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**Preston University** **1<sup>st</sup>**  
**Grabs Position**  
**in RCCI Business Plan Competition**

Preston University, Islamabad beat its counterpart out-and-out to win 1st position in the inter-university 'Business Plan Competition' organized by the Rawalpindi Chamber of Commerce and Industry (RCCI). The event was organized by RCCI to evaluate the business skills of the upcoming business professionals of the country and to bridge the industry-academia gap to promote business activities in the region.

Eminent among the universities which participated in the referenced competition were NUML Islamabad, University (FJWU) Rawalpindi, Quaid-e-Azam University, Islamabad, Preston University, Islamabad, APCOMS, Rawalpindi and NUST Islamabad. The Managing Director of Islamabad Stock Exchange (ISE), Mian Guest of the ceremony while former President Manzar Khurshid Sheikh, Raja Amer Iqbal and Col (R) Zafar President RCCI, Dr. Shimail Daud Arain, other senior executives of RCCI and a large number of students were present on the occasion. In his address, Dr. Shimail Daud Arain said it was need of the hour to strengthen the industry-academia linkages. This, he emphasized, is essential to enhance business activities in the region. Chief Guest Mian Ayaz Afzal said that such competitions provide the students an excellent opportunity to show their talent and familiarize themselves with practical and modern trends in businesses in national and international markets. He congratulated the Preston University team on winning 1st position in the competition. Dr. Abdul Basit, Chancellor, Preston University, congratulated the winning team of Preston University on their outstanding achievement. He profoundly appreciated their remarkable performance in RCCI Business Plan Competition.

Fatima Jinnah Women COMSATS, Islamabad, Ayaz Afzal was the Chief Jamal were the jury members.

## Dr. Muhammad Rashid Seyal's Book Launched



A book launching ceremony was held at Preston University, Islamabad in March 2014 to introduce Dr. Muhammad A. Rashid Seyal's book titled "Faith in the Unseen". The event was jointly organized by Preston University and the Archaeological and Historical Association of Pakistan. Eminent educationists, scholars, intellectuals and senior faculty and students of Preston University participated in the event in large number. Mr. Ahsan Iqbal, Federal Minister for Planning and Development, Government of Pakistan chaired the event as Chief Guest.

In his keynote address on the occasion, Mr. Ahsan Iqbal, Federal Minister for Planning and Development at the outset expressed his profound gratitude to Dr. Abdul Basit, Chancellor Preston University and Dr. Ghazanfar Mehdi, Chairman, Archaeological and Historical Association of Pakistan for inviting him to chair the launching ceremony of Dr. Muhammad A. Rashid Seyal's book titled 'Faith in the Unseen'.

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# Seminar on "Khojaly Genocide"

*Eminent personalities speak about the Khojaly Genocide with a sense of utmost grief and indignation. Term the Genocide that took place 22 years ago as a dastardly act of brutality committed by the Armenian forces on hundreds of innocent Azeri civilians (men, women and children).*



Preston University, Islamabad, the Embassy of Azerbaijan and the Institute of Peace and Diplomacy (IPD) Islamabad jointly organized a seminar on "Khojaly Genocide: Seeking Justice for Innocent Victims". The referenced seminar, held in February 2014, was organized to mark the 22nd anniversary of the unparalleled brutal human tragedy that struck Khojaly on February 25, 1992. The Ambassador of Azerbaijan to Pakistan, H.E Dashgin Shikarov graced the occasion as Chief Guest.

Addressing the distinguished participants on the occasion, the Ambassador of Azerbaijan, H.E. Dashgin Shikarov briefly unfolded the history of the tragic event. He said that during the fall of USSR, at the turn of the century, the Armenian nationalists raised territorial claims to Azerbaijan demanding Nagorno-Karabakh as an autonomous region. He further said, in 1998 more than 300 thousand Azerbaijanis were expelled from their homelands in Armenia. Many of them were killed. Contrary to the USSR Constitution, which guaranteed inviolability of borders of the Union Republics, Armenian SSR and the Armenian community of Nagorno-Karabakh both adopted decisions to institute the process of unilateral secession of the autonomous region from Azerbaijan. ▶▶ Continued on page 6

## Prof. Dr. Akbar S. Ahmed's Lecture on Quaid-e-Azam

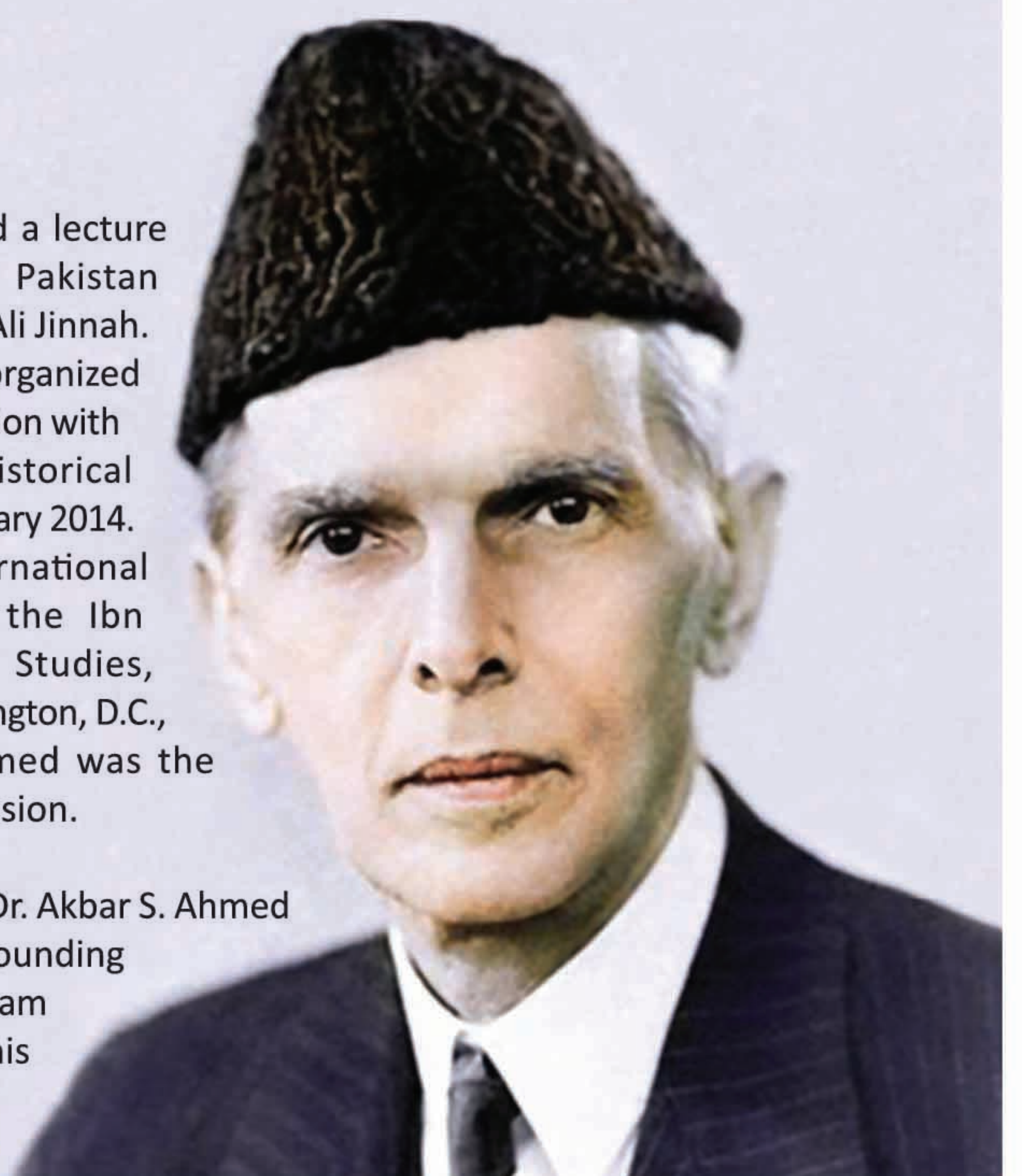


Preston University organized a lecture on the founding father of Pakistan Quaid-e-Azam Muhammad Ali Jinnah. The referenced lecture was organized by the university in collaboration with the Archaeological and Historical Association of Pakistan in January 2014. Scholar and writer of international eminence and presently the Ibn Khaldun Chair of Islamic Studies, American University in Washington, D.C., Professor Dr. Akbar S. Ahmed was the keynote speaker on the occasion.



In his keynote address, Prof. Dr. Akbar S. Ahmed paid glowing tribute to the founding father of Pakistan, Quaid-e-Azam Muhammad Ali Jinnah for his unparalleled struggle for the

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# Preston Organizes Seminar on

## 'Political and Strategic Importance of the Balkans'

**Former Turkish Ambassador to Pakistan, H. E. Mustafa Babur Hizlan speaks on the subject and highlights Balkan's geostrategic, political, economic and socio-cultural importance and its role in the history of Mediterranean affairs.**

Preston University organized a seminar on 'Political and Strategic Importance of the Balkans' at its campus in Islamabad in March 2014. The former Ambassador of Turkey to Pakistan, H. E. Mustafa Babur Hizlan who was the keynote speaker on the occasion spoke at length on the subject. The incumbent Ambassador of Turkey to Pakistan, H. E. S. Babur Girgin presided over the seminar as Chief Guest. Eminent personalities including current and former Ambassadors of different countries, based in Pakistan, intellectuals, academicians, and faculty and students of Preston University participated in the event in larger number.



