between Provincial Health Directorate & Spatial Decision Support System (SDSS) Lab, BUIITEMS

Reported by: Arsalan Ali Cheema



On May 24, 2023, the signing ceremony for the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) took place between the Spatial Decision Support System (SDSS) Lab at BUIITEMS and the Provincial Health Directorate of Balochistan. The primary objective of this MoU was the development of the "Disease Surveillance Dashboard."

The SDSS Lab, established at BUIITEMS, operates as an affiliated research lab of the National Center of GIS and Space

Applications (NCGSA). The NCGSA comprises seven specialized research labs, with the SDSS Lab focusing on the Geo-Health domain. This collaboration aims to create the "Disease Surveillance Dashboard," utilizing geospatial technologies to enhance disease outbreak monitoring, early detection, and response capabilities. These technologies will empower health decision makers to identify high-risk areas, track disease dissemination, and efficiently allocate resources for prompt interventions. The MoU was officially endorsed with the signatures of Dr. Mir Yousaf from the Provincial Health Directorate and Prof. Dr. Bakhtiar Kasi from BUIITEMS. The Vice-Chancellor of BUIITEMS, Dr. Abdul Rehman Khan, was also present during the signing ceremony.

Chinese Language Day Celebration and Presentation of Translation of Chinese Book

Reported by: Dr. Abdul Sattar



A Seminar celebrating Chinese Language Day was held at Balochistan University of Information Technology, Engineering, and Management Sciences (BUIITEMS) on May 24, 2023. Organized by the China Study Center at BUIITEMS, the event was graced by the presence of Vice Chancellor Dr. Abdul Rehman Khan as the chief guest. Dr. Abdul SATTAR, the Director of the China Study Center, welcomed the attendees and explained the significance of Chinese Language Day, which aims to honor the beauty and importance of the Chinese

language, recognizing its global prominence. In his opening remarks, he highlighted the value of learning Chinese, not only for practical applications but also for cultural exchange and strengthening the ties between China and Pakistan. He emphasized the role of Chinese language skills in harnessing opportunities from the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) projects. Prof. Li Zhang from Lan Zhou Agriculture University, China, delivered a recorded video message at the seminar, praising the China Study Center's efforts. Prof. Zhang emphasized the importance of learning Chinese in a connected world, enabling individuals to engage with one of the fastest-growing economies and explore opportunities. Dr. Manzoor Ali Brohi, Chairperson of the Department of Public Administration at BUIITEMS, shared his personal experiences with the Chinese language and culture. Having obtained his PhD degree in China, he highlighted the global influence of the Chinese language and China's strategy of welcoming international students, including many from Pakistan. At the event's conclusion, the Director of the China Study Center presented an English translation of the captivating Chinese book "Taboo and Inertia" to Vice Chancellor Dr. Abdul Rehman Khan. This remarkable literary work delves into intriguing facts and dispels myths surrounding Chinese culture. Dr. Abdul Rehman Khan emphasized the immense significance of language learning, particularly Chinese, and reiterated BUIITEMS' commitment to equipping students with strong Chinese language skills. He stressed that such skills are indispensable for future success in trade, technology, and international collaboration. Mastering the Chinese language provides BUIITEMS students a competitive edge in an interconnected world, enhancing their ability to participate in and contribute to the global landscape, especially considering China's influential role in various sectors.

National Financial Literacy Program

Reported by: Sahar Munir

As part of the ongoing National Financial Literacy Program (NFLP), a government initiative led by the State Bank of Pakistan to promote financial awareness among the masses, various banks including Bank Alfalah organized training sessions for the public, specifically targeting female students at BUIITEMS. The session took place on May 24, 2023, in the purple hall with a capacity of 25 students. Students received guidance and assistance in opening bank accounts after the training session, which was followed by a refreshment session.



