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by Arslan Khan

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Yusuf Khan
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by Fiza Riaz & Kanita Anjum

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Delegation with the Vice Chancellor of SMIU at Nottingham University.

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- Muhammad Arslan Riaz
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The faculty members who accompanied them including Ms Noorish Hussain, Dr. Shamsa Naz, Dr. Aurangzeb, and registrar Mr. Gohar Mughal, alongside with the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Dr. Muhammad Ali Shahid.

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by Anis Khan

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President of Hainan University, Prof. Dr. Jian- bao Li, addressed the participants at conference session and said, “There should be a platform where we could share information with each other.” Dr. Muhammad Ali Shahid, Vice Chancellor SMIU, addressed the session admitting that our university—SMIU—was prepared to involve in the mutually conducted research projects and to provide funds equal to our Chinese counterparts. The representatives of both the delegations signed MoUs (Mouandum of understanding) for the student exchange program that would be consisted of 4 to 6 weeks long in which various short courses alongside various expenses related to accommodation will be covered by the universities. The Chairman of Senate, Mian Iraz Zahid, addressed the delegations from both the universities and said, “Educational corridor would play an essential role in forging unity among the nations of Asia.” Justice (retired) Syed Deedar Husain Shah and MFA Ghous Bux Mohar member of SMIU syndicate also spoke on the occasion.

SMIU University organized a national seminar on higher education with the theme of “The Way Forward” in which many Vice Chancellors of different universities of Pakistan were invited to discuss the prospects and limitations of their respective universities. This seminar was held three days having different sessions every day in which vice chancellors suggested as to how the universities are facing financial as well as academic challenges. In concluding session Mr. Nisar Ahmed Khurro, Sindh Minister of Education and Literacy said that higher education was necessary for nation’s progress and development. Hence, more universities should be opened in the country. Mr. Khurro further said that Pakistan was doing well in education sector but still we need to improve our higher education at par with international universities.
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SMIU enters in the educational arena of the city

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Fifty future leaders of SMIU visit Federal Offices of Pakistan

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Mr. Maula Bux Chandio, Sixth Minister of Information receiving souvenir from the delegation of SMIU along with Vice Chancellor SMIU. Mr. Chandio along with the delegation was welcomed with a standing ovation by the students along with the thumping on the decks. Then it has become the most gratifying and cherished moment of my life.

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When we were informed that our next stop would be Ministry of Education and Planning, we prepared ourselves to conduct a thorough question and answer session with the officials. Soon after, the Ministry of State for Federal Education and Professional Training, Mr. Babur Gilani-ur-Rehman entered the conference hall, we stood there listening attentively as he addressed. In which he gave us an inspiring and motivational speech to take the reins of the country in coming future.

At all institutes, we were welcomed warmly by the Vice Chancellors and were treated with utmost respect. Without doubt it was a life changing opportunity for me, I have learned and tested numerous skills, one of them is time management as we attended a great deal of events and stops by-a number of reputable places within a pretty packed schedule.

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Independence Day being celebrated by SMIU students in the auditorium

by Farhad Rizvi

Passionate students celebrating Independence Day at SMIU

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SMIU AMBASSADOR PROGRAMME

by Sana Saeed

Sindh Maddrassatul Islam University always comes up with innovative ideas to groom its students to honor that custom, the university has recently introduced ‘SMIU Ambassador Program.’ The vision of SMIU University is to brush up its students’ skills, thus, it’s trying its best to organize such a competition where the pupils are at liberty to choose among the list of books and go through the tests. The ones who prove their mettle, among all the participants, will be named the finest of SMIU’s and honored to be its ambassadors.

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Further onwards the flag hoisting was followed by an event organized by the students of SMIU in Shahianwaz Auditorium. The students showed their patriotism for their beloved country in various manners. Six students delivered exemplary speeches in the trilingual speech session respectively in Sindhi, Urdu and English. Several students sang melodious national songs. The deans of different departments shared their views about the importance of freedom. In the end, the Vice Chancellor delivered the message of ‘taking responsibility of your own self.’ Later he announced a trip to various important and legendary places of Sindh.

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by Kaifiz Anjum

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Students' Artwork displayed at the department of Media Studies and Social Sciences

by Solomon Khan

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**Earth Day Celebration**

The Department of Environmental Sciences celebrated Earth Day at SMU University. Students prepared small posters and displayed them on the departmental notice board. The students were asked to wear green color to create awareness among students. During Earth Day, April 22, 1970 was celebrated as the first Earth Day and marked the beginning of the modern environmental movement. Nowadays this event is celebrated worldwide in more than 193 countries each year on this day. The purpose of this day is to create the environmental awareness.

