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Preston University's Momentous Win at All Pakistan Inter-University Urdu Declamation Contest Organized by HEC



Preston University performed brilliantly to win first

position in All Pakistan Inter-University Urdu Declamation Contest, for Allama Iqbal Shield, organized by the Higher Education Commission (HEC) in Islamabad.

The finals of the mega contest was held at the auditorium of the Higher Education Commission (HEC) Islamabad in November 2017. Muhammad Taqi Jawad, student of Preston University, Kohat who represented the University in the finals of the Urdu Debate Contest beat his counterparts from eminent public and private universities, from across Pakistan, out-and-out to grab 1st position in this competition. The debating prowess of Prestonian Muhammad Taqi Jawad had no parallel in the entire array of students of other universities who took part in the finals of the Urdu Debate Contest. His outstanding performance in every faculty of the Competition compelled the judges to declare him the best Urdu debater and award him first position in the Urdu Declamation Contest for Allama Iqbal Shield organized by HEC.

The All Pakistan Inter-University English and Urdu Declamation Contests for Allama Iqbal Shield are organized by the Higher Education Commission (HEC) every year. The referenced contest is conducted at three levels. The first round of the Competition is organized at the universities wherein students from all public and private sector universities and constituent colleges take part. In the second round, winners of first round compete at regional level and the winners have to compete on national level in the final round for the Allama Iqbal Shield. Prestonian Muhammad Taqi Jawad of Preston University, Kohat completely outclassed his counterparts from all other universities in both first and second rounds of the contest as well and reached the finals. ————— ➔ Continued on page 6

In an exhilarating finish Preston University, Pakistan completely outshined Delhi University, India in the finals of the inter-university international 'T-20 Cricket Tourney' organized by SEGi University, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. The grand tournament was held in Kuala Lumpur in which Preston University Pakistan, Delhi University India, SEGi University Kuala Lumpur, Colombo University Sri Lanka, Islamia University Dhaka Bangladesh, Haji Baba College Kuala Lumpur, Tunku Abdul Rahman University Kuala Lumpur and UCSI University Kuala Lumpur participated.

Preston University-Kohat (KP) Pakistan was right on top of the championship from the very beginning. In the quarter final of the contest Preston University beat SEGi University, Kuala Lumpur out-and-out to win the quarter finals of the tournament. The performance of the team of Preston University was equally outstanding in the semi final of the championship. In the semi final, Preston University comfortably beat Islamia University Dhaka, Bangladesh to win and qualify for the finals of the competition.

The finals of the championship was played between the arch rivals India and Pakistan. Preston University, Pakistan and Delhi University, India confronted each other with unparalleled enthusiasm. Playing first, the team of Delhi University, India couldn't pile up a big score that could shake the confidence of the team of Preston University, Kohat, Pakistan. Delhi University scored trifling 137 runs. The team of Preston University, demonstrating superb performance in every faculty of the game, comfortably achieved the target of 137 runs set forth by Delhi University, for the loss of just three wickets.

Preston University Completely Outshines Delhi University in 'T-20 Cricket Tourney' organized by SEGi University Kuala Lumpur



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Preston University Commemorates 140th Birth Anniversary of Sir Sultan Muhammad Shah Aga Khan III

A high profile seminar was held at Preston University, Islamabad in November 2017 to mark the 140th birth anniversary of veteran of Pakistan Movement



and Founder President of All India Muslim League, His Highness Sir Sultan Muhammad Shah Aga Khan III. The referenced event was jointly organized by Preston University and the Archaeological and Historical Association of Pakistan (AHAP).

