

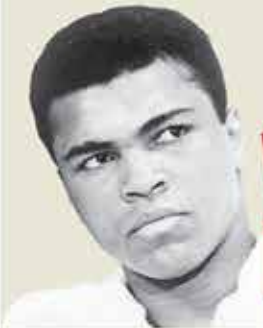


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Glowing Tributes Paid to WORLD BOXING ICON MUHAMMAD ALI

Speakers pay glowing tributes to the late boxing legend at a Condolence Reference organized in his honor by Preston University.



A Condolence Reference in memory of world boxing icon Muhammad Ali was held at Preston University, Islamabad in June 2016. The referenced event was jointly organized by Preston University and the Archaeological and Historical Association of Pakistan (AHAP). Mr. Jeffrey Sexton, Minister Counselor for Public Affairs, US Embassy was the Chief Guest on the occasion. Eminent among the speakers who spoke on the occasion and shed light on the life and achievements of the greatest boxing champion of the world, late Muhammad Ali, were Mr. Ghazanfar Mehdi, Chairman AHAP, Mr. Zafar Bakhtawari an eminent social figure of Islamabad, Dr. Firoza Ahmed, Dean Social Sciences and DG HR Preston University and Dr. Allah Wadhayo Baloch, Registrar Preston University.

In his address as Chief Guest, Mr. Jaffrey Sexton Minister Counselor Public Affairs, Embassy of the United States of America in Pakistan said Muhammad Ali was not only a boxing champion of the world he was also great human being and a distinguished American citizen. His contribution towards building the image of America and promoting the cause of boxing, as an internationally acclaimed sports, will be remembered for all times to come. He said Muhammad Ali was a boxing icon of international renown. Though his fame throughout the world was due to his stature as the world boxing champion, Muhammad Ali by serving the humanity across the world proved that he was truly an admirable human being. Mr. Jaffrey Sexton Minister Counselor Public Affairs, US Embassy said he established the Muhammad Ali Centre in his native city Louisville which is dedicatedly engaged in working towards the welfare of the people even today. The other speakers too paid glowing tributes to late Muhammad Ali. They inordinately eulogized his services towards the wellbeing of humanity in general. As a true Muslim, Muhammad Ali endeavored to spread the message of Islam across the world, they said. In his remarks on the occasion, Dr. Ghazanfar Mehdi said Muhammad Ali was a great human being and he was immensely admired and loved by people across the world and the people of Pakistan. He said, he would move a proposal to Pakistan's PM to name the sports complex in Islamabad as Muhammad Ali Sports Complex. Dr. A.W. Baloch, Registrar Preston University said "A memorial of the legendary boxer Muhammad Ali should be established in Pakistan". Eminent social figure Mr. Zafar Bakhtawari said Muhammad Ali was a courageous human being. He raised his voice for the suffering humanity across the globe with indomitable conviction. Dr. Firoza Ahmed, Dean Social Sciences and DG HR Preston University said Muhammad Ali will always be remembered and respected for his enormous love and care for humanity in general.

Prestonians Excel Yet Again

Prestonians made a mark yet again when they were selected by the Confucius Institute for participation in a 10-day Summer Camp held in China from July 12-22, 2016. The referenced trip was sponsored by the Confucius Institute Headquarters, China.

Three Prestonians selected by the Chinese teacher of Confucius Institute, engaged in imparting Chinese language education to a select group of students at Preston University, Karachi, were Ms. Santessy Daniel, Sardar Ahmer Ilyas and Hassan Younus of BBA first semester. On their return from the Summer Camp, held in China, the participating students shared their experiences about the trip to China with their fellow students. This was done through a presentation organized at the main campus of Preston University Karachi.

Chinese language classes commenced at Preston University, Karachi on October 29, 2015. The program was initiated under a MoU inked between Confucius Institute, University of Karachi and Preston University, Karachi on September 23, 2016.

Three students of Preston University, Karachi Ms. Santessy Daniel, Sardar Ahmer Ilyas and Hassan Younus get selected for participating in a 15-day Summer Camp held in China.



18th HEC All Pakistan Inter-University Declamation Contest

Preston University, Kohat emerges as the only private university, among large number of contesting private universities, to win third position in Urdu category of the contest.