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**COLORS OF SMU**

**SPRING FESTIVAL 2016**

by Fateema Mubarak

Dr. Muhammad Ali Shaikh honored second term as Vice Chancellor of SMU University

The Governor Sindh Dr. Isratul Ebad Khan, who is also Chancellor of Sindh Madressatul Islam University, has appointed Dr. Muhammad Ali Shaikh as Vice Chancellor of Sindh Madressatul Islam University (SMU) for second term on recommendation of Chief Minister Sindh, Syed Qaim Ali Shah. Dr. Muhammad Ali Shaikh has been serving as the Vice Chancellor of SMU since February 2012 and his first term was to end this month. The appointment has been made in accordance with the Sindh Madressatul Islam University Act 2011, which has provision of granting another term of the office for four years to the incumbent Vice Chancellor. Earlier, Dr. Muhammad Ali Shaikh called on the Chief Minister Sindh, where he briefed him about the progress so far made by this newly established University. He informed the Chief Minister that SMU has entered in several international collaborations as well as achieved the highest “W” category by the Higher Education Commission regarding the quality and assurance parameters of teaching and research.

The Chief Minister Sindh highly appreciated the services rendered by Dr. Muhammad Ali Shaikh and imposed full confidence in his efforts to bring SMU back to its old glory.

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To name a few, air-conditioned class rooms with projectors and computers, up to date library technical support, ample coverage of WI-FI, computer labs with advanced machines, local, national and international educational visits etc. In the busy and traditional educational environment, extracurricular and other recreational activities sound only logical and in fact necessary to keep the students (and teachers as well) interested and motivated.

Thus to fulfill the requirement, SMU routine organizes spring festival and in addition to this, the student societies arrange numerous events with internal and outsourced participations and performances. Several events included singing competition, cultural walk, guest speakers, Manchhara (poetry) featured events, sports— tug of war, cricket, 100m race & football. The three days festival has three different kinds of highlighted activities i.e. Pendal activities (performances), ground activities (sports) and banned activities under specific societies. The winners, in all the aforementioned events, received a trophy and certificates which were distributed voluntarily in organizing the said events, their support is gratified with plausible appreciation and official certificates offered by the worthy Vice Chancellor of SMU. Prof. Dr. Muhammad Ali Shaikh. The motivation and enthusiasm these events entail are

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ARTS EXHIBITION
Students’ Artwork displayed at the department of Media Studies and Social Sciences

by Salma Khan

Faculty members and students with Dean Faculty of Management, Business Administration & Commerce during the exhibition at SMIU.

Department of Media Studies has facilities such as TV Studio, Radio, and photography, and it is highly equipped to showcase the capabilities of its students. Therefore, the Department organizes an exhibition of various works of basic design, photography and drawing which are executed by the students during the semester. Similarly, to exhibit artistic photographs on several genres i.e. street photography, wildlife, brands, buildings, antiques etc. SMIU students organized an Art Exhibition last December. The exhibition was held within the premises of the department of Media Studies and Social Sciences. However, outsiders were also allowed to visit and appreciate the work. The ribbon cutting was done by Prof. Dr. Anwarzeh, Dean Faculty of Business Administration and Media Studies & Social Sciences. The event showcased students’ work related to photography, drawing, basic design and graphics.

Earth Day Celebration

The Department of Environmental Sciences celebrated Earth Day at SMU University. Students prepared small posters and displayed them on the departmental notice board. The students were asked to wear green color to create awareness among students regarding Earth Day. April 22, 1970 was celebrated as the first Earth Day and marked the beginning of the modern environmental movement. Nowadays this event is celebrated worldwide in more than 193 countries each year on this day. The purpose of this day is to create the environmental awareness.

COLORS OF SMIU

SPRING FESTIVAL 2016

by Falaknaz Mahmood

Vice Chancellor of SMU, Prof. Dr. Muhammad Ali Shafiq launching Spring Festival

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**Distinction of Student**

**PROFILE**

"I, Hasnain Ali Banani, in capacity of being SMIU student, have put in my best to serve and represent my institute for I belong here. My fellow students, for consecutive two years, have elected me to be the president of the Arts society, along with my whole team. While on the outside, I’ve been chosen as an ambassador for the Express Education for two straight years. When it comes to my personal goals and their accomplishments, I - being a Media Studies and Social Sciences student - have got my short film named for Phoenix Melbourne Film Festival - 2015 where only eight movies across entire Pakistan were to be shortlisted. Another of my short films ‘Game of Mind’ made it to third in IBT BIZTEK Film Festival. In addition to this, a documentary I had made won yet another award in Express Education Expo. After this I realized this was just the beginning of something extraordinary as I have bigger plans and even bigger dreams to turn into reality now.