Besides senior faculty, management and students of Preston University the momentous occasion was participated by diplomats and elite of the twin cities. Malik Muhammad Rafiq Rajwana, Governor Punjab graced the occasion by his distinguished presence as Chief Guest. Eminent business tycoon and Chairman Hashoo Group, Mr. Sadruddin Hashwani was the Guest of Honor. Prominent among the speakers who shed light on the life and achievements of Sir Sultan Muhammad Shah Aga Khan were renowned businessman and philanthropist and Founder Chairman Hashoo Group Mr. Sadruddin Hashwani, Dr. Abdul Basit, Chancellor Preston University, Dr. Ghazanfar Mehdi, Chairman (AHAP), Dr. Riaz Ahmed, Secretary General AHAP, Mr. Murtaza Hashwani, Mr. Naem Akram Qureshi, and Air Commodore (R) Naunehal Shah.

Addressing the distinguished gathering on the occasion, Chief Guest Governor Malik Muhammad Rafiq Rajwana said Sir Sultan Muhammad Shah Aga Khan III was unambiguously the leader of the Muslims of united India, and it was he who, back in early 1900s, realized that the Muslims were being exploited by the Hindu majority in India, and in order to achieve their rights they would, sooner or later, have to part ways with All India National Congress and make a political party of their own. With this objective in mind, he along with 35 prominent leaders of the Muslims of the subcontinent after several deliberations founded the All India Muslim League. Governor Punjab Muhammad Rafiq Rajwana further said Sir Aga Khan III was also the founder President of the party.

He said, though Sir Aga Khan belonged to the Ismaili community he gathered all the Muslims on one platform and worked for their social and economic progress in close cooperation with Sir Syed Ahmed Khan. Governor Punjab Rafiq Rajwana said His Highness Prince Karim Aga Khan, the eminent grandson of Sir Aga Khan III has, besides other major contribution towards the socio-economic development of Pakistan, made significant contribution towards the cause of education particularly in Gilgit Baltistan.

The Governor of Punjab informed that in his maiden address, as first President of the All India Muslim League, Sir Aga Khan vociferously vowed to take the Muslims out of abject poverty and make them reap the benefits of progress and prosperity. ▶▶ Continued on page 7



Preston University Organizes Condolence Reference in Memory of Iconic Diplomat Late Mr. Akram Zaki



Eminent personalities participate and vent their views on the life and achievements of the distinguished diplomat, poet and writer.

A Condolence Reference was held at Preston University, Islamabad to remember late Mr. Akram Zaki, a distinguished diplomat, poet and writer. The referenced event that was jointly organized by Preston University and Pakistan Cultural Forum was held at the Islamabad Campus of the University in the first week of December 2017.

Eminent among the speakers who spoke on the occasion and paid glowing tributes to Mr. Akram Zaki, a career diplomat and former Secretary General Foreign Affairs, government of Pakistan were Raja Muhammad Zafar-ul-Haq, Leader of the House in the Senate of Pakistan, Mr. Sartaj Aziz, Deputy Chairman Planning Commission of Pakistan, Mr. Inam-ul-Haq, former Foreign Minister of Pakistan and Mr. Zafar Bakhtawari, Chairman Pakistan Cultural Forum. Mr. Hannan Abbasi, Chairman Youth Assembly of Pakistan and Mr. Habib Malik, President Pakistan Human Rights Organization also spoke at the Reference. Wife of late Mr. Akram Zaki was also present on the occasion.

Addressing the distinguished guests on the occasion, Raja Muhammad Zafar-ul-Haq, Leader of the House in the Senate of Pakistan said late Mr. Akram Zaki's services for the country was unparalleled. He was a highly successful diplomat and lived a distinguished life as a seasoned diplomat, writer and poet. His thinking vis-à-vis every sphere of life was original down to the core; he never borrowed ideas from others.

In his brief remarks on the occasion, Mr. Sartaj Aziz, Deputy Chairman Planning Commission and former foreign and finance minister of Pakistan said that the services of late Akram Zaki as a career diplomat, spanning over four decades, was incomparable. Akram Zaki, Mr. Sartaj Aziz said, was a diplomat par-excellence and he always delivered his best in his professional career.

