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Preston University, Islamabad organized a two-day seminar on “China-Pakistan Economic Cooperation: Challenges & Opportunities.” The referenced seminar was held at the National Library of Pakistan in March 2016. Federal Minister for Planning and Development Mr. Ahsan Iqbal was the Chief Guest on the occasion.

In his keynote address, Mr. Ahsan Iqbal informed the distinguished guests that three universities in FATA and Balochistan, located on the western route of China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC), will start functioning this year. He said that these universities are part of government's efforts to produce quality human resource along with focusing on infrastructure development and energy production through this mega development project. ————▶▶ Continued on page 7

Yet another Scintillating Win by Prestonians

Beat their counterparts out-and-out and grab 1st position in Mega Challenge (MC 16) Business Plan Competition organized by the Government of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (KP).

The Government of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (KP) organized an inter-university competition titled 'Mega Challenge 2016'. MC 16 consisted of 26 multi-disciplined events. Preston University participated in the 'Business Plan Competition' component of Mega Challenge 2016. More than 13 teams from different universities including Gomal



University D.I. Khan, UET Taxila, Punjab University, University of Lahore, UET Mardan Campus, Quaid-e-Azam University Islamabad, University of Sindh Jamshoro, COMSATS Abbottabad, University of Haripur, International Islamic University Islamabad, City University of Science and Technology, UET Peshawar Campus and Preston University Islamabad participated in Mega Challenge 2016 organized by the Government of KP. This grand event which was held at Qayyum Stadium Peshawar in March, 2016 was inaugurated by Mr. Imran Khan, Chairman Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI).

Keeping up to its winning streak the students of Preston University proved their metal once again. After a very tough competition the team “Green Woods” of Preston University, Islamabad beat all the competing universities and clinched first position in the Business Plan Competition. The team of Preston University was led to the mega event by Muhammad Hamza Khan. The other team members included Faryal Shafiq, Hira Khan and Fizza Ishaque Changezi. The jury members profoundly appreciated the presentation made by the team of Preston University and awarded a cash prize of Rs. 25,000 and a trophy. The award was presented by the Chief Minister of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Mr. Parvