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## 34<sup>th</sup> Convocation Islamabad - 2016

Islamabad Campus of Preston University, Kohat, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa holds its 34th Convocation. Over 400 students receive Bachelors, Masters and Doctoral degrees at the event held at the gorgeous Jinnah Convention Center, Islamabad on December 16, 2016. President of Azad State of Jammu and Kashmir, Sardar Masood Khan presides over the event as Chief Guest.



The Islamabad Campus of Preston University, Kohat, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (KP) organized its 34th Convocation. The momentous event was held at the Jinnah Convention Center, Islamabad on December 16, 2016. Bachelors, Masters and Doctoral degrees were conferred on more than 400 graduates on the occasion. The honorable President of Azad State of Jammu and Kashmir (AJK), Sardar Masood Khan presided over the Convocation as Chief Guest. Parents/Guardians and other distinguished guests were conspicuous by their presence at the memorable event. Chancellor Preston University, Dr. Abdul Basit, Pro-Chancellor, Mr. Abdul Hamid and Vice Chancellor Preston University, Kohat Dr. Muhammad Anwar Hassan were also present on the occasion.

In his keynote address on the occasion, President of Azad State of Jammu and Kashmir, Sardar Masood Khan at the outset expressed his sincere gratitude and warmest felicitations to Dr. Abdul Basit, Chancellor Preston University, Kohat, for inviting him to chair the proceedings of '34th Convocation 2016' of Preston University, Islamabad Campus. He said, he was very pleased to be amongst the students and their proud parents and share with them their joy and success. —▶▶ Continued on page 7

## PINSAT-Preston University & School of Science, Beijing Jiaotong University (BJTU) ink Accord for Academic Collaboration



Preston Institute of Nano Science and Technology (PINSAT)-Preston University, Islamabad and the School of Science, Beijing Jiaotong University (BJTU) inked MoUs for academic collaboration. The MoUs to this effect were inked at a simple but impressive ceremony held at the Islamabad Campus of Preston University on December 16, 2016. Prof. Feng Qibo, Dean of Science, School of Science, Beijing Jiaotong University, Beijing, Peoples Republic of China signed the MoUs on behalf of his institution. Prof. Dr. N.M. Butt (SI), Chairman Preston Institute of Nano Science and Technology (PINSAT) signed on behalf of PINSAT-Preston University, Islamabad. —▶▶ Continued on page 8



# Preston University Karachi Celebrates CIEC Ranking

The Charter Inspection and Evaluation Committee Govt. of Sindh which grades Private Sector Universities in Sindh issued its biannual report this year. According to the report CIEC has ranked Preston University Karachi 3rd out of 9 universities in the General Category and 9th out of total 24 Private Universities in the overall ranking in Sindh.



To celebrate the Ranking and outstanding achievement a get-together was held on October 27, 2016 in the Main Campus Auditorium of the University. Prof. Dr. Abdul Qadeer Khan Rajput, Chairman CIEC participated in the event as Chief Guest. Prof. Dr. Nilofer Shaikh, former Vice Chancellor Preston University, Karachi, during whose tenure inspection was conducted, was the Guest of Honor on the occasion.

The get-together was attended, beside others, by Justice (R) Syed Deedar Hussain Shah, Pro Chancellor Preston University, Karachi and renowned Academicians of Karachi which includes Lt. Gen. Salahuddin Satti – Chancellor Iqra University, Dr. Mashoor Alam, former Chairman CIEC, Mr. Majeed Aziz, Member Board of Governors Preston University, Karachi, Mr. Moin Uddin Siddiqui, Director Confucius Institute, University of Karachi and Chinese Faculty engaged in teaching Chinese Language at Preston University, Karachi.



Major (R) Aftab Ahmed Lodhi, Director General Preston University, Karachi informed the audience about the formation of CIEC in 2002 by the then Governor of Sindh. He said that Guidelines to carry out inspection of Private Sector Universities were prepared by a Committee in which he was also a member in 2002. After approval of the Governor of Sindh these guidelines were issued to all the Private Sector Universities for implementation. As per the Guidelines, all Private Sector Universities are to be inspected biannually by CIEC which comprises of a Chairman and 6 Members, who are mostly sitting Vice Chancellors of Public Sector Universities, assisted by subject experts. After an in-depth inspection of all Educational Institutes the Committee grades them and prepares a report which is sent to the Chairman of provincial HEC. After provincial HEC's approval it is sent to the Chief Minister of Sindh, and later to the Governor of Sindh for his final approval.



Prof. Dr. Abdul Qadeer Khan Rajput, Chairman CIEC in his address immensely appreciated the progress achieved by Preston University, Karachi during the last three years. He expressed the hope that Preston University would endeavor to attain greater progress in the years ahead.

At the end, to mark the outstanding achievement of the University a cake cutting ceremony was held, followed by a luncheon. Mementos were also presented to the Chief Guest and the Guest of Honor by Pro-Chancellor, Justice (R) Deedar Hussain Shah.



# Martyrs of October 2005 Earthquake Remembered

To pay homage to the martyrs of October 8, 2005 devastating earthquake the faculty and staff of Preston University converged at the location where the ill-fated Margalla Towers collapsed and a large number of innocent souls lost their valuable lives. They offered fateha for the departed souls and laid floral wreath at the venue of the tragedy on behalf of the Chancellor of Preston University, Dr. Abdul Basit.

On October 8, 2016 the faculty and staff of Preston University assembled at the venue where the ill-fated Margalla Towers, Islamabad collapsed during the devastating earthquake of October 8, 2005. They paid homage to men, women and children who lost their valuable lives during the tragedy at the Margalla Towers Islamabad, and also for a large number of those who were killed by the calamitous earthquake at other places in the northern part of the country. Members of the management, faculty and staff of the University who gathered at the site of the tragedy offered fateha for the departed souls of those who died in the catastrophe. They also expressed their grief to the relatives of the victims of the disaster who were present at the venue. On this poignant occasion, a floral wreath was also laid at the location of the tragedy on behalf of Dr. Abdul Basit, Chancellor Preston University.

In his brief message Chancellor Preston University, Dr. Abdul Basit said that the tragedy of October 8, 2005 which took a heavy toll on thousands of innocent men, women and children who lost their valuable lives can never be forgotten by the nation. He further said that at that sad moment of utter anguish and grief the people of Pakistan immediately came forth and courageously faced up to the aftermath of the catastrophic earthquake. Their response to the catastrophe was unquestionably matchless. People from every nook and corner of the country stood firmly behind their earthquake-affected brethren, particularly thousands of those who lost their valuable lives in the calamity, and provided them every possible help. Dr. Basit said that the country takes genuine pride in its citizens who are always prepared to go out of the way to deal with such devastating happenings with immeasurable patience and fortitude.





# Preston University Islamabad Wins 2nd Position in Quaid-e-Azam Day Quiz Competition Organized by PTV

Pakistan Television (PTV) organized a Quiz Competition to commemorate Quaid-e-Azam Day. The Quiz Competition was held at the auditorium of the Higher Education Commission (HEC), Islamabad on December 20, 2016. Students of various universities of Rawalpindi and Islamabad took part in the competition. More than 50 students from the Islamabad Campus of Preston University, Kohat also participated in the event with immeasurable enthusiasm. After a tough competition the team of Preston University comprising of Hamza Khan, Iqra Shahid and Nazia which represented the University in the PTV Quiz Competition beat their counterparts from other participating universities of the twin cities to win second position. For standing second in the competition the Preston University team was awarded a certificate of commendation by eminent poet and former Chairman of National Language Authority, Mr. Iftikhar Arif who was the Chief Guest at the prize distribution ceremony held at the HEC Auditorium. The Quiz Competition was also telecast on PTV on December 25, 2016. The Chancellor of Preston University, Dr. Abdul Basit congratulated all the team members on winning second position in the Quiz Competition organized by PTV to commemorate Quaid-e-Azam Day. He also appreciated the efforts of Mr. Kashif Khan Durrani, Sr. Lecturer, Preston University, Islamabad who was instrumental in coaching and leading the team to the PTV Quiz Competition.