Former Foreign Minister Inam-ul-Haq while expressing his views at the Reference said late Akram Zaki served the country with unparalleled dedication and integrity. As Secretary General foreign affairs and as a diplomat Akram Zaki always endeavored to build country's positive image in the comity of developed nations of the world, and strengthen Pakistan's relations with those nations in particular where he served as ambassador. ▶▶ Continued on page 7

Preston University Karachi Organizes Get-together to Mark NBEAC Accreditation Team's Visit

Preston University, Karachi organized a Get-together to mark the visit of the National Business Education Accreditation Council (NBEAC) team to the University. The referenced event was held at Lal Qila Restaurant in



November 2017. Besides members of the NBEAC team and senior management and faculty of Preston University, Alumni of the University currently employed with prestigious national and multinational companies and financial institutions in the economic hub of the country-Karachi also participated in the Get-together with immense enthusiasm. The Get-together provided an excellent opportunity to the former Preston graduates to renew their old associations not only with their Alma Mater but also their Mentors who immensely contributed towards the development of their educational career. On the occasion, Professor Dr. Tahir Rajput, Vice Chancellor Preston University, Karachi and Mr. Aftab Ahmed Lodhi, Director General adorned the respectable Alumni of the University with gorgeous traditional Sindhi Ajraks.



Anti Corruption Day Commemorated at Preston University Peshawar Campus

A seminar was held at the Peshawar Campus of Preston University, Kohat in December 2018 to commemorate Anti Corruption Day. The topic of the seminar was "Say No to Corruption". The faculty, staff and students of the University participated in the referenced event with immeasurable enthusiasm. Prof. Dr. Muhammad Anwar Hassan, Vice Chancellor Preston University, Kohat was conspicuous by his distinguished presence at the seminar as Chief Guest. Eminent among the speakers who spoke on the occasion were Prof. Dr. Mahnazir Zia, former Professor of Psychology, Department of Psychology, Peshawar University, Mian Muhammad Waqar, Director Information, National Accountability Bureau (NAB) and Col. (R) Zafar Gul, former Program Director Preston University, Peshawar Campus.

In his address on the occasion, Dr. Anwar said a true Muslim is the embodiment of faith. One should, he emphasized, read the Holy Quran regularly. The Quran, he said, is considered to be a complete code of life for Muslims across the world. A Muslim who seeks guidance from the Quran can never go astray and commit sins prohibited by the Quran, he asserted.



Briefly dilating on the subject of the seminar "Say No to Corruption" Prof. Dr. Anwar Hassan said corruption is a menace that has unfortunately grown deep into the roots of almost every segment of our society. It has become so rampant that perhaps it would take decades to completely eradicate it. Regardless of this fact, sincere and dedicated efforts must be made to wipe this menace out completely from every stratum of our society, if we are to progress and stand out conspicuously among the developed and respected nations of the world. In view of the foregoing facts our Moto should undoubtedly be "Say No to Corruption", Dr. Anwar emphasized. [▶▶ Continued on page 7](#)

Preston University Represented at

"NIED Global Forum on Science and Technology for Disaster Resilience 2017" Tokyo and "Intl. Experts Forum" Bangkok

The National Research Institute for Earth Science and Disaster Resilience (NIED), Tokyo, Japan organized "Global Forum on Science and Technology for Disaster Resilience 2017". The referenced international event was held in Tokyo, Japan from November 23-25, 2017. Preston University was represented at this high profile Forum by Prof. Dr. Allah Wadhwa Baloch, Executive Director, Disaster Research Institute, Preston University Islamabad.



During two days of the Forum Dr. Baloch had the opportunity to interact with global leaders on Disaster Risk Reduction and Disaster Management. Preston University was the only university from Pakistan present at the Forum. The mega event was attended by representatives from almost all the countries of the world. They took active part in the proceedings of the Forum and positively contributed towards its success. ED- DRI invited all concerned, including Reps from Japan, UNISDR, Africa and Asia, for collaboration and cooperation with DRI. Draft MoUs were provided to those who expressed interest in collaborating with DRI Preston University. On the occasion, Prof. Baloch disseminated and discussed with the participants a 3-page document that contained introduction of DRI Preston University and highlights the disciplines it offers at various levels of education.