Space Awareness through Art, Knowledge, and Imagination Orientation Session

Reported by: *Arsalan Ali Cheema*

The Spatial

Decision Support System (SDSS) Lab at BUIITEMS organized the "Space Education and Awareness Initiative for Balochistan." This initiative aimed to engage students from renowned schools in Quetta. The inaugural event, titled "Space Awareness through Art, Knowledge, and Imagination," began with an orientation session. Held on May 25, 2023, at Pink Hall, Takatu Campus, the primary goal of the session was to spark interest in space science education among Balochistan's students. The session aimed to provide a clear understanding of the competition's theme and guidelines to participating schools. During the session, the SDSS Lab team emphasized the significance of space education in inspiring young minds. They highlighted the importance of nurturing creativity, knowledge, and imagination in space science. The orientation session included a question-and-answer segment, promoting an open dialogue and encouraging active engagement among participants.



Tertiary Level Refugee Students Meeting Cohort II

Reported by: *Nafisa Nasar*



Date & Venue: May 29, 2023, BUIITEMS Training Hall

Speaker: Mr. Hafeez Ullah, ICRMS

Highlights:

- Interactive discussion among Afghan refugee graduate DAFI scholars and representatives from various universities.
- Focus on challenges faced by Afghan refugee students and policy recommendations for UNHCR and the Government of Pakistan.
- Way Forward: Capacity-building, crash courses, technical equipment availability, increased DAFI scholarships, and collaboration with educational institutions.

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Conventional and Mechanized Methods of Quarrying of Marble at Balochistan

Reported by: *Dr. Fahim Ahmed*

The Department of Mining Engineering conducted a seminar on "Conventional and Mechanized Methods of Quarrying of Marble in Balochistan" on May 31, 2023, at BUIITEMS, Quetta. The resource person, Engr. Jahangir Khan, an alumnus of BUIITEMS, shared his research and practical expertise in marble mining. Engr. Khan compared the two quarrying methods, providing a comprehensive insight into marble mining in the Balochistan region. Attended by students, graduates, professionals, and faculty from mining and geological engineering fields, the seminar led to an insightful Q&A session. The Chairman of the Mining Engineering department expressed appreciation for the resource person at the conclusion of the session.



A Deeper Look into Leadership and Emotional Intelligence

Reported by: Asia & Amna



An enlightening session was organized by Ms. Asia Bibi and Ms. Amna Malik to provide students with insights from accomplished professionals who have achieved success in their respective domains. The session featured two esteemed guest speakers, Mr. Hamza Shafqat (Secretary Information, Government of Balochistan) and Ms. Humaira Baloch (Deputy Secretary, Fisheries Department, Government of Balochistan). Mr. Hamza Shafqat elaborated on the significance of leadership qualities. He emphasized the power of a positive attitude and the eagerness to seize

opportunities as fundamental traits of a leader. He discussed the placebo effect's role in leadership and the Pygmalion effect, where higher expectations lead to improved performance. He underscored the importance of proactive change and shared his experience of digitizing Islamabad's vehicle token collection system. Ms. Humaira Baloch highlighted emotional intelligence (EI), encompassing recognizing, understanding, managing, and utilizing emotions within oneself and in relationships. She stressed its relevance for maintaining emotional well-being, conflict resolution, negotiations, and decision-making. Leaders use EI to cultivate positive work environments and strong team bonds. She emphasized that reactions to emotions are shaped by EI. The session concluded with shields and university souvenirs presented to the guest speakers.

Comprehensive Report on ICRMS Third Career Counseling Session at Shaheed Habib Ur Rehman School and College, Quetta

Reported by: Nafisa Nasar

The International Center for Refugee and Migration Studies (ICRMS) successfully conducted its third career counseling session at Shaheed Habib Ur Rehman School & College in Quetta on June 3, 2023. Attended by 60 enthusiastic Afghan refugee students, the event aimed to empower and guide them towards a brighter future. The session commenced with a warm welcome from the school's principal, expressing gratitude to ICRMS for their continuous support. The principal highlighted the significance of such sessions in shaping the future of refugee students and fostering hope within their communities.