The Higher Education Commission (HEC), Pakistan organized the final round of the '18th All Pakistan Inter-University Declamation Contest' at its Secretariat on May 26, 2016. Engr. Muhammad Baligh-ur- Rehman, Minister of State for Education and Professional Training, was the Chief Guest on the occasion. Dr. Mukhtar Ahmed, Chairman HEC and Vice Chancellors of different universities were also conspicuous by their presence at the event.

Eminent among the universities which participated in the English category of the Declamation Contest were Army Medical College (National University of Medical Sciences), Balochistan University of Information Technology, Engineering and Management Sciences Quetta, Foundation University Rawalpindi, Gandhara University Peshawar, Ghulam Ishaq Khan Institute of Engineering Science and Technology Topi, Gomal University Dera Ismail Khan, Government College University Faisalabad, Liaquat University of Medical & Health Sciences Jamshoro, Aga Khan University Karachi, Pakistan Institute of Development Economics Islamabad, Sardar Bahadur Khan Women University Quetta, University of Balochistan Quetta, University of Sindh Jamshoro, and University of the Punjab Lahore.

Universities which participated in Urdu category of the contest were Army Medical College (National University of Medical Sciences) Rawalpindi, Al-Hamd Islamic University Quetta, Balochistan University of Information Technology, Engineering and Management Sciences Quetta, Gomal University Dera Ismail Khan, Government College for Women University Islamabad, International Islamic University, Islamabad, Islamia College University Peshawar, Jinnah Sindh Medical College Karachi, National University of Sciences and Technology Islamabad, Preston University Kohat Campus, Sardar Bahadur Khan Women's University Quetta, Sindh Madressatul Islam University Karachi, University of Agriculture Faisalabad, University of Engineering and Technology Lahore, and University of Sindh Jamshoro.

Mr. Shehan Zafar from the University of Punjab, Lahore and Mr. Ammad Shakil from Al-Hamd Islamic University, Quetta clinched the Allama Iqbal Shield in English and Urdu categories of the contest respectively. In English category, Ms. Rameesha Khan from University of the Punjab won the second position and Mr. Abdul Hannan from Government College University, Faisalabad obtained the third position, while in Urdu category, Mr. Abdullah Imran from University of Engineering and Technology, Lahore and Mr. Taqi Jawwad from Preston University, Kohat won second and third positions respectively.

Ms. Noor Amina Malik, former Director General, Learning Innovation, HEC, Mr. S. Munawwar H. Naqvi, senior journalist from Financial Daily International Islamabad, Dr. Najeeba Arif, Assistant Professor, Department of Urdu IIUI and Dr. Shaheena Ayub Bhatti, Associate Professor, Department of English, NUML University Islamabad adjudicated the final round of the "18th All Pakistan Inter-University Declamation Contest" organized by HEC. At the end of the contest, Chief Guest Engr. Muhammad Baligh-ur- Rehman, Minister of State for Federal Education and Professional Training distributed certificates and cash prizes among winners of both categories of the All Pakistan Inter-university Declamation Contest.



Prestonians Excel in "1st Youth Carnival 2016" Organized by IST Islamabad

Institute of Space Technology (IST) Islamabad organized its "1st Youth Carnival 2016". The mega event kicked off in the capital on March 31 and continued through April 2, 2016. Competitions such as Qirat, Naat, Calligraphy, Sketching, Debate, Business Plan, E-Gaming, Singing, Poster Designing and Short Film Making were organized during the three-day carnival. Eminent among the universities which participated in the Youth Carnival were Quaid-e-Azam University Islamabad, Muhammad Ali Jinnah University Islamabad, Federal Urdu University Islamabad, Peshawar University, University of Sargodha, Abbasin University, University of Lahore, Iqra University Islamabad, Air University Islamabad, PIEAS Islamabad, UET Lahore, HTEC University Taxila, COMSATS Islamabad, IIUI Islamabad, Fatima Jinnah Women University Rawalpindi, NUST Islamabad and University of Haripur.

Preston University, Kohat, Islamabad Campus participated in almost all the competitions held under the banner of "1st Youth Carnival 2016" of IST Islamabad. Different teams represented the University in different events. Beating their counterparts from other competing universities out-and-out, the team of Preston University comprising of Prestonians Hamza Khan, Hira Khan, Farrukh Jalil, Usman Khalid and Iqra Saleem grabbed second position whereas the second team comprising of Fizza Changezi, Sonia Augustine, Salman Ali, Iqra Shahid and Ikram Ullah stood third in the 'Business Plan Competition'. Short Film Making was another competition in which the students of Preston University Farrukh Jalil and Sania Ali participated and excelled. They were awarded third position for the film they produced and presented in the competition. Yet another team comprising of Prestonians Khurram Tanveer and Maaz Irfan participated in the Logo Designing Competition. They made a mark in this competition, by winning second position. Prestonian Qari Abdul Basit who participated in the Qirat Competition was awarded third position.