Dr. Baloch also attended an International Experts Forum, organized by Asian Institute of Technology (AIT) Bangkok in December 2017. He presented a paper titled "Ahmed Pur Sharqia, Pakistan Man-made Disaster". The referenced paper was based on an innovative and practical community-based model "Disaster Mitigation & Awareness Committee (DAMAC)" to address man-made disasters.

Peshawar Campus 140th of Preston Marks Birth Anniversary of Allama Iqbal



The entire nation marked the 140th Birth Anniversary of national poet Dr. Allama Muhammad Iqbal on November 9, 2017 with traditional zeal and enthusiasm. As elsewhere in the country, the Peshawar Campus of Preston University Kohat also commemorated the 140th Birth Anniversary of Shair-e-Mashriq (poet of the east) Allama Iqbal with immense gusto. Faculty, students and staff of the University participated in large numbers.

The event that was held at the Peshawar Campus Auditorium was presided over by Prof. Dr. Muhammad Anwar Hassan, Vice Chancellor Preston University, Kohat as Chief Guest. In his keynote address, Prof. Dr. Anwar Hassan at the outset extended a warm welcome to all those in attendance at the event. Highlighting the life and achievements of Dr. Allama Iqbal Prof. Anwar said Allama Muhammad Iqbal was born in Sialkot on November 9, 1877. He is recognized as national poet, and known as Mufakkir-e-Pakistan (thinker of Pakistan), Shair-e-Mashriq (poet of the east) and Hakeemul Ummat (doctor of the Muslim Ummah). He said Allama Iqbal envisioned the



idea of a separate homeland for the Muslims of subcontinent, which ultimately led to the creation of Pakistan in 1947. Dr. Anwar informed the gathering that Dr. Allama Muhammad Iqbal is also considered to be one of the most notable figures in literature. His literary works are in both Urdu and Persian languages. Asrar-e-Khudi, Payam-i-Mashriq, Bang-i-Dara, Bal-i-Jibril, Zarb-i Kalim and Armughan-e-Hijaz are amongst his best works, he maintained. Further dilating on the subject he said the very first poem of Allama Iqbal was presented by him in Anjuman-e-Hayat-e-Islam. After that Shikwa Jawab-e-Shikwa was presented by him wherein he discussed the concept of "Khudi".

Prof. Dr. Zubaida Zulfiqar and Prof. Dr. Faqera Khan Faqri of Urdu Department of Peshawar University also spoke on the occasion. In their brief discourse they said Dr. Sir Allama Muhammad Iqbal was a great thinker, philosopher and poet. His message is universal and eternal where he addresses the entire humanity to become positive thinkers. His literary endeavors intensely focused on ethics, mannerism, morality, Quranic injunctions, positive thinking, culture and civilization etc., they maintained.



On the occasion, Mr. Liaquat Ali Tabassum of All Pakistan Thinkers Forum presented a national song based on Allama Iqbal's poetry. Later, Shields and Medals were presented to the distinguished speakers and other participants.



A Leading Commercial Bank of Karachi Sizes Up Prestonians for Potential Job Opportunities

A team of professional bankers from a leading commercial bank of Karachi visited the main campus of Preston University, Karachi in November 2017. The purpose of the team's visit was to interview some students of the University and consider them for future employment in the bank.

The referenced activity was conducted by Ms. Nisho Siddiqui, Deputy Registrar Preston University, Karachi Ms. Mahwesh Jabeen, Placement Incharge and Ms. Aisha Naim, Placement Officer. Large number of graduates took part in the selection process with immense enthusiasm. After interviewing the prospective candidates the panel of interviewers selected a few talented students of the University for consideration against appropriate vacancies in the bank.