## Peshawar Campus Organises Eid-Milad-un-Nabi



Preston University, Kohat-Peshawar Campus commemorated Eid-Milad-un-Nabi. The event was held at the Peshawar Campus auditorium in December 2016 with immense religious fervor. Eminent personalities of the city, educationists, and faculty and students of the University participated in the event with great enthusiasm.



Member National Assembly (MNA), Ms. Tahira Bukhari presided over the function as Chief Guest. In her brief remarks on the occasion Ms. Tahira Bukhari said Eid-Milad-un-Nabi was an occasion to express our love and respect for the Holy Prophet of Allah, Muhammad (Sallallahu Alaihi Wasallam). She also shed light on the life and teachings of the Holy Prophet (PBUH) on the occasion.



In his address on the occasion, Prof. Dr. Muhammad Anwar Hassan, Vice Chancellor, Preston University, Kohat said Rabi-ul-Awwal is that bountiful month of Islam in which the Holy Prophet (Sallallahu Alaihi Wasallam) graced the universe. On the 12th of Rabi-ul-Awwal an inextinguishable light known as Muhammad (Sallallahu Alaihi Wasallam) was born, triumphing over darkness which had prevailed till then. Allah Subhaanahu Wata'ala in His Infinite Mercy endowed mankind with a gift, immeasurable in worth. Celebrating, remembering and showing gratitude for that auspicious day on which we received this precious gift is known as Jashne Eid-Milad-un-Nabi (Sallallahu Alaihi Wasallam). Indeed, it is a day of great and splendid celebration, for in it we thank Allah Ta'ala for His gift, whose appreciation is beyond the power of mortal man. It is with this Meelad-un-Nabi (Sallallahu Alaihi Wasallam) that we avail ourselves the opportunity of invigorating our souls and strengthening our belief in Allah Subhaanahu Wata'ala and His Beloved Prophet (Sallallahu Alaihi Wasallam). On the occasion Prof. Dr. Muhammad Anwar Hassan called upon the Muslim Ummah to follow the teachings of the Holy Prophet Muhammad (Sallallahu Alaihi Wasallam) in letter and spirit and forge unity among its ranks for attaining all its developmental goals successfully. Eminent religious scholar, Prof. Dr. Shafiullah Khan speaking on the occasion said that the progress and prosperity of the Muslim Ummah largely depended on following the teachings of Islam with unflinching conviction. During his brief address Prof. Shafiullah highlighted important aspects of the life of the Holy Prophet and also his teachings. He emphatically stated that success of the Muslim Ummah greatly depended upon its unwavering compliance of the teachings of the Holy Prophet of Allah Hazrat Muhammad Mustafa (Sallallahu Alaihi Wasallam) and the Holy Quran. Prof. Shafiullah further said that it is great benevolence of Allah Almighty upon us that He sent Prophet Muhammad (Sallallahu Alaihi Wasallam) as the benefactor of the entire universe.



### Quotable Quotes

“All that is valuable in human society depends upon the opportunity for development accorded the individual.”  
*Albert Einstein*

“As far as I'm concerned, I prefer silent vice to ostentatious virtue.”  
*Albert Einstein*

“Everything should be as simple as it is, but not simpler.”  
*Albert Einstein*



# Preston University Commemorates “International Day for Disaster Risk Reduction”

**Organizes a seminar to mark the day in accordance with the UN Declaration of 1989. Also organizes an extensive evacuation drill on the occasion.**



The Disaster Research Institute (DRI) Preston University, Islamabad organized a seminar to commemorate the International Day for Disaster Reduction (IDDR). The seminar was held at the Islamabad Campus of Preston on October 13, 2015.

On the occasion, Dr. Allah Wadhayo Baloch, Executive Director Disaster Research Institute (DRI), Preston University made a comprehensive presentation on the vital issue of ‘Disaster Risk Reduction’. The presentation



was made with the expressed intent of highlighting the ways and means to reduce the impact of all kinds of disasters, and also to create awareness among the students, staff and faculty of the University about earthquakes and other natural calamities and terrorism. The presentation was followed by an extensive evacuation drill. A large number of students participated in the drill with immense enthusiasm.

The International Day for Disaster Reduction (IDDR) is celebrated on October 13th every year. This date has been designated by the UN Assembly to promote a global culture of disaster reduction, including disaster prevention, mitigation and preparedness. The IDDR aims to elucidate the diverse ways in which people and communities are working to reduce disaster risks and raise awareness about the importance of Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR). This day also serves to encourage all citizens and governments to actively participate in developing societies and nations that are more prone to disasters.



The theme chosen for year 2015 was “Living with Disabilities and Disasters,” intending to draw attention to the importance of integrating the needs of people living with disabilities in decisions and policies for reducing the risks of disasters.

## Eminent TV Actress and Anchor Bushra Ansari adds Glamour to Eid Get-together held at Preston Karachi



Preston University, Karachi organized an ‘Eid Get-together’. The get-together was held at the auditorium of the main campus of the University in September 2016. The Vice Chancellor of Preston University, Karachi Prof. Dr. Tahir Rajput, Director General, Major (R) Aftab Lodhi, Deputy Registrar, Ms. Nisho Siddiqui were conspicuous by their presence at the gorgeous event. The students, faculty and staff also participated in the get-together with immense enthusiasm.



Eminent TV actress and anchor Ms. Bushra Ansari graced the occasion as Chief Guest. Classical singer of eminence Ustad Hamid Ali Khan and one of his talented disciples, Ms. Bella performed on the occasion. They mesmerized the jubilant audience present at the event by their scintillating classical and semi-classical renditions. While expressing her gratitude to the management of Preston University, Karachi, for inviting her to the Eid get-together, Chief Guest Ms. Bushra Ansari said she was very happy to be present on the joyous occasion. She profoundly lauded the performance of Ustad Hamid Ali Khan who, she said, was awarded the President’s pride of Performance Medal and Sitara-e-Imtiaz by the Government of Pakistan, for his significant contribution towards promotion of classical music in the country. Ms. Bushra Ansari also appreciated the performance of Ms. Bella who performed on the occasion.



Earlier, Prof. Dr. Tahir Rajput welcomed Ms. Bushra Ansari and thanked her for accepting the invitation of Preston to grace the Eid get-together organized by the University as Chief Guest. He also expressed his profound gratitude to Ustad Hamid Ali Khan and Ms. Bella for not only participating but also performing on the occasion.



# Interactive Seminar on “Role of SECP and Increasing Financial Literacy for Investors” held at Preston

## Islamabad

Preston University, Islamabad organized an interactive seminar on “Role of Securities and Exchange Commission of Pakistan and Increasing Financial Literacy for Investors.”



The referenced event was held at the auditorium of Preston University, Islamabad on August 10, 2016. Students pursuing Business Education at this University participated in the seminar in large numbers. Some senior faculty members were also conspicuous by their presence at the seminar.

Dr. Abdul Basit, Chancellor Preston University presided over the seminar as Chief Guest. Syed Murtaza Abbas Naqvi, Joint Director Investor Education & International Relations Department, Securities and Exchange Commission of Pakistan (SECP) was the Guest Speaker on the occasion.

During his discourse on the subject, the distinguished Guest Speaker, Syed Murtaza Abbas Naqvi talked about the investment facilities that SECP provides to the potential investors, including young Pakistanis. He elaborated the operational procedure of SECP vis-à-vis registered companies. Mr. Naqvi also underscored the necessary procedures and important documents that are required to become a registered Joint Stock Company (JSC) with SECP. He said SECP is now extending similar privileges to single company ownership also. Now a single owner can also register his/her company with SECP. In his presentation Syed Murtaza Abbas Naqvi emphasized on the significance of investment and motivated the young participants to develop a habit of savings and cultivate investment culture.