Dr. Abdul Basit, Chancellor Preston University expressed his profound appreciation to all the students who took part and performed outstandingly in the Business Plan, Short Film Making, LOGO Designing and Qirat competitions organized by IST. He also commended the efforts of Preston's faculty and staff members Mr. Humayun Shuja, Mr. Kashif Durrani, Ms. Sabina Khan Wazir, Ms. Nazma Iqbal and Mr. Aftab Ahmad in grooming the students of the University for participation in different competitions organized by IST during the 1st Youth Carnival 2016.

Preston University and AuthorAid Collaborate to Organize Workshop on “Gender Mainstreaming in Higher Education”

Preston University and AuthorAid, an international body which supports researchers across the globe to publish their research writings, collaborated to organize a Workshop on “Gender Mainstreaming in Higher



Education”. AuthorAid, in fact, was the key sponsor of the referenced Workshop which was held at Preston University, Islamabad from April 15-16, 2016. Calyx Foundation, an eminent non government organization (NGO), was the event partner.

The purpose of the workshop was to provide guidelines for mainstreaming gender into the education sector, particularly the formal education sector. The event provided an overview of gender issues in the higher education sector, including global and Commonwealth mandates for promoting gender equality. It examined such traditional indicators as literacy, enrollment, access to education and attainment, as well as other areas such as legal and administrative frameworks, the proportions of women in decision-making positions, resource allocation, curriculum development, and the organization of schools and classrooms.

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Preston Peshawar Campus Organizes Sports Gala



The Peshawar Campus of Preston University, Kohat Khyber Pakhtunkhwa organized a sports gala. The week-long sports festivity was held in April 2016. The championships organized during the festivity were Cricket, Hokey, Badminton and Tug-of-War. Male and female students of BBA and MBA participated in the referenced tournaments with immense enthusiasm. Prof. Habib Khan, a senior faculty member, was instrumental in organizing all the competitions held during the annual sports gala.

At the conclusion of the mega event an impressive prize distribution ceremony was held to award prizes to the winners of different sports events. Ms. Sobia Khan, PML (N) Member Provincial Assembly presided over the ceremony as Chief Guest. Students Karamat and Akbar were declared man of the match and man of the series, respectively, of the cricket tournament. Trophies and certificates were distributed among the winners of different events by the Chief Guest MPA Ms. Sobia Khan.



In her brief address on the occasion, Chief Guest, Ms. Sobia Khan said that the students who took part in different sports events organized by Preston University, Peshawar performed exceedingly well. She said the government is making all out efforts to promote sports particularly among the youth of this country. Ms. Sobia Khan assured that the government will support all sports activities being undertaken by the University and provide necessary assistance for its sustained promotion. In his address, Dr. Muhammad Anwar Hassan, Vice Chancellor Preston University, Kohat at the outset expressed his gratitude to Chief Guest, MPA Ms. Sobia Khan for sparing her precious time and preside over the prize distribution ceremony of the sports gala of Preston University, Peshawar Campus. Addressing the students and faculty he said Preston University has always emphasized on sports and other extracurricular activities, as such activities tremendously help in building up the confidence of the students. He immensely appreciated the performance of students who took part in the games organized by the University during the week-long event. Dr. Anwar particularly lauded the outstanding performance of those who won positions in different games.

4th Preston Entrepreneurial Challenge (PEC-16) held in Islamabad

Over 103 teams representing eminent universities from across Pakistan participated in the mega competition with immeasurable enthusiasm. Top 30 teams got shortlisted for the 'Grand Finale' on the basis of the Executive Summary submitted by them.