Prof. Dr. Tahir Rajput, Vice Chancellor Preston University, Karachi and Mr. Aftab Lodhi, Director General profoundly eulogized the efforts of all those who were responsible for coordinating and conducting the event. They also congratulated the students who were considered for employment, at various levels, with the bank.



The Division of Gender Empowerment, Management, Human Resource, Social Welfare and Faculty of Social Sciences, Preston University organized the 82nd Workshop on "Human Rights: Senior Citizens and Aged Population". The referenced Workshop which was organized in collaboration with the Federal Ministry of Human Rights, Government of Pakistan was held at the Islamabad Campus of Preston University, Kohat in October 2017. The said Workshop was coordinated and supervised by Prof. Dr. Firoza Ahmed, Dean Faculty of Social Sciences, Human Resource, and Head Division of Gender Empowerment and Management Division of Preston University.



Over 80 participants comprising senior officials from the Ministry of Human Rights of the government of Pakistan, and eminent government and non-government organizations based in the twin cities of Islamabad and Rawalpindi, participated in the Workshop enthusiastically.



The proceedings of the Workshop began with recitation from the Holy Quran, followed by welcome address of the Chancellor Preston University, Dr. Abdul Basit. His address was presented at the event by Prof. Dr. Firoza Ahmed. In his address Dr. Basit, besides extending a warm welcome to all the participants also enunciated the significance of the Workshops that Preston University continues to organize on burning national issues. Talking about Human Rights in Pakistan's context, Dr. Basit said upholding human dignity, safeguarding human rights and ensuring human freedom is

one of the fundamental principles of Islam. The constitution of Pakistan too guarantees freedom to its citizens regardless of their cast, creed or religion. The government of Pakistan stands committed to protect and promote human rights and is making incessant endeavors to safeguard freedom, dignity and self-esteem of all its citizens. Preston University is also working resolutely towards the attainment of this vital objective.



A number of presentations were made by experts in their respective fields of interest and expertise. All the presentations were thoroughly professional and thought provoking. The Workshop framed a number of recommendations vis-à-vis the issue of human rights in general and the rights of the senior citizens in the country in particular. In this context it was emphasized that public awareness towards the needs of the elderly should be enhanced. It was established that this important objective could be accomplished through the media (print and electronic) to inform and educate the public, free seminars at hospitals and educational institutions, and at individual level through patient and family education.

**DRI-Preston
Commemorates
"International Day
for Disaster
Reduction 2017"**



The 'International Day for Disaster Reduction 17' was marked across the globe on October 13, 2017. The International Day for Disaster Reduction, held every 13 October, celebrates how people and communities around the world are reducing their exposure to disasters. The 2017 edition continues under the "Sendai Seven" campaign, centered on the seven targets of the Sendai Framework. This year's focus is Target B: Reducing the number of affected people by disasters by 2030. The UN General Assembly called for the International Day for Disaster Reduction in 1989 as a way to promote a global culture of risk-awareness and disaster reduction that includes disaster prevention, mitigation and preparedness.

The Disaster Research Institute (DRI) Preston University, Kohat, Khyberpakhtunkwa celebrated the Day at its Islamabad Campus on October 26, 2017. On the occasion, Prof. Dr. Allah Wadhayo Baloch, Executive Director, DRI, Preston University delivered an informative public awareness lecture. Faculty and students of Preston University participated in large numbers. The referenced lecture covered areas such as How Earthquake Occurs? Scales of earthquake measurement, How to protect oneself from an Earthquake? Do's and Don'ts during and after an earthquake. The lecture was followed by a question and answer session. The participants took active part in the Q&A session and raised questions pertinent to their interest. At the conclusion of the lecture a mock evacuation drill was conducted in which the students of the University participated.