Mr. Saad Uddin, the Project Manager of ICRMS, presented the organization's objectives and thanked the school for hosting the event. Stressing the importance of teamwork, he emphasized collective efforts in improving the lives of refugees. Renowned career counselor Mr. Muhammad Rasool Shah delivered an inspiring talk, encouraging students to pursue tertiary education. He explored various professional pathways, shedding light on employment prospects in both Pakistan and their home countries. Mr. Rasool Shah patiently addressed students' questions, providing valuable guidance.



Mr. Saad Uddin highlighted scholarships and online learning portals exclusively available for Afghan refugees in Pakistan. He underscored the value of education in overcoming obstacles and discussed the resources and support systems available to ease their educational journey. Ms. Farishta, a professional psychologist, delivered a captivating presentation on motivation, relaxation techniques, stress-relief therapies, and hope therapy strategies. Her insights aimed to enhance students' emotional resilience and well-being, addressing the unique challenges faced by refugee students in Pakistan.



The session concluded with the distribution of shields, awards, and tokens of appreciation to students, teachers, and guest speakers. This gesture served as a concrete acknowledgment of their active engagement and a motivational symbol to continue their academic journey with determination and resilience.

The third career counseling session proved to be a valuable resource for Shaheed Habib Ur Rehman School and College, Quetta. It not only provided practical guidance on education and careers but also addressed the psychological well-being of refugee students, equipping them with the tools needed to navigate challenges. The event fostered a sense of motivation and determination among participants, encouraging them to pursue their academic goals with renewed vigor.

Bridging the Skill Gap: Enhancing TVET Courses for the Mining Sector

Reported by: Dr. Hafeez ur Rehman



The Consultative Session on "Bridging the Skill Gap: Enhancing TVET Courses for the Mining Sector" took place on June 14, 2023, at the Baluchistan Boy Scout Headquarters in Quetta. The session aimed to identify skill gaps in the mining industry and recommend necessary TVET courses. Attendees included representatives from educational institutions, government departments, mining companies, and training organizations. Dr. Hafeezur Rehman, Chairperson of the Department of Mining Engineering, and Dr. Fahim Ahmed, Assistant Professor of

the same department, represented BUIITEMS, with Dr. Hafeez ur Rehman serving as the session's moderator.

The session commenced with Mr. Asim Mushtaq expressing gratitude for the participants' commitment. Key discussion points included skill gap assessment, course requirements, employment prospects, and TVET focus areas. Recommendations encompassed technical sessions, hands-on training, short-term courses, cultural considerations, and collaboration with mining companies. The session fostered collaboration and insights to address skill gaps in the mining sector.

National Workshop on Coastal Hazards, Local Needs Gap Analysis and Framework for Recommended National Preparedness and Response – Co-hosted by SDSS Lab

Reported by: *Arsalan Ali Cheema*



The National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) collaborated with BUIITEMS' Spatial Decision Support System (SDSS) Lab to co-host a one-day workshop on June 15, 2023. The workshop, titled "National Workshop on Coastal Hazards, Local Needs Gap Analysis, and Framework for Recommended National Preparedness and Response," aimed to address coastal hazards and enhance national preparedness and response capabilities during disasters.

The introductory session emphasized NDMA's and Provincial Disaster Management Authorities' roles in disaster management and response. Attendees gained insights into Pakistan's disaster management structures, mandates, and coordination mechanisms. The workshop facilitated knowledge-sharing among participants, fostering partnerships between government agencies, academia, NGOs, and stakeholders in coastal hazard management.

ICRMS Public Lecture Report: UNHCR's Mandate, Operations, and Interventions in Balochistan

Reported by: *Nafisa Nasar*

On June 16, 2023, the International Center for Refugees and Migration Studies (ICRMS) organized a highly informative public lecture at the National Institute of Management Sciences (NIMS) in Quetta, Pakistan. The focus of the lecture was "UNHCR's Organizational Mandate, Operations, and Interventions in Balochistan," delivered by Mr. Arkadiy Leibovsky, a distinguished senior protection officer at the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR). Mr. Leibovsky began with a



comprehensive overview of UNHCR's global and regional contexts, shedding light on the organization's substantial efforts in hosting Afghan refugees in Pakistan for over four decades. The history of refugees, the establishment of international agencies post-World War I, and the legal settlement and protection of refugees were discussed. Emphasis was placed on the core principles of UNHCR and the international legal frameworks defining who qualifies as a refugee. The speaker delved into the history of refugees in Pakistan, encapsulating the migration of Muslims from India in 1947, the influx of Bengali refugees in 1971, and the continuous arrival of Afghan refugees since 1979, addressing the challenges and impacts of these waves on the nation. The latter part of the lecture centered on Balochistan, elucidating UNHCR's mandate and interventions in the province. Mr. Leibovsky highlighted areas of operation, including social welfare, capacity building, legal assistance, and community-based protection. Noteworthy was UNHCR's response to natural disasters, exemplified by their support during last year's floods. Mr. Leibovsky acknowledged Pakistan's continuous efforts to find solutions for displaced populations despite facing political and economic challenges.

He stressed the collaborative initiatives between UNHCR and the Government of Pakistan and outlined their focus on durable solutions, particularly voluntary repatriation.

The session concluded with Dr. Rahila Umer, Director of ICRMS, presenting souvenirs to Mr. Leibovsky and Mr. Aslam Ghani, expressing gratitude for the insightful session. The report concludes with recommendations for the way forward, emphasizing strong partnerships, comprehensive protection mechanisms, preparedness measures, and a

focus on durable solutions. This public lecture provided valuable insights into UNHCR's work and set the stage for meaningful collaborations to address refugee challenges effectively.



MoU Signed between BUIITEMS & Taaleem Foundation

Reported by: Arbab Abdul Wajid



On June 16, 2023, Balochistan University of Information Technology, Engineering, and Management Sciences (BUIITEMS) and Taaleem Foundation signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to enhance technical and vocational education in Balochistan. The Vice Chancellor of BUIITEMS, Dr. Abdul Rehman Khan, and the Chief Executive of Taaleem Foundation, Mr. Asim Mushtaq, signed the MoU. The collaborative effort aims to strengthen the TTC Kharan initiative, managed by Taaleem Foundation in partnership with The Hunar Foundation and

Management & Development Center. The MoU's primary objective is to promote technical and vocational education through workshops, seminars, research, and the development of TVET courses at TTC Kharan. An Incubation Center will also be established, fostering entrepreneurial skills and innovation. BUIITEMS will contribute technical assistance and consultative sessions to support vocational education's growth in Balochistan. The partnership seeks to advance technical and vocational education in the region through joint efforts.

Field Visit Report: Saindak Copper Gold Mining and Processing Project

Reported by: Dr. Hafeez ur Rehman

A delegation of 12 students and two faculty members from BUIITEMS' Mining Engineering Department visited the Sandak project from June 16 to 19, 2023. The visit was sponsored by MRDL (MMC Resources Development Company Limited), a subsidiary of China Metallurgical Group Corporation. Dr. Hafeez ur Rehman, Chairperson of the Department of Mining Engineering, led the team. During the visit, the delegation received a briefing from high-ranking MRDL officials, explored various aspects of the project, visited different ore bodies

(South, North, and East), observed mining activities, and learned about mineral processing, smelting, and the tailing dam. The delegation also visited medical facilities and commended MRDL for its welfare activities in the area. The delegation expressed gratitude to MRDL for the opportunity to witness the operations of this large-scale open pit mining site and mineral processing plant.