Preston University organized its fourth All Pakistan Inter-university Business Plan Competition titled "Preston Entrepreneurial Challenge" (PEC-16). The mega event was held at the Islamabad Campus of Preston from May 6-7, 2016. PEC-16 was based on the futuristic vision of Dr. Allama Muhammad Iqbal "Jahan hai tere liye, tu nahi Jahan ke liye". This, in fact, was also the main theme of the event. The Capital Development Authority (CDA) collaborated with the University in the organization of PEC-16. Over 100 teams representing eminent universities from across Pakistan participated in the mega inter-university competition with immeasurable enthusiasm. Top 30 teams got shortlisted for the 'Grand Finale' on the basis of the Executive Summary submitted by them. The primary objective behind organization of this mega competition is to promote entrepreneurial culture particularly amongst the youth of Pakistan and provide them a platform to unleash their entrepreneurial skills and ideas. PEC-16 provided the participating students of different universities a unique forum to present their innovative ideas and get themselves mentored by the domain experts and meet with the investors present on the occasion.



Preston Entrepreneurial Challenge (PEC-16) comprised of various competitions such as Elevator Pitch, Business Plan Competition, Junkyard Activity, Business Quiz, Entrepreneurial Talk (E-Talk) and Revamp



the Brand. All these activities made PPEC-16 stand out as an exceptional competition of its kind. Eminent among the universities which participated in PEC-16 were Islamia University Bahawalpur, NUST Islamabad, COMSATS Islamabad, IBA Sukkur, University of Turbat, PIEAS Islamabad, University of South Asia, DHA Suffa University Karachi and the University of Gujrat. Students from these and other universities presented their Business Plans relating to different businesses such as information/communication technologies (ICT), health, environment education, livestock and dairy, agriculture, energy, food, chemical, engineering, textile and garments.



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DRI Preston University Represented at "3rd GNDR Global Summit" held in Bangkok

Executive Director, Disaster Research Institute (DRI) Preston University, Dr. Baloch Allah Wadhayo represents Preston at the Global Summit held in Bangkok from April 19-21, 2016.

The Disaster Research Institute (DRI) Preston University was represented at the 3-day GNDR Global Summit held in Bangkok from April 19-21, 2016. Prof. Dr. Baloch Allah Wadhayo, Executive Director DRI represented the University at the Global Summit. Over a hundred and twenty participants, from world over, took part in this high profile mega international event in the Thai capital Bangkok. Participants to the Summit included civil society organizations and key donors from 70 countries working across humanitarian, development, disaster risk reduction (DRR) and climate change adaptation fields. They were joined by the network's Secretariat and Global Board. A shared desire to increase community resilience and reduce disaster risk around the world is what made the delegates from 70 countries converge at Holiday Inn Silom, Bangkok, the venue of the event, on April 19, 2016. Beyond any shadow

of doubt, GNDRs Global Summit 2016 provided the participants a unique opportunity to exchange views, explore regional priorities and share their commitments towards the GNDR strategy 2016-2020 that was launched on the first day of the Summit.

The Executive Director DRI, Preston University, Prof. Dr. Baloch Allah Wadhayo who represented Preston at the 3rd GNDR Global Summit 2016, in Bangkok, also represented the University earlier at the Sendai, Japan Summit of GNDR held in March 2015.

The Global Network of Civil Society Organizations for Disaster Reduction (GNDR) is an association of civil society organizations. It has more than 800 member organizations, active in 125 countries of the world. GNDR is committed to working together to improve the lives of people affected by disasters worldwide.

Quotable Quotes

"A perfection of means, and confusion of aims, seems to be our main problem."

Albert Einstein

"Anyone who has never made a mistake has never tried anything new."

Albert Einstein

"Anger dwells only in the bosom of fools."

Albert Einstein

Preston University Remembers Late Gen. Abdul Majeed Malik



Organizes a Condolence Reference in memory of the former General and Parliamentarian of eminence. Speakers pay glowing tributes to him and profoundly eulogize his contribution towards the development of Pakistan as a General of the gallant Pakistan Army and later as a politician.



A Condolence Reference was held at the Islamabad Campus of Preston University in memory of late Lt. Gen. (Retd) Abdul Majeed Malik, an eminent PML (N) leader and former federal minister. The referenced event which was held in June 2016 was jointly organized by Preston University and the Archaeological and Historical Association of Pakistan (AHAP). eminent personalities from the twin cities of Islamabad and Rawalpindi participated in the event. Senator Raja Muhammad Zafar-ul-Haq, Leader of the House in the Senate of Pakistan was conspicuous by his presence at the event. Sheikh Aftab Ahmed, Federal Minister for Parliamentary Affairs was the Chief Guest on the occasion.