*Quotable
Quotes*

"Mine honour is my life;
both grow in one; take
honour from me and my
life is done."
William Shakespeare

"The fool doth think he
is wise, but the wise
man knows himself to
be a fool."
William Shakespeare

"Cowards die many
times before their
deaths: The valiant never
taste of death but once."
William Shakespeare

73rd Meeting of Preston Board of Advanced Studies & Research held

The Board of Advanced Studies and Research (BASAR) of Preston University organized its 73rd meeting on November 28, 2017. The referenced meeting was chaired by Prof. Dr. Muhammad Anwar Hassan, Vice Chancellor Preston University, Kohat and Chairman BASAR. The meeting was attended by the members of BASAR with great interest. Recitation from the Holy Quran marked the opening of the proceedings of the meeting. At the beginning, Prof. Dr. Muhammad Anwar Hassan, Chairman BASAR extended a very warm welcome to all the participating members to the 73rd meet of the Board. Subsequently, the Chair expressed his profound gratitude to all the members for making it convenient to be present at the meeting. Thereafter, the meeting was formally declared open by the Chair.



The proceedings of the 73rd meeting of the Board of Advanced Studies (BASAR) commenced with the permission of the Chair. On being requested by the Chair, Secretary BASAR, Prof. Dr. Allah Wadhayo Baloch initiated the proceedings by formally presenting the agenda of the 73rd meeting of BASAR. Afterward, Secretary to the Board requested the Chair to accord approval to the minutes of the 72nd meeting of BASAR, held on October 17, 2017, with some amendments. The Chair, with unanimous approval of all the members endorsed the Minutes of the 72nd meeting of BASAR with proposed amendments.

In the 73rd meeting of the Board of Advanced Studies and Research innumerable important academic issues were brought to the attention of the Chair. Issues raised during the course of the meeting were discussed in detail. Synopsis of some MS/M. Phil and PhD Scholars were also presented to the Board at the meeting for approval. The Board accorded due approval to the synopsis of some MS/M. Phil and PhD scholars. However, Synopsis of some of the scholars was deferred by the Board. The Board instructed such scholars to resubmit their revised synopsis in the next Board meeting after incorporating the changes recommended by the Chair and the Board members.

The Department of Economics recommended some names for appointment as external supervisors, which the Board approved after due consideration. The Department of International Relations solicited approval of the Board for change of one supervisor of a PhD scholar. The Board held its decision vis-à-vis the matter in abeyance with a request made to the HoD International Relations to resubmit the proposal in the next Board meeting.

The 73rd meeting of the Board of Advanced Studies and Research of Preston University ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair. In his concluding remarks, Chairman BASAR, Prof. Dr. Muhammad Anwar Hassan immensely appreciated the contribution of each participating member towards the proceedings of the 73rd meeting of the Board. He expressed his utmost gratitude to all the members for making their presence certain at the meeting in spite of their other important personal commitments.

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Preston's Momentous Win at All Pakistan Inter-University Urdu Declaration Contest Organized by HEC

Muhammad Taqi Jawad was awarded the Allama Iqbal Shield for winning first position in the Urdu Declaration Contest, at a grand prize distribution ceremony held at HEC, by the Minister of State for Ports and Shipping, Chaudhry Jaffar Iqbal who was the chief guest on the occasion. Chairman HEC Mr. Mukhtar Ahmed, HEC Member Operations and Planning, HEC Director General Academics, Vice Chancellors of different universities, faculty members, and a large number of university and college students were also present at the ceremony. The Chancellor of Preston University, Dr. Abdul Basit and the senior management and faculty of the University heartily congratulated Prestonian Muhammad Taqi Jawad on his outstanding performance and winning first position in the All Pakistan Inter-University Urdu Declaration Contest organized by the Higher Education Commission. Dr. Abdul Basit also profoundly eulogized the efforts of Preston Faculty, Mr. Kashif Durrani who was instrumental in coordinating participation of Preston University in this grand inter-university contest organized by HEC.



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Preston University Outshines Delhi University at Inter-university 'T-20 Cricket Tourney'...

Prestonian Hussain Ahmed was declared the man of the match and series for his outstanding all round performance throughout the championship, and was awarded a special prize. Preston University was awarded the trophy of the inter-university international 'T-20 Cricket Championship' organized by SEGi University, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia for emerging victorious in the championship.