In his keynote address on the occasion H. E. Mustafa Babur Hizlan, former Ambassador of Turkey to Pakistan while briefly tracing the history of the Balkan's said that the Balkans is understood as a peninsula in the Mediterranean Sea; out of eleven Balkan states seven are Mediterranean (Slovenia, Croatia, Montenegro, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Albania, Greece and Turkey – its European part) and four do not have a Mediterranean coast (Serbia, Macedonia, Bulgaria, Romania). However, Serbia and Macedonia are both frequently placed within the Mediterranean region due to their socio-historical relevance for relations among nations in the area, he said. Modern history, he said, is connected to the Ottoman Empire's invasion and the fight of the 'continental' local nations (Bulgarians, Serbs, Macedonians, Romanians and others) against the invading Islam. On the other hand the coastal areas of the peninsula were 'under patronage' of the big European powers, which took these areas as their "legitimate historical belonging" or their "inalienable sphere of influence", be it Republic of Venice, Britain, Italy, or Austro-Hungary. In this regard, the inland parts of the peninsula were connected to the term 'East', however the coastal parts were regarded as the 'civilized West'. He said that other states with historical interest in the region were also Russia and Germany. Ambassador Hizlan who's currently heading the Balkans Desk at the Turkish Foreign Ministry, emphatically stated that the Balkans stability is extremely vital to world peace. [▶▶ Continued on page 7](#)



## Preston Karachi holds Training Session



A one-day training session was organized by Preston University, Karachi in March 2014. The Karachi Youth Organization (KYO) was instrumental in conducting the referenced training session in which the students of main campus and North Nazimabad Campus of the university participated. The topics on which enlightening presentations were made by qualified and experienced personalities were 'Communication', 'Self-esteem', and 'Fighting with Fear'. Mr. Rabi-ur-Rehman who is a training manager by profession focused his presentation on the subject of 'Communication.' Mr. Ahmed Siddiqui, official member of One Young world, London talked about 'Self-esteem'. Ms. Qurat-ul-Ain, corporate trainer at Yunus Textile Mills Ltd., Karachi made an interesting presentation on 'Fighting with Fears'.