In his keynote address, Chief Guest of the Seminar, Dr. Abdul Basit, Chancellor of Preston University spoke about the changing world scenario and highlighted the extent to which Chinese penetration can be felt in Pakistan. He quoted CPEC as a glaring example of this fact. Dr. Basit immensely praised the efforts and contribution of SECP in this regard. He congratulated the organizers on setting a trend of practical learning. He appreciated SECP's offer to organize a series of such seminars at Preston University.



Earlier, faculty member Mr. Muhammad Kashif Khan Durrani expressed his gratitude to SECP for deputing one of its senior officials to educate the students of Preston University about the role of SECP in enhancing financial literacy of the investors.

## Preston University and Youth Club Jointly Organize Workshop

Preston University and Youth Club, Islamabad jointly organized an interactive workshop titled “Colour me Happy”. The referenced Workshop was held at the auditorium of the Islamabad Campus of Preston on November 17, 2016. Students and faculty participated in the Workshop in large numbers. Raja Zia ul Haq, CEO of Youth Club was the keynote speaker on the occasion. He delivered an awe-inspiring talk on the topic, enlightening the minds of the youth by unfolding the secret of true happiness and ways to attract this boundless happiness in life.

The interactive session started with the speaker's own journey of seeking happiness in thrills, escapades, fame and luxuries of life, which he himself did not have access to. Dilating further on the subject, he spoke about a number of famous celebrities and authors who had fame and all the luxuries of the world, yet they killed themselves because of chronic depression and sense of worthlessness in life. The distinguished speaker informed the youth of Preston University that the journey towards true happiness and peace of mind is dependent upon the strength of our connection with our Creator. He said that patience during difficult times, with firm faith in the truth that after dusk there is always a dawn and after every hardship there is ease, is what we should try to demonstrate always.

Raja Zia ul Haq emphasized that gratefulness for the countless blessings of Allah, never being arrogant and always looking at those who are less fortunate than us should be the guiding principles in our lives. A person possessing these qualities can never be sad, he stated emphatically. The students were encouraged to become independent thinkers and confident doers. They were advised to choose the path that would provide complete awareness of happiness to them.

The Youth Club, Islamabad is registered in Pakistan under the Trust Act of 1882. It is a dynamic organization that aims to bring about a positive change in the youth of Pakistan.







## Preston University Peshawar Campus

# inks MoU with KP Police School of Public Disorder and Riot Management

The Peshawar Campus of Preston University, Kohat, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (KP) inked a MoU for collaboration with the Police School of Public Disorder and Riot Management (PSPDRM), Mardan, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa. The referenced MoU was signed at a simple but impressive ceremony held at the Peshawar Campus of Preston University, Kohat.

The purpose of the MoU inked for mutual collaboration between Preston University and the Police School of Public Disorder and Riot Management, Mardan, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa is to create an environment of cooperation for mutual benefit of the two institutions. Both the institutions will work together for research, development and capacity building of trainee officers and students of Preston University.

Under the MoU inked between the two institutions the following activities are proposed to be undertaken: (a) Preston University will provide services of its faculty, on need basis, to PSPDRM. (b) Preston University will assist PSPDRM in developing and updating its courses curriculum. (c) Preston will share the research work of its scholars on Mob Psychology and Human Resource Management with PSPDRM. (d) Both Preston University and PSPDRM will provide resource persons for holding workshops and seminars in areas of mutual interest. (e) PSPDRM will accept and train the internee students of Preston University. (f) PSPDRM will assist the students of Preston University in their research project work. The MoU was signed by Mr. Muhammad Ali Khan, DIG Training, Police Department, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa on behalf of PSPDRM. Prof. Dr. Alay Ahmed, Dean Social Sciences, Preston University signed the MoU on behalf of Preston University, Kohat, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa.