At a grand ceremony organized to award the winners of the competition, the winning trophy was awarded to the Preston University team. Gold medals were also awarded to every member of the team of Preston University who played in the tournament.

Dr. Abdul Basit, Chancellor Preston University profoundly congratulated the team of Preston University for performing outstandingly in the inter-university international T-20 Cricket Championship organized by SEGi University, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. He particularly eulogized the remarkable performance of the team against Delhi University, India in the finals of the tournament and beating Delhi University out-and-out to win the trophy of the championship. Dr. Abdul Basit immensely eulogized all the members of the winning Preston University cricket team for making Pakistan and Preston University, Pakistan proud by winning the inter-university international T-20 Cricket tournament organized by SEGi University, Kuala Lumpur. Dr. Abdul Basit also immensely appreciated the untiring efforts of Manager Sports Preston University, Aftab Ahmed for his untiring efforts to put together and coach the Preston University cricket team that won the SEGi University T-20 Cricket championship held in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.



In his brief remarks on the occasion, Mr. Sadruddin Hashwani, Chairman Hashoo Group said Sir Sultan Muhammad Shah Aga Khan III was the leader of not only the Ismaili community but all the Muslims of the subcontinent. Sir Aga Khan III worked tirelessly and devotedly for the unity of the Muslims of not only the subcontinent but the entire world. Mr. Hashwani said we would continue to pursue the mission of Sir Sultan Muhammad Shah Aga Khan III with unparalleled dedication and enthusiasm to bring sustained socio-economic progress to the country. On the occasion, Mr. Sadruddin Hashwani announced a generous donation of Rs.10 million for grant of scholarships to the poor and needy students of Preston University.

The other distinguished speakers who paid glowing tributes to Sir Sultan Muhammad Shah Aga Khan III on the occasion profoundly eulogized his selfless services towards the creation and development of Pakistan. They acknowledged that it was due to the efforts of Sir Sultan Muhammad Shah Aga Khan III that the All India Muslim League came into being. It would, therefore, not be wrong to state that Sir Aga Khan ranked among one of the founders of the



Pakistan Movement. He played a pivotal role alongside the founder of Pakistan Quaid-e-Azam Muhammad Ali Jinnah and the other eminent leaders of the Pakistan Movement in the creation of Pakistan.

Earlier, in his welcome address the Chancellor of Preston University Dr. Abdul Basit expressed his profound gratitude to the Governor of Punjab, Malik Muhammad Rafiq Rajwana for gracing the event by his distinguished presence as Chief Guest. He also expressed his special thanks to Mr. Sadruddin Hashwani, Chairman Hashoo Group for his notable presence at the event and also for announcing a generous donation of Rs. 10 million for the needy students of

Preston University. Talking on the subject of the seminar he said highlighting the achievements of our national heroes was a part of the university's manifesto and the university would continue to contribute in that direction in the years ahead. Dr. Abdul Basit said Sir Sultan Muhammad Shah Aga Khan III was a visionary leader and one of the founders and the first president of the All-India Muslim League (AIML). His goal was the advancement of Muslim agendas and protection of Muslim rights in India. Dr. Basit said His Highness, Sir Sultan Muhammad Shah Aga Khan called on the British Raj to consider Muslims to be a separate nation within India, the so-called 'Two Nation Theory'. He said it was truly an honor for Preston University to organize a national seminar to mark the birth anniversary of a distinguished and highly respectable personality like Sir Sultan Muhammad Shah Aga Khan III.



Mr. Hannan Abbasi, Chairman Youth Assembly of Pakistan and Mr. Habib Malik, President Pakistan Human Rights Organization who also spoke at the Reference and shed light on the life and achievements of late Mr. Akram Zaki paid glowing tribute to him and eulogized his services to the country.