Member National Assembly of Pakistan, Mr. Ali Rashid presided over the event as Chief Guest. Speaking on the occasion he appreciated the speakers for their outstanding presentations on topics of relevance and interest to the students. In his address to students, he advised them to work hard to attain their educational goals successfully so that they could prepare themselves to serve their country to the best of their abilities. Mr. Aftab Lodhi, Director General, Preston University, Karachi and Ms. Nisho Siddiqui, Deputy Registrar thanked the trainers for their informative and thought provoking presentations. Later, Chief Guest Mr. Ali Rashid (MNA) distributed certificates among the participating students.



# Board of Advanced Studies & Research (BASAR) holds 55th Meeting

The 55th meeting of the Board of Advanced Studies and Research (BASAR) of Preston University was held in Islamabad in March 2014. The Vice Chancellor of Preston University, Kohat and Chairman BASAR, Prof. Dr. Muhammad Anwar Hassan chaired the referenced meeting. All the members of BASAR were in attendance. The proceedings of the meeting commenced with recitation from the Holy Quran. At the outset Chairman BASAR warmly welcomed all the participating members of the Board to the meeting and thanked them for their valuable presence at the meeting. Later, he declared the 55th Board meeting open.



The meeting commenced with the permission of the Chair. Over fifty six items relating to important academic issues were presented and brought up for discussion. While opening the discussion, Secretary BASAR, Prof. Dr. A.W. Baloch informed the House that minutes of the 54th BASAR meeting, held in January 2014, was duly approved by the Chair after incorporating certain amendments suggested by the Board.

Apart from a long list of innumerable important academic issues which were presented and discussed at the meeting, one very important agenda item that came up for discussion was the issue of revisiting the rules and regulations governing the university's M. Phil and PhD programs. In this regard the House constituted a high profile committee comprising of Prof. Dr. Mohammad Rashid, Dean Faculty of Education and Doctoral Studies; Prof. Dr. Mohammad Daud Awan, Advisor PQAD and Dean Faculty of Computer Science and Prof. Dr. Tahir Saeed, Associate Professor and Head and Dean Faculty of Business Administration. The referenced committee has been tasked with the responsibility of reviewing the existing approved M. Phil and PhD programs rules and regulations in the context of latest instructions and guidelines of the Higher Education Commission (HEC). It was decided that the committee will submit its recommendations for consideration of the Board in the next BASAR meeting.

## Preston Represented at

### "International Conference on Migration, Education and Development in South Asia"



**Prof. Dr. Alay Ahmad**  
Dean Faculty of  
Social Sciences  
Preston University,  
Peshawar

*Prof. Dr. Alay Ahmad, Dean Faculty of Social Sciences and Head of Department of Applied Psychology, Preston University, Peshawar represents the university at the high profile conference held at Quaid-e-Azam University, Islamabad in March 2014. Also presents a paper titled "A Cross-Cultural Study of Effects of Migration on Fathers' and Children's Personality of Syrians to Turkey and Afghanistan to Pakistan" on the occasion.*

Prof. Dr. Alay Ahmad, Dean Faculty of Social Sciences and Head of Department of Applied Psychology, Preston University, Peshawar represented the university at a high profile conference held at Quaid-e-Azam University, Islamabad in March 2014. Prof. Alay Ahmad also had the privilege and honor to present a paper on the occasion. The topic of Prof. Alay Ahmed's paper was "A Cross-Cultural Study of Effects of Migration on Fathers' and Children's Personality of Syrians to Turkey and Afghanistan to Pakistan". The main objective of the study was to find out similarities and dissimilarities between personalities of parents and their children who migrated from Syria to Turkey and Afghanistan to Pakistan. Twenty Syrian and twenty Afghani families voluntarily participated in the study. All the participants belonged to upper class, settled down in Turkey and Pakistan for the past few months. The referenced study controlled socio-economic variable since all of them belonged to the same class. The paper presented at the conference by Prof. Dr. Alay Ahmed was immensely appreciated by the Chair and delegates to the conference.