Prof. Dr. Muhammad Anwar Hassan Vice Chancellor, Preston University, Kohat, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa in his brief remarks on the occasion said the MoU inked between Preston University and PSPDRM will significantly help both the institutions gain from each other's rich and varied experience in areas of mutual interest and benefit. He said, Preston University keenly looks forward to effective implementation of all the stipulations of the MoU signed between the two institutions.

**Preston Islamabad Campus Organizes**

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**INTRA STAFF/FACULTY CRICKET TOURNAMENT**

**2016**



The Islamabad Campus of Preston University, Kohat organized '2nd Intra Staff/Faculty Cricket Tournament'. The referenced tournament was held at the Fatima Jinnah Park, Islamabad in December 2016. Six teams namely: Preston Diamond (Chancellor's Eleven), Preston Platinum (Kashif Durrani Eleven), Preston Gold (Humayun Shuja Eleven), Preston Star (Aftab Eleven), Preston Mercury (Umer Islam Eleven) and Preston Silver (Dr. Haji Eleven) participated in the tournament.



Due to their outstanding performance, Preston Diamond (Chancellor's Eleven) and Preston Star (Aftab Eleven) reached the finals of the tournament. After a very tough competition the Preston Diamond team beat the Preston Star team to win the title. The Preston Star team was declared runners up in the championship.



Dr. Abdul Basit, Chancellor Preston University congratulated the Preston Diamond team for their outstanding performance throughout the tournament and winning the 2nd Preston Intra Staff/Faculty Cricket Tournament. He also praised the good performance of the Preston Star team and congratulated them on being declared runners up in the Championship. The Chancellor of Preston University, Dr. Abdul Basit immensely appreciated the efforts made by Sr. Lecturer Mr. Kashif Khan Durrani and Mr. Humayun Shuja (VFM) to organize the 2nd Preston Intra Staff/Faculty Cricket Tournament in Islamabad.



**Pro-Vice Chancellor Preston University Kohat Appointed as Member BoG of Bannu Medical College, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa**



Prof. Dr. Asmatullah Khan, Pro-Vice Chancellor, Preston University, Kohat, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (KP) has been appointed as one of the members of the Board of Governors of Bannu Medical College, KP. The referenced appointment has been made under Medical and Teaching Institute Act of 2015. According to a notification issued by the office of Secretary Health, KP, seven members, including Prof. Asmatullah Khan, have been appointed to the recently constituted Board of Governors of Bannu Medical College. It is said that the Chairman of the Board will be elected from amongst the newly appointed members of the Board in its first meeting. Chancellor Preston University, Dr. Abdul Basit expressed his profound congratulations to Prof. Dr. Asmatullah Khan on his appointment to the Board of Bannu Medical College as a member.



President AJK Sardar Masood Khan expressed his profound congratulations to the graduating students for successfully accomplishing a significant milestone in their educational career. Addressing the students he said "The credit of this success that each one of you has attained primarily goes to you. You undoubtedly must have toiled untiringly to earn this degree and you fully deserve to rejoice this great achievement".



While appreciating the remarkable success of the students, Sardar Masood Khan equally appreciated and acknowledged the mammoth contribution that the faculty of the University made towards educating the students and helping them attain their academic goals successfully. He immensely appreciated the members of the faculty for diligently fulfilling a responsibility so vital to the interest of this nation.

Sharing his thoughts on the issue of Indian Occupied Kashmir (IOK), and the suffering people of the occupied territory, with the students President AJK, Sardar Masood Khan emphasized on the youth of Pakistan to extend full moral support to men, women and youth of Indian occupied Kashmir who continue to face unparalleled brutalities at the hands of the Indian Army. He said Indian atrocities in occupied Kashmir have crossed all bounds of civility. He stated with a sense of immense indignation and grief that innocent men, women and children in the occupied territory were being tortured, maimed and killed ruthlessly by the pitiless Indian forces. The civilized world, he emphasized, must take immediate cognizance of Indian high-handedness in IOK. The United Nations must prevail on the Indian government to stop the atrocities being committed by its forces on innocent people of IOK forthwith, and resolve the Kashmir issue by granting right of self-determination to the people of occupied Kashmir in accordance with the UN Resolution of 1948. He sincerely lauded the unabated moral and political support of the Government of Pakistan to the people of IOK in their long-drawn liberation movement.