Hasnain Ali Banani (HAB FILMS)
DEPARTMENTAL NEWS
Walkthrough of few Highlights of different aspects in SMIU

NTS Scholarship Winner
Two students from SMU University have been awarded NTS Scholarship Program 2016. The students belong to Department of Environmental Sciences. Mr. Muhammad Obaid Afzal and Salman Ali student of MS 2nd and 3rd semester respectively qualified for the scholarship this year. The scholarship is being awarded for one year and it is being funded by the National Testing Service, Islamabad Pakistan.

Honor of SMU Student
The student of the Computer Science Department, Karwan Iqbal, won 1st prize in the 16th Alama Iqbal Shield All Pakistan Declamation Contest arranged by the HEC. This competition was conducted at regional level initially to select contestants for the final round. Karwan Iqbal succeeded in the first two rounds hence she has been selected for the final round to be held in Islamabad. Students of Department of Computer Science actively participate in extra-curricular activities and this is testament to it.

BS (CS)'s Accreditation Program by NCEAC
The Bachelor of Studies (BS) Program of Department of Computer Science has been approved and accredited by NCEAC and rated under category X. This is a great success at this stage for the Department of Computer Science in such a short period of time. The credit has been given to NCEAC coordination team of Computer Science Department at SMU, under the supervision of Dean Dr. Syed Asif Ali.

Awareness Seminar on Environment
A seminar on “Aqauatic, Air and Thermal Pollution” was arranged by Department of Environmental Sciences at SMU University. Professor Dr. Javed Mustaqeem, Ex-Director of the Center of Excellence in Marine Biology, University of Karachi, and visiting professor at Department of Environmental Studies shared his knowledge on aquatic pollution with the MS students of Environmental Sciences. He focused on the air and thermal pollution and their effects on living beings. He also discussed different techniques to monitor aquatic pollution. The session proved extremely informative and helpful for the research work.

Sindh Madressatul Islam University and Lasbela University signed MoU
Dr Muhammad Ali Shahkh, Vice Chancellor of SMU and Prof. Dr. Dost Muhammad Baloch, Vice Chancellor of Lasbela University signed the MoU regarding cooperation in Exchange of faculty members, research personnel and graduate and under graduate students for study and research, joint educational, academic, training and research activities, participation in seminars, academic meetings, provision of research trainings and course work for M.Phil students, supervision of PhD students at specialized fee structure, exchange of administrative managers/coordinators and training and development of administrative and academic staff. On this occasion, Dr. Muhammad Ali Shahkh said that he had always welcomed this kind of cooperation that would be beneficial for both the universities of Sindh and Balochistan.
10 students of SMIU embarking for internship under China student exchange programme

Sindh Madressatul Islam University's first group of final year students comprising 10 principal candidates will go to China's Hainan Tropical Ocean University, located in its Hainan province for 5 -Weeks Internship Program, from September 2016. The Hainan Tropical Ocean University will bear their accommodation and tuition fees, and tickets will be provided by SMIU. while food, medicines, laundry and other personal expenditures will be incurred by the students. The selected fortunate students are: Shahryar Khan, Umair Khan, Muhammad Danial Waseem, Atif Fayaz and Masoor Manzoor Chando from Department of Computer Science, Mohsin Abbas, Muhammad Arsalan and Navin Kumar from Department of Business Administration, Hasnain Ali and Arshman Naseer from Department of Media Studies and Social Sciences. The remaining shortlisted students will go to China in the second phase. Dr Muhammad Ali Shaikh, Vice Chancellor of SMIU has said that this will be a first group of SMIU that is going abroad for internship programme. We are trying to give world exposure to our students along with the modern education at the campus. Vice Chancellor of SMIU further said that we are creating lot of opportunities for study and research work for SMIU students and faculty members in the foreign partner universities. He hoped that the selected students will learn new things from China and are a time-tested friend of Pakistan and on their return their motherland, they will continue to deliver their best to their fellow students. Good luck to all the champions of SMIU.

Vice Chancellor with students and faculty members due to embark to China for five weeks internship program in September.

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