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In his address, Senator Raja Muhammad Zafar-ul-Haq, Leader of the House in the Senate of Pakistan briefly highlighted the life and achievements of the Gen. (R) Majeed Malik. He said late Gen. Abdul Majeed Malik had several remarkable accomplishments to his credit. All that he had achieved in life was through his intellectual capabilities, patriotism and a positive approach towards life. Senator Raja Zafar-ul-Haq paid glowing tributes to the former General, Diplomat and Politician for his mammoth contribution and remarkable achievements in every sphere of life. He said personalities like late Gen. Majeed Malik are born in centuries. His death has created a vacuum that would take decades to fill, Senator Zafar-ul-Haq stated.

While paying tributes to Gen. Majeed Malik Federal Minister for Parliamentary Affairs, Sheikh Aftab Ahmed profoundly eulogized the remarkable contribution that he had made towards his country as a General, Ambassador and a Politician. Gen Majeed Malik, he said, was a politician who reshaped the political course of history not only of India but Pakistan as well, and his political achievements made him a torchbearer for others. As an Ambassador, General Malik played a role that should be played by a true representative of the country and when he joined the army, through his unparalleled dedication, integrity and wisdom, he rose to the coveted position of Lt. General, he stated.

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Preston University Karachi and Confucius Institute Join Hands to Organize Chinese Cultural Show



Preston University, Karachi and Confucius Institute, University of Karachi jointly organized a Chinese Cultural Show. The event was held at the principal campus of the University in May 2016. The show was attended by the faculty and students of Preston University in large numbers. The vice Chancellor of University of Karachi, Professor Dr. Mohammad Qaiser graced the occasion as Chief Guest. Prof. Dr. Taher Mehmood Rajput, Vice Chancellor of Preston University Karachi, Chinese Director Confucius Institute, Li Yong, Mr. Aftab Ahmed Lodhi, Director General Preston University, Karachi and senior management of Preston were conspicuous by their presence at the cultural show.



The Chief Guest, Professor Dr. Mohammad Qaiser, Vice Chancellor University of Karachi profoundly eulogized the scintillating performances of the students. He commended the efforts of Preston University, Karachi and Confucius Institute, University of Karachi to jointly organize the cultural show and provide the students an opportunity to demonstrate their talent. Later, Chief Guest Professor Dr. Mohammad Qaiser, Vice Chancellor, University of Karachi distributed souvenirs and shields among the participants. He also presented a shield of Preston University to Mr. Li Yong, Chinese Director of Confucius Institute on the occasion.

PRESTON COMMEMORATES WORLD PRESS FREEDOM DAY

Organizes seminar to mark the international event. Eminent media persons participate and vent their views on the vital issue of freedom of press in the country. Speakers unanimously highlight the importance of 'Right to Information' as enshrined in the constitution of Islamic Republic of Pakistan.



Preston University organized a seminar on May 3, 2016 to commemorate the 'World Press Freedom Day'. The main theme of the seminar was "Using Right to Information Laws for Investigative Reporting in Pakistan". The seminar which was held at the Islamabad Campus of Preston was largely attended by eminent media persons from Islamabad and Rawalpindi. The faculty and students of Preston University also participated.

The speakers who vent their views on the issue of press freedom and right to information unanimously agreed that the 'Right to Information' gives people a wide choice to get information from any government organization. They said particularly the journalists could use the information pertinent to their respective areas of interests for compiling investigative stories and for playing an effective role as watchdog of the society. Right to Information, they maintained, also gives an extensive option to journalists and mass communication students to take information from any public organization for their professional requirements.

Addressing the participants of the seminar the Managing Director of Associated Press of Pakistan (APP) Mr. Masood Malik said that APP was not only sharing information but also engaged in educating people on the issue. "For this purpose, we have agreements with other NGOs to make people aware of their rights", he added. Mr. Masood Malik said real democracy was must for the future of the country, adding democratic process should continue to make it further strong and vibrant. The MD APP said the role of media was an important factor in streamlining and invigorating the democratic process in the country. He said unfortunately, the world powers had been using media negatively to 'target' certain societies.

In his brief address, Syed Kausar Abbas, Executive Director Sustainable Social Development Organization (SSDO) informed the participants that 'right to information' was a tool to make any organization accountable to the citizens and media. Appreciating the Punjab and Khyber Pakhtunkhwa governments, he said both the provinces had passed a law regarding the 'Right to Information' adding that the Federal Government had also sent a bill to the Parliament for right to information law. The other speakers informed the distinguished gathering that Pakistan is the first country in South Asia to adopt a law guaranteeing people access to information from public bodies at the national level. He said in 2002 the Freedom of Information Ordinance (FOIO) was promulgated laying down the procedure for citizens to access information held by ministries, departments and agencies of the Federal Government. They further said that Pakistan is now the third country in South Asia where the right to information is explicitly guaranteed by the constitution.