In his concluding remarks Sardar Masood Khan, President of Azad State of Jammu and Kashmir expressed his profound appreciation to Dr. Abdul Basit, Chancellor Preston University for the marvelous job that Preston University has been doing since the past over three decades. He said, by imparting state-of-the-art education and training to the youth of Pakistan Preston University has fulfilled a significant national obligation.



Earlier, in his welcome address Dr. Abdul Basit Chancellor Preston University extended a warm welcome to the Chief Guest Sardar Masood Khan, President of AJK and thanked him for taking time out of his heavy official commitments and Chair the 34th Convocation of the Islamabad Campus of Preston University, Kohat. On the occasion, he briefly traced the history of Preston University and highlighted some of its achievements since its establishment in 1984. He also congratulated the graduates on whom degrees were conferred, on the occasion, and wished them the very best in their future lives and careers.





Under the MoUs inked between PINSAT-Preston University and the School of Science, Beijing Jiaotong University it has been mutually agreed that the two vital areas of mutual cooperation would be (1) Student and Faculty Exchange (2) Scientific and Educational Cooperation.

Under the students and faculty exchange program (1) BJTU will accept 3 PhD students annually from PINSAT with official recommendation if the students succeed in obtaining the scholarships from China Scholarship Council. According to the funding situation of the professors of BJTU, BJTU will endeavor, as much as possible, to accommodate more PINSAT students per year. Faculty exchange of PINSAT and BJTU will be arranged with mutual agreement of dates of visits. In addition, participation in a Nanotech workshop at BJTU by 10 students of PINSAT for one week will be arranged. Exchange students of either party are bound to the agreement inked for the Student Exchange Program. The duration of the exchange program for a student will be either for one academic year or one semester. Students participating in the exchange program will normally have completed at least one year of their degree program at their home institution.

Under Scientific and Educational Cooperation, with the purpose of furthering scientific and educational cooperation, School of Science, Beijing Jiaotong University (BJTU), Beijing, China and Preston Institute of Nano Science and Technology (PINSAT), Preston University, Islamabad, Pakistan have mutually agreed to undertake activities that would be to their mutual benefits across the research and education areas they offer. The Scientific and Educational Cooperation memorandum records the understanding of the parties in relation to the cooperative activities. Both institutions have consented to put in their best endeavors to further their mutual interests and, so far as they are able to do, make available to the cooperative activities their expertise, resources, and information.

In his brief remarks on the occasion, Prof. Feng Qibo, Dean of Science School of Science Beijing Jiaotong University (BJTU) at the outset gave a brief introduction of his institution. He said BJTU endeavors to engage in world-class research and develop science culture in the country. Regarding the MoUs signed for collaboration with PINSAT, Prof. Feng Qibo said that it was truly a matter of immense pleasure and honor for him to have been able to execute MoUs for collaboration in areas of mutual interest and benefit to BJTU and PINSAT-Preston University. He said BJTU sincerely looks forward to a productive and mutually beneficial relationship with PINSAT.

Dr. Abdul Basit, Chancellor Preston University in his succinct remarks on the occasion spoke of PINSAT's standing as a professional and very well-respected Institute in the field of Nanoscience and Technology, in the private sector, in the country. Dr. Abdul Basit expressed his sincere gratitude to Prof. Feng Qibo, Dean School of Science, BJTU for graciously agreeing to ink MoUs for mutually beneficial cooperation between BJTU and PINSAT. This collaboration, he said, will go a long way in promoting the cause of science and scientific education and research in both countries. Earlier, in his introductory remarks Prof. Dr. N. M. Butt, Chairman PINSAT briefly outlined the history of PINSAT. He also highlighted some of the outstanding achievements of the Institute since its inception.



## 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

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