## Prof. Dr. B. A. Khilji's Book Published

Prof. Dr. Bashir Ahmed Khilji, Head of the Department (HoD) of Economics, Preston University has achieved yet another remarkable milestone in his long and successful teaching career. He has got his fourth book on HR titled 'HRD in Pakistan: an Analytical Study (1947-2012)' published. Eminent publishing company of West Germany, Lambert Academic Publishing has been instrumental in publishing the referenced publication of Prof. Dr. Khilji. With the publishing of this book Dr. Khilji's name stands listed in the roster of international authors.

Dr. Abdul Basit, Chancellor Preston University profoundly congratulated Prof. Dr. Bashir Ahmed Khilji, Head of the Department of Economics, Preston University on this outstanding achievement. He said, Preston University immensely appreciates Prof. Dr. Khilji's contribution on the academic front and the management of the university sincerely hopes that he would continue to make such valuable contributions towards the development of this institution in future also.



**Prof. Dr. B.A. Khilji**  
HoD, Economics  
Preston University, Islamabad

# Peshawar Campus Organizes

## “Welcome Dinner”

for **New Entrants** to its **B.Tech Program**



*Over 500 new entrants to the B. Tech program participate in the grand get-together arranged by the university to welcome them. Jubilantly participate in the event and evince keen interest in the informative talk delivered on the occasion by Vice Chancellor Preston University, Kohat Dr. Muhammad Anwar Hassan.*



The Peshawar Campus of Preston University, Kohat organized a ‘Welcome Dinner’ for new entrants to the B. Tech program of the university. The grand event was held at the campus in January 2014. More than 500 B. Tech students jubilantly participated in the event. Senior faculty and staff of the university were also present on the occasion.

Addressing the students, faculty and staff of the university Vice Chancellor Preston University, Kohat, Prof. Dr. Muhammad Anwar Hassan at the

outset extended a warm welcome to the new students to the get-together and congratulated them on joining the B. Tech program of the university. Highlighting the contribution of Preston University towards the cause of higher education in Pakistan, Prof. Dr. Anwar said it is incomparable. He said with profound sense of pride that the university has imparted education to more than 80,000 graduates since its inception in 1984. The graduates of this university, he informed, are now doing lucrative jobs in national, multinational and international organizations within the country and abroad. This, he said, abundantly speaks of the high standards that Preston University continues to maintain in the process of imparting education to its students.

Prof. Dr. Anwar further said, the university has engaged highly qualified and experienced PhD faculty, at all its campuses across the country, to ensure that top quality state-of-the-art education is provided to its students. On the occasion he emphasized that the students must work very hard to attain their educational goals successfully and prepare themselves to effectively face and tackle the challenges that confront Pakistan today. Today’s world, he said, has become highly competitive and one could attain success in his or her practical life and career only if he or she assigned top priority to education. Prof. Dr. Muhammad Anwar Hassan assured the students that the highly qualified and experienced faculty of the university would help and guide them in every possible manner to achieve this vital objective.

# “SPRING FESTIVAL 2014”

## Commemorated at Preston University Karachi

Preston University, Karachi commemorated ‘Spring Festival 2014’. The event was held at the main campus of the university in March 2014. Kite flying and meena bazar formed an important part of the day-long festivity. A horror show was also arranged on the occasion. The students, faculty and staff of the university participated in the event with immeasurable enthusiasm. Mr. Aftab Lodhi, Director General, Preston University, Karachi graced the festival by his distinguished presence as Chief Guest. In his brief remark on the occasion, Mr. Aftab Lodhi emphasized that the students should participate in extra-curricular activities with enthusiasm as it significantly helps in building their confidence which is pre-requisite to a successful life and career. He also immensely appreciated the endeavors of all those who have been instrumental in successfully organizing ‘Spring Festival 2014’.