Five-day Training on Remote Sensing Techniques and Satellite Data Utilization

Reported by: Ghulam Rabbani



From June 19 to 23, 2023, the Training and Development department (T&D) of BUIITEMS organized a Five-day training on "Remote Sensing Techniques and Satellite Data Utilization for Monitoring Water Quality and Quantity." The training, held in collaboration with the Spatial Decision Support System (SDSS) lab NCGSA, aimed to provide practical experience in GIS, remote sensing, and hydrological modeling. Government-funded through the Balochistan Integrated Water Resources Management and Development Project (BIWRMDP), the training included lectures, hands-on exercises, and practical demonstrations of remote sensing techniques and satellite data utilization. Participants, including environmental agency personnel, gained insights into integrating remote sensing data with hydrological models for effective water resource management.

Five-day Topographic Surveying Training at BUIITEMS

Reported by: Ghulam Rabbani

From June 19 to 23, 2023, the Training and Development department (T&D) of Balochistan University of Information Technology, Engineering and Management Sciences (BUIITEMS) organized a Five-day training on Topographic Surveying in collaboration with the Department of Civil Engineering. The training aimed to equip technical officials of the Irrigation Department with skills in conducting topographic surveys and creating topographic maps for project design and management purposes. Funded by the Government of Balochistan through the Balochistan Integrated Water Resources Management and Development Project (BIWRMDP), the training included lectures and field work, covering the use of Total Station equipment. The training concluded with certificates distribution and participant feedback.



Indoor female games at UCoZ BUIITEMS

Reported by: Naseem bibi



University College of Zhob BUIITEMS organized indoor female games on June 22, 2023, sponsored by BRSP Zhob. Badminton and table tennis competitions concluded with Sana Pakhtun winning the table tennis final and Saira prevailing in badminton. Faculty and staff members supported the event, encouraging students to engage in physical activities beyond academics. Dr. Salam Lodhi emphasized women's role in societal development through education and extracurricular involvement. The event ended with certificate distribution and acknowledgments.

37th Mid-Career Management Course, (NIM, QUETTA)

Reported by: Mohammad Yaseen

The Balochistan University of Information Technology, Engineering, and Management Sciences (BUIITEMS), Quetta has arranged the visit of the participants of 37th Mid-Career Management Course (MCMC) comprising of a group of 45 officers belonging to the federal and provincial governments of different occupational groups and 07 faculty members of National Institute of Management (NIM), Quetta on June 22, 2023, at BUIITEMS Takatu Campus, Airport Road Quetta. Dr. Abdul Rehman, Vice Chancellor, Registrar, Faculty Deans, Directors, BUIITEMS attended the said visit and in this regard a presentation of BUIITEMS was made for the participants and a question & answer session was also made. The participants of 37th Mid-Career Management Course (MCMC) have also paid a visit to the National Incubation Center (NIC), BUIITEMS. The faculty members of NIM and the participants of 37th Mid-Career Management Course (MCMC) appreciated the efforts of the University Management with regards to providing quality education and research in different fields.



Higher Education System Strengthening Activity (HESSA) Summit 2023 Empowering Pakistan's Higher Education Landscape

Reported by: Ghazal Nagi



HESSA supports public higher education institutions through six vital thematic areas, each essential in shaping a comprehensive and enriching academic environment. Representatives from BUIITEMS participated in the summit and were assigned to the following thematic areas:

1. Thematic Area: Financial Aid

Focal Person: Ms. Kinza Khan

Deputy Director Financial Assistance

2. Thematic Area: Alumni Engagement & Development

Focal Person: Ms. Ghazal Nagi

Manager Alumni Relations

3. Thematic Area: Career Readiness

Focal Person: Mr. Faisal Nausherwani

Additional Director UA&FA

4. Thematic Area: Student Entrepreneurship

Focal Person: Mr. Nisar Ahmed

Executive Director NIC

5. Thematic Area: Student Leadership and Co-Curricular Activities

Focal Person: Mr. Sameen Khan

Deputy Director Student Affairs

6. Thematic Area: Mental Health & Psychological Support

Focal Person: Ms. Anqa Gharsheen

Lecturer Psychology/Counselor

Among the 16 esteemed universities selected to participate in HESSA, BUIITEMS (Balochistan University of Information Technology, Engineering, and Management Sciences) stood out as a beacon of academic excellence. BUIITEMS' representatives from the Student Support Services actively engaged in the summit, gaining valuable insights into innovative approaches for student engagement, alumni involvement, and holistic development. The summit provided a dynamic environment for knowledge exchange and capacity building. Industry experts and thought leaders shared best practices, innovative strategies, and successful case studies, equipping participants with

practical skills and innovative ideas tailored to their respective thematic areas. The summit's core goal was to empower universities to create student-centric solutions that enhance the overall education experience. Through collaborative brainstorming, interactive workshops, and lively discussions, attendees explored new avenues to address challenges and capitalize on opportunities in student support services.



This year's HESSA Summit marked a significant stride in transforming Pakistan's higher education landscape. By bolstering universities' capabilities to offer comprehensive support to students, alumni, and the community at large, HESSA is actively contributing to the nation's journey towards academic excellence, innovation, and holistic growth.

ICRMS Commemorated World Refugee Day and Gala

Reported by: Nafisa Nasar

The International Center for Refugee and Migration Studies (ICRMS) organized a noteworthy event on June 22, 2023, in honor of World Refugee Day. The gathering brought together a distinguished audience, including influential figures such as Mr. Arkadiy and Mr. Haider Zaman from UNHCR, public prosecutors, advocates, and representatives from organizations like Taraqee Foundation and WESS. The event witnessed a substantial turnout from BUIITEMS-LAW faculty, social sciences



faculty, Afghan refugee students from various universities, and Afghan refugees residing in different parts of Pakistan. The total attendance reached 260, demonstrating widespread interest and support for refugee-related issues. Mr. Muaz Shah, Director of Human Rights at Ziauddin University, delivered an insightful public lecture, delving into the complexities of refugee laws and policies in Pakistan. Drawing on his legal background and expertise in Islamic laws, Mr. Shah provided a thorough examination of existing laws, incorporating Islamic and Sharia principles. The event also featured the screening of the top three short films submitted for consideration, followed by a panel discussion on the theme "HOPE AWAY FROM HOME." The panel included notable participants such as Mr. Yasir, Mr. Muhammad Rasool, Mr. Inayat Ullah, and Ms. Shafiq, offering diverse perspectives on refugee-related issues. To recognize participants' efforts, prizes were awarded for the quiz, essay, and short film competitions. This acknowledgment aimed to encourage individuals who dedicated their skills to raise awareness about refugee challenges. The distribution of shields, souvenirs, and refreshments fostered a sense of celebration and camaraderie. In conclusion, the World Refugee Day event organized by ICRMS created an intellectually stimulating environment that promoted dialogue, understanding, and recognition of refugee rights and struggles. By engaging professionals, scholars, advocates, and refugee communities, the event played a crucial role in raising awareness, fostering empathy, and advocating for just and inclusive policies for refugees in Pakistan.

Space Awareness through Art, Knowledge, and Imagination Competition

Reported by: *Arsalan Ali Cheema*

The SDSS Lab initiated the "Space Awareness through Art, Knowledge, and Imagination" competition, part of the Space Education and Awareness Initiative for Balochistan. Students from various schools participated in activities such as crafting, painting, drawing, quizzes, and storytelling to showcase their space-related creativity and knowledge. The competition included a quiz that tested students' space science understanding, promoting learning and healthy competition. The initiative aimed to foster interest in space education, encourage STEM careers, and nurture artistic talents among the youth.