As a part of its policy to promote different sports in the country, Preston University sponsored a T-20 Cricket Championship. The event that was held in Islamabad in June 2016 was jointly organized by the Islamabad Cricket Association (ICA) North Zone and Preston University. A number of teams representing different clubs of Islamabad participated in the Championship. Beating all the other participating teams, the team of Essco Cricket Club Islamabad and the Islamabad Greeners reached the finals of the Championship. After a neck-and-neck fight Essco Islamabad beat Islamabad Greeners by four wickets to become the champions of the ICA North Zone T-20 Cricket Championship. An impressive prize distribution ceremony was held at the National Cricket Ground to award prizes to the winner of the Championship, Essco Cricket Club Islamabad and the team that was declared runners up, the Islamabad Greeners.

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1st ICA North Zone T-20 Championship held in Islamabad



Member National Assembly (MNA) Asad Umer graced the ceremony as Chief Guest. Registrar Preston University, Dr. Allah Wadhayo Baloch represented the University on the occasion. The Chairman Union Council (UC) 28 Ms. Fauzia, ICA President Nasir Iqbal, Secretary Irfan Manzoor, North Zone Secretary Shabbir Ahmed, PDSA Secretary Nasir Mehmood Chaudhry, Abrar Rizvi, Ajmal Sabir, Hassan Asghar and others were also conspicuous by their presence at the event.

The Chief Guest, Mr. Asad Umar while awarding trophy of the Championship to the captain of the winning team M. Naqash of Essco Islamabad, at the outset congratulated him and his team on their outstanding performance throughout the tournament. He also eulogized the performance of the team of Islamabad Greeners which was declared runners up. Mr. Asad Umar also immensely praised the organizers of the Championship, Preston University and the Islamabad Cricket Association (ICA) North Zone for being instrumental in successfully holding the tournament. He particularly appreciated the contribution of Preston University which was also the key sponsor of the event.



The two-day workshop was facilitated by Dr. Firoza Ahmed, a gold medalist in gender studies and renowned gender activist, researcher and contributor. The event was participated by industry specialists, renowned scholars and gender mainstreaming advocates. Delegates were called upon from various universities, social sector, government institutions and support groups to form a sustainable voice on the issue. All the sessions held during the Workshop were interactive. With support from Calyx Foundation relevant stakeholders from the development sector such as ILO, Plan International, Media Matters, Shirakat, Rotary Club of Islamabad Metropolitan, Oxfam GB were also roped in to participate in the Gender Mainstreaming Workshop.

Eminent among the speakers who presented papers on the subject were Mr. Muhammad Anwar, Civil Society Strengthening Advisor Plan International Pakistan, Mr. Muhammad Arshad, Social Scientist Ministry of Human Rights, Government of Pakistan, Mr. Rizwan Saeed, Social Scientist, Ms. Sadaf Baig, Director Media Matters, Ms. Sadaf Raza, a researcher and trainer and President Rotary Club of Islamabad Metropolitan and Ms. Tahira Bilquis, Executive Director of Shirakat (NGO). The Workshop on 'Gender Mainstreaming in Higher Education' was a resounding success. It served as a very effective forum in highlighting the vital issue of gender mainstreaming in the field of higher education and devise ways and means to deal with this significant issue rationally and proficiently.



Major (Retd) Tahir Iqbal, Member National Assembly (MNA) said that due to poor living conditions he would go to school barefoot, but due to his extraordinary abilities and dedication he became a highly successful person. Dr. Ghazanfar Mehdi, Chairman AHAP said that the government should include the achievements and contributions of personalities like late Gen. Majeed Malik in the curriculum of educational institutions so that the future generations could know about their national heroes. Mr. Ghazanfar also called for a 14-kilometer road in Chakwal, the place where Gen. Majeed Malik was born, to be named after him as "Shahrah-e-Abdul Majeed Malik."

Eminent among the other speakers who paid glowing tributes to late Lt. Gen. (Retd) Abdul Majeed Malik on the occasion were Prof. Dr. Riaz Ahmed, Mr. Zafar Bakhtawari, and Mr. Qaiser Majeed Malik, Managing Director, National Education Foundation and son of late Gen. Abdul Majeed Malik.