Earlier in his welcome address Mr. Zafar Bakhtawari, Chairman Pakistan Cultural Forum welcomed the distinguished speakers and guests to the Condolence Reference organized in memory of late Mr. Akram Zaki. Paying tributes to late Akram Zaki, he said Mr. Akram Zaki was not only an outstanding foreign service officer and diplomat but he was also a fine human being. His enormous contribution towards development of Pakistan's relations with the developed and civilized nations of the world will always be remembered by the nation with a sense of utmost pride, he maintained.

Speaking on the occasion, Prof. Dr. Mahnazir Zia, former Professor of Psychology, Department of Psychology, Peshawar University and Dean social Sciences, Shaheed Benazir Bhutto Women University said that any act that makes you deviate from the right path is corruption. She said selfishness, ignorance, thanklessness, lawlessness and faithlessness are the main causes of corruption. She emphasized that one must endeavor to prove oneself a role model for the coming generation and keep oneself pure and sincere. Dr. Mahnazir Zia made a fervent appeal to the people who matter to work selflessly, dedicatedly and honestly for the wellbeing of the masses and not just for themselves or their families. She said that the only way out of the present morass of corruption is to ensure strict compliance and implementation of the laws framed to deal with this menace.



In brief remarks, Mian Muhammad Waqar, Director Information National Accountability Bureau (NAB) said corruption is a crime and anything that diverts one from the right path tantamounts to corruption. In his address, Col. (R) Zafar Gul, former Program Director Preston University, Peshawar Campus said lack of patriotism and spirituality were the fundamental causes of corruption. He deeply regretted that corruption has grown into the roots of every segment of our society and strict measures are needed to be urgently taken to rid the society of this rapidly growing and highly intimidating problem.



Prof. Dr. Alay Ahmed, Dean Faculty of Social Sciences, Preston University Peshawar Campus presented the Vote of Thanks. Elucidating the subject of the seminar he said that corruption is a disease that is taking a heavy toll on this nation. We must take concrete measures to deal with this menace and uproot it from our society as quickly as possible.

Wuhan University of Technology China CONFERS PHD DEGREE on Prestonian Dr. Abdul Ghafar Khan

The Wuhan University of Technology, Wuhan China, due to Dr. Abdul Ghafar Khan's outstanding academic performance throughout the duration of his PhD studies, declares him a 'Distinguished Student' and also awards him a certificate of commendation and medallion.



Prestonian Dr. Abdul Ghafar Khan a graduate of Preston University, Kohat-Islamabad Campus joined the Wuhan University of Technology, Wuhan China to pursue his PhD studies in 'Enterprise Management' after completing his MBA in Human Resource Management (HRM) in 2014. Throughout his academic career both at Preston University, Pakistan and Wuhan University of Technology, China Dr. Abdul Ghafar Khan remained an outstanding student. The Wuhan University of Technology conferred a Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) Degree on Dr. Abdul Ghafar Khan on successful completion of his PhD in Enterprise Management, in session 2014-2017. In view of his outstanding academic performance throughout his studies at Wuhan University he was declared a 'Distinguished Student' in his batch (comprising of students from Asia, Africa, South Asia and Central Asia) and was also awarded a medallion and a certificate of merit.



The Higher Education Commission (HEC) Pakistan has granted due recognition to the Doctoral Degree in Enterprise Management conferred on Dr. Abdul Ghafar Khan by Wuhan University of Technology, a duly chartered and recognized university of China.

Dr. Abdul Basit, Chancellor Preston University heartily congratulated Dr. Abdul Ghafar Khan on successful completion of his Doctoral (PhD) Degree in Enterprise Management from the Wuhan University of Technology, China. He said this was a landmark achievement not only for Dr. Ghafar himself but also for Preston University of which he has been an outstanding student throughout. Dr. Abdul Basit further said

that it was indeed a matter of immense pride and honor for Preston University to take Dr. Abdul Ghafar Khan on board, as Assistant Professor, at the university's principal Campus at Kohat, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (KP).

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.

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