MOU Signing Between BUIITEMS and Ultrasoft System

Reported by: *Dr. Mehmood Baryalai*



The Balochistan University of Information Technology, Engineering and Management Sciences (BUIITEMS) and Pakistan's leading IT organization, Ultrasoft System, have partnered to provide enhanced technological knowledge to BUIITEMS students. Ultrasoft System was represented by Mr. Asif Naeem, CEO of Ultra Soft; Mr. Rizwan Khan, Director; and Mr. Shams Jamil, Manager Implementation Balochistan. BUIITEMS was represented by Dr. Abdul Rehman, Vice Chancellor; Dr. Bakhtiar Kasi, Dean of FICT; Dr. Sibghat Ullah

Bazai, Chairperson of Computer Engineering; Dr. Shah Marjan, Chairperson of Software Engineering; Dr. Mehmood Baryalai, Chairperson of Computer Science; Dr. Muhammad Ayub Tareen, Chairperson of Electronics Engineering; and Engr. Syed Ali Asghar Shah, Computer Engineering. A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) has been signed to develop sustainable arrangements between both parties. Under the agreement, BUIITEMS Quetta will exchange up-to-date information, experiences, and research. The university will also provide technically skilled students through training, certifications, and workshops in collaboration with Ultrasoft System. In return, Ultrasoft System will offer internship opportunities to students during and at the end of their degree programs. This initiative aims to bridge the gap between academia and industry, allowing students to gain industry insights for their Final Year Projects (FYPs). The collaboration's purpose is to enhance the curriculum through a joint effort between teachers and industry executives, considering current market trends and future industry demands. During this significant occasion, Mr. Asif praised BUIITEMS's performance and contribution to the country's educational landscape. He added that through this collaboration, Ultrasoft System aims to cultivate more technologically adept talent in the field of information technology. Dr. Abdul Rehman appreciated Ultrasoft System for supporting BUIITEMS in its mission to provide world-class education to Pakistani youth. Through this partnership, both parties aim to contribute to the development of a national talent pool in the fields of technology and computer science.

Anti-Narcotics Force (ANF) Walk 2023

Reported by: Breshna Meher



In reference to the Anti-Drug Awareness Drive Campaign, an Anti-Drug Awareness lecture was conducted on June 23, 2023, at BUIITEMS. The event was organized by the Anti-Narcotics Force (ANF). Additionally, the Student Affairs Department at BUIITEMS arranged an Anti-Drug Awareness Walk as part of the campaign.

Unlocking the Mystiques: Embracing Chinese as a Second Language Symposium and Book Launch featuring '禁忌与惰性' "Taboo and Inertia"

Reported by: Dr. Abdul Sattar

In celebration of a successful decade of the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC), the China Study Center at BUIITEMS organized a Symposium and Book Launch event titled "Unlocking the Mystiques: Embracing Chinese as a Second Language Symposium and Book Launch featuring '禁忌与惰性' 'Taboo and Inertia'." The event took place on June 23, 2023, at the CPEC Center Hall, BUIITEMS. The seminar commenced promptly at 11:00 a.m. with Dr. Abdul Sattar, the Director of the China Study Center (CSC), extending a warm welcome to the guests and participants. In his opening remarks, Dr. Sattar expressed gratitude for the attendees' presence and emphasized the growing importance of Chinese as a second language in today's globalized world.

The seminar consisted of two sessions. The first session featured an online keynote speech by Professor Dr. Maya Khemlani David from the University of Malaya, Malaysia. Dr. David's presentation explored the integration of language and culture in language teaching, emphasizing the need for educators to possess a deep understanding of Chinese culture, history, art, and society. She also shared effective techniques, including conversational storytelling, for teaching the Chinese language. Following the keynote speech, Prof. Dr. Liaqat Ali Channa, a Linguistics Professor from BUIITEMS, presented his research work on the motives behind learning Chinese as a second language. He highlighted the diverse motivations behind students' language learning journeys and provided valuable insights into the factors driving the learning of the Chinese language.