**Professor  
Dr. Aamna Saleem Khan**

## Prof. Dr. Aamna Saleem Khan Represents Preston University at International Conferences held at Rawalpindi, Mardan and Faisalabad

Prof. Dr. Aamna Saleem Khan, Assistant Professor of Education, Preston University, Islamabad represented the university at three international conferences held in Islamabad, Mardan and Faisalabad in January and February 2014. In January 2014, Dr. Aamna Saleem Khan participated in international conferences on “Engaging the Learner: Rethinking Education” and “Computational and Social Sciences” held at Fatima Jinnah Women University, Rawalpindi and Abdul Wali Khan University, Mardan, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa respectively. In February 2014, Dr. Aamna Saleem Khan represented Preston at international conference on “Emerging Horizons of Agriculture Extension for Sustainable Development” organized by the University of Faisalabad.

At the international conference on “Engaging the Learner: Rethinking Education” organized by FJWU Rawalpindi Dr. Aamna Saleem Khan presented a paper titled ‘Teacher Efficacy: A base of Students’ Success’. The paper she presented at the conference on “Computational and Social Sciences” held at Abdul Wali Khan University, Mardan was titled ‘Effects of Locus of Control on Gender’. At the international conference on ‘Emerging Horizons of Agriculture Extension for Sustainable Development’ organized by the University of Faisalabad, her paper was titled ‘Role of Education in Capacity Building’. The Chairs and the participants of the respective conferences immensely appreciated the papers presented by Prof. Aamna Saleem Khan. They profoundly congratulated her on her outstanding and thought provoking presentations. Dr. Abdul Basit, Chancellor Preston University also congratulated Dr. Aamna Saleem Khan on her remarkable contribution and achievement.

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*Book Launching Ceremony*

He particularly appreciated the efforts of Preston University, which, he said, besides promoting the cause of higher education in Pakistan has also contributed significantly towards national development by organizing workshops, seminars, and conferences, on burning national issues, and through high profile literary activities such as the book launching ceremony. Venting his views on Dr. Seyal’s book, Mr. Ahsan Iqbal said that the topic of the book itself is vital and pertinent to the interest of every Muslim living across this universe. This, he said, is because Faith in the context of religion is very defining for a person. He said it places the person in a belief system that develops into a way of life and provides its own unique system of logic to explain the phenomena of life around us. Faith in God, Mr. Ahsan Iqbal said, enables humans to be thankful for the blessings they enjoy, and to be patient when confronted with problems, for they firmly believe that nothing can happen without God’s will. Ultimately, faith enables them to develop a deeper vision, one which goes beyond the sight of their eyes and the signals of their minds, he said. Mr. Ahsan Iqbal highly appreciated Dr. Seyal’s efforts to pen his thoughts on a vital topic such as ‘Faith in the Unseen’.



Eminent among the speakers who spoke on the occasion were Dr. Muhammad A. Rashid Seyal, author of the book, Eminent Political Analyst Lt. Gen. (R) Hamid Gul, Dr. Abdul Basit, Chancellor Preston University, and Dr. Ghazanfar Mehdi, Chairman Archaeological and Historical Association of Pakistan. They immensely appreciated the contribution of Dr. Muhammad A. Rashid Seyal in enlightening all his readers in general and the Muslims in particular about various aspects of Islam through his thought provoking writings.