While highlighting various facets of the life and professional career of Gen. Majeed Malik the speakers said late Gen. Malik was a brilliant student and scholarship-holder in school. He joined the British Indian Army as a sepoy/clerk after his matriculation. Later, he was commissioned as an officer in 1943. He saw action both as a soldier and as an officer on the Burma Front. Reminiscing the late General's diplomatic and political career the speakers said he excelled in both. During his diplomatic assignment as the Ambassador of Pakistan to Morocco General Majeed Malik played a pivotal role in bolstering the bilateral relations between the two countries. Talking about his political career, spanning over almost two decades, they said it was yet another success story.



Institutions which played a significant role in the resounding success of PEC-16 were the sponsors of the event namely ZTBL, Naimat Pvt. (Ltd), Advance Business Consultancy, Triangle Paints, Super Crown, Fresco Food Lounge, Jaffer Business Systems, HAISPO International and Olive Garden Restaurant. CDA and ICCI joined hands with Preston as strategic partners and made the realization of this mega event possible.

After a tough contest, the University of Malakand secured First position and bagged a cash prize of Rs. 100,000/-. University of Turbat was the first runner-up and won a cash prize of Rs. 75,000/-. The second runner-up was EME College-NUST, Islamabad which bagged Rs. 50,000 cash. The winners were also awarded trophies, at the concluding prize distribution ceremony, by the Chief Guest Dr. Abdul Basit, Chancellor Preston University. Dr. Abdul Basit profoundly eulogized and congratulated the organizing team of PEC 16 on successful organization of the mega event. He also congratulated the winners of the competition and praised their entrepreneurial talent.





PINSAT-Preston University & Institute of Space Technology Ink Accord for Scientific and Technical Collaboration

Preston Institute of Nano Science and Technology (PINSAT), Preston University, signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to pursue a program of scientific and technical collaboration for the exchange of ideas, skills and techniques. The MoU recognizes that mutual scientific and technical cooperation will advance the state of science, engineering and technology within the country, and strengthen the technological infrastructure and bring benefits to both the institutions. The MoU was signed between PINSAT-Preston University and Institute of Space Technology (IST) at a signing ceremony held at Preston University, Islamabad in May 2016. Prof. Dr. Zafar M. Khan, Director General Research, Innovation and Commercialization IST inked the MoU on behalf of IST. Prof. Dr. N.M. Butt, Chairman Preston Institute of Nano Science and Technology signed the MoU on behalf of PINSAT. Dr. Abdul Basit, Chancellor Preston University was also conspicuous by his presence at the signing ceremony.



The primary objective of the MoU inked between PINSAT and IST is to establish a formal linkage between the two institutions to boost research and technical cooperation in engineering science and technology in general and nanomaterials science and technology in particular, within the country and abroad, to bring benefit to both the institutions by sharing resources wherever possible. Some of the important areas identified and incorporated in the MoU, for mutual cooperation and benefit, are: Exchange and training of scientific and technical personnel for teaching, research and development and nanotechnology, Joint or co-operated scientific research projects and technological development programs in selected areas of mutual interest, Organizing joint conferences seminars, symposia, workshops and invited lectures at national and international level, Supervision of research students in selected areas of mutual interest, Visits and use of each other's research and teaching facilities, and Exchange of archives, publications and information.

Vice Chancellor of IST, Engr. Imran Rahman who was also present on the occasion briefly mentioned about IST and its collaboration with national and international institutions for promotion of science and engineering education. He was highly supportive of the decision of IST and PINSAT to sign a MoU for mutual cooperation between the two institutions. This, he said, will give boost to research and technical cooperation in engineering science and technology in general and nanomaterials science and technology in particular.

Prof. Dr. Zafar Khan, Director General Research, Innovation and Commercialization, IST, Islamabad in his brief remarks said that MoU signed between IST and PINSAT would benefit the two institutions and its students significantly. Both institutions, he said, would also be able to learn from each other's experience and share its resources for mutual advantage.

In his brief remarks on the occasion, Dr. Abdul Basit, Chancellor Preston University said that it is a matter of immense pleasure and honor for PINSAT-Preston University to enter into an understanding with the Institute of Space Technology for cooperation in fields of mutual interest and benefit. He expressed his confidence that by fulfilling the commitments made to one another both institutions would succeed in making significant strides in the promotion of engineering and science education in the country.



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.”

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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.

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