In the second session, the English translation of the Chinese book "Taboo and Inertia" was launched. Dr. Abdul Sattar, the Director of the CSC, presented the book to the audience and read excerpts that delved into the mysteries of Chinese culture and its taboos. The presence of Mr. Dawood Tareen, the Director of Culture from the Government of Balochistan, added honor to the event, and Dr. Sattar presented him with a copy of the book. The event concluded successfully, leaving the participants with a deeper understanding of the interconnectedness of language and culture, as well as the significance of Chinese language education. It is hoped that the knowledge shared, and discussions held during this seminar will contribute to the advancement of language education and cultural exchange in the region.



ICRMS Seniors Research Grants Proposal Defense Report

Reported by: Nafisa Nasar

The International Center for Refugees and Migration Studies (ICRMS) conducted its annual Senior Research Grants Defense on June 26, 2023, at the Training Hall, SS Block, BUIITEMS. The hybrid event allowed both physical and remote participation. The defense commenced with a Quran recitation, followed by participant and ICRMS staff introductions. An introductory video outlined ICRMS and its objectives. Ms. Rahila Umer, ICRMS Director, underscored the research grants' importance and the significance of the explored topics.



Proceedings included opening remarks by a UNHCR representative, an orientation presentation about ICRMS Research Grants, and moderation by Kinza Fatima. Shortlisted candidates presented proposals on UNHCR-defined themes. Principal investigators and topics were:

1. Dr. Bashir: Analyzing Gender Roles for Women Empowerment in Urban and Rural Afghan Refugee Settlements in Balochistan (Protection)
2. Dr. Asma Bashir: Mixed Method Approach to Explore Mental Health Predictors in Afghan Refugee Youth (Health)
3. Dr. Zobia Noreen: Risk Assessment and Spatial Clustering of Infectious Diseases Among Afghan Refugees (Health)
4. Noman Nabi: Strengthening Inclusive Education for Afghan Refugees: Community-Driven Policy Approach (Education)
5. Bakht Noor Khan: Refugee Women in Pakistan: Discrimination Faces and Policy Solutions in Loralai, Balochistan (Protection)

Closing remarks and a review session concluded the event. Dr. Khalid Khan and Dr. Rahila Umer evaluated the proposals. The defense provided a platform to address challenges faced by Afghan refugees in Balochistan.

ICRMS Junior Research Grants Defense Report

Reported by: Nafisa Nasar



The International Center for Refugees and Migration Studies (ICRMS) held the annual Junior Research Grants defense on June 27, 2023, at the Training Hall, SS Block, BUIITEMS. The hybrid event allowed both physical and remote participation. The defense began with the recitation of the Holy Quran, followed by participant introductions and an introductory video about ICRMS. Ms. Rahila Umer, the Director of ICRMS, emphasized the significance of the research grants and the proposed projects. Opening remarks were given by Dr. Rahila

Umer, and Ms. Kinza Fatima provided an orientation presentation about ICRMS Research Grants. Shortlisted candidates presented and defended their research proposals from 11:45 am to 2:15 pm.

Research Proposals and Presenters:

1. Sana Ullah - "Rural-Urban Migration of Refugees in Balochistan" (Protection)
2. Asma Hafiz - "Enhancing Access to Education for Refugee Girls" (Education)
3. Muhammad Atif - "Role of Technology in Connecting and Empowering Refugee Women" (Livelihood)
4. Myra Mehmood - "Climate Change and Balochistan: A Case Study of Urban Flooding" (Climate Change and Protection)
5. Naseer Khan Achakzai - "The Role of Social Support in Promoting Mental Health among Refugees" (Health/Psychology)

The event concluded with closing remarks and a review session. Dr. Khalid Khan, Dr. Sara Rafiq, and Dr. Rahila Umer evaluated the proposals, providing a platform for aspiring researchers to contribute to refugee and migration studies. The participants demonstrated dedication, talent, and commitment to addressing challenges faced by refugee populations in Balochistan.





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