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*Seminar: Khojaly Genocide*



Simultaneously, the Armenian forces in Nagorno-Karabakh and Armenia got armed that was totally against the existing legislation. He said, soon after the disintegration of the USSR the Armenian Armed Forces started open aggression against the newly born Azerbaijan Republic. During the years 1992-1993 twenty per cent of Azerbaijan’s territory that included Nagorno-Karabakh and seven adjacent districts were occupied. The war led to deaths and wounding of thousands and hundreds of thousands either became refugees or were forcibly displaced. Several thousand disappeared without trace. On the occasion Ambassador Shikarov expressed his government’s profound appreciation and gratitude to all those countries of the world, including Pakistan, who have adopted resolutions condemning the atrocities committed on innocent civilians by the Armenian forces in Khojaly and for fully supporting Azerbaijan government’s stand on the Khojaly Genocide.



Eminent among the speakers who shed light on Khojaly Genocide on the occasion were former Senator Salim Saifullah Khan, former Senator Shehzad Waseem, Dr. Abdul Basit, Chancellor Preston University, and Prof. Dr. Aftab Qazi, Senior Fellow, Johns Hopkins University, USA. In their brief discourse on the Khojaly Tragedy, the speakers said that human history is replete with shocking and heartrending acts of brutality of inconceivable magnitude, committed by one group against the other, one country against another. They said that the Khojaly tragedy that took place in the 20th century was one of the most appalling crimes to have been committed not only against the people of Azerbaijan but the humanity as a whole.

creation of a separate homeland for the Muslims of Indian subcontinent. He said Pakistan possesses tremendous potential to attain significant progress in all spheres but the need of the hour is to follow the teachings of the Quaid with earnestness. Dr. Akbar said history stands testimony to the fact that in the past the Muslims attained appreciable progress because of their quest for knowledge. He emphasized that there is no reason why today's Muslims could not regain their past glory, but this he said would be possible only if they seriously pursue knowledge and technology in the attainment of all their goals. Talking about democracy, Prof. Akbar said there were many who were totally wrong in believing that the concept of democracy was incompatible with Islam and, therefore, they spread the dangerous clash of civilizations narrative. He told the distinguished gathering 'When it comes to your identity in the West, people recognize you as Muslims and not along ethnic or sectarian lines. For them, you are none but Muslims. In that case, you have two choices either to stay silent or confront them by arguments,' he emphasized. He said Quaid-e-Azam had told the world, time and again, that the Muslims of the Indian subcontinent sought a separate homeland for themselves, which would be a democracy. He also said that the Quaid firmly believed in empowering women in line with the Islamic traditions.



The Chancellor of Preston University, Dr Abdul Basit, Prof. Dr Riaz Ahmed former Director of National Institute of Historical and Cultural Research, Quaid-e-Azam University and the Chairman Archaeological and Historical Association of Pakistan, Dr. Ghazanfar Mehdi also spoke on the occasion and highlighted the life and work of Quaid-e-Azam Muhammad Ali Jinnah and Professor Dr. Akbar S. Ahmed.



He emphasized on the occasion that the Balkans could play a pivotal role in fulfillment of the important objective of a stable and prosperous greater Europe. This, he maintained, would be possible when the Balkans make sincere and concrete endeavors to overcome their ethnic divides.

The incumbent Ambassador of Turkey to Pakistan H. E. Babur Girgin, who chaired the seminar as Chief Guest, also briefly spoke on the occasion. He thanked the Chancellor of Preston University Dr. Abdul Basit for hosting a seminar on a burning topic such as the 'Political and Strategic Importance of the Balkans'. Earlier, Chancellor of Preston University Dr. Abdul Basit extended a warm welcome to the honorable Guest Speaker Mr. Mustafa Babur Hizlan, the Chief Guest, H. E. S. Babur Girgin and the distinguished guests present on the occasion.



## Preston University Represented at "12th International Conference on Statistical Sciences"



**Prof. Dr. Muhammad Qasim Rind, Professor of Statistics and Information Systems represents the university at the subject conference. Presents two papers on 'Data Mining Techniques for Researchers' and 'Investigating the Relationship between Self-Talk and Self-Determination on Psychological Well-Being of Pre-Linguistic Deaf Students' respectively, at the conference. Also presides over the scientific session of the conference as Chairman.**

Dow University of Health Sciences, Karachi and the Islamic Countries Society of Statistical Sciences jointly organized the '12th International Conference on Statistical Sciences'. The two-day conference was held in Karachi from March 24-26, 2014. The theme of the referenced conference was 'Application of Statistics in Policy Development and Monitoring of Health, Finance, Education and Information Technology. Prof. Dr. Muhammad Qasim Rind, Professor of Statistics and Information Systems, Preston University represented the university at the conference and presented two research papers on 'Data Mining Techniques for Researchers' and 'Investigating the Relationship between Self-Talk and Self-Determination on Psychological Well-Being of Pre-Linguistic Deaf Students' respectively, at the conference. Highlights of the 12th International Conference on Statistical Sciences was that a large number of delegates from Pakistan and abroad participated in it, and more than 144 research papers on Statistics, Economics, Biostatistics, Environmental Sciences, Space Sciences, Information Technology and Management Sciences were presented at the referenced conference. The two papers presented at the conference by Prof. Dr. Muhammad Qasim Rind, Professor of Statistics and Information Systems, Preston University was profoundly appreciated by the Chair and all the participants of the conference.

# Prestonians' Dazzling Performance at "Sports Gala 2014" organized by FAST National University

*Simply outclass their counterparts from other public and private universities of the country to grab first and second positions in Table Tennis and first position in Badminton Championship, two important sports events held during the four-day festival.*



Prestonians gave a dazzling performance at 'Sports Gala 2014' organized by FAST National University, Chiniot, Faisalabad. The four-day mega all-Pakistan inter-university sports festival was held in Faisalabad from February 28 to March 3, 2014. Eminent public and private universities from across Pakistan sent 212 teams comprising of approximately 500 students to participate in 44 different sports events held during the festival.



In the finals of inter-university Table Tennis Championship, students of Preston University beat their counterparts from other universities out-and-out to grab both first and second positions. In this important sports event Preston University was represented by Syed Sohaib Shah and Umair Bilal. Syed Sohaib Shah won first position in the championship and was awarded a cash prize of Rs. 10,000/- and a trophy. Umair Bilal stood second in this competition and was awarded a shield and certificate. In the finals of the inter-university Badminton Championship, Preston University turned out victorious, yet again, when its student M. Raza beat his counterpart from another university after a thrilling contest to win first position. M. Raza was awarded a cash prize of Rs. 10,000/- and trophy for his outstanding performance in the Badminton Championship.

The Chancellor of Preston University, Dr. Abdul Basit congratulated the students who performed exceptionally well in the Table Tennis and Badminton Championships organized by FAST National University, Chiniot, Faisalabad and won laurels for the university. He commended them for winning first and second positions in Table Tennis and First position in Badminton championships. Dr. Abdul Basit also appreciated the efforts of team leaders Masooma Ijaz and Zeeshan Abbas to organize the Preston University team and successfully lead it to the inter-university sports festival organized by FAST Faisalabad.

## Preston Mission Statement

“Preston is committed to providing university education of the highest quality for preparing students for professional careers, and promoting research and development. Its two-fold mission is to give students the opportunity for personal growth and development, skill enhancement and professional career advancement, and to create, sustain and promote research and development for expanding the horizons of knowledge.”

## PRESTON UNIVERSITY CHARTER

Preston University, Kohat-NWFP is chartered by the Government of NWFP vide NWFP Ordinance No. LII of 2002. Preston University, Karachi is chartered by the Government of Sindh vide act V of 2004. Both, Preston University at Kohat and Karachi are fully recognized by the Higher Education Commission (HEC) the highest regulatory body of the Government of Pakistan in the field of Higher Education, and placed in the highest category "W". The Islamabad Campus has been upgraded to "W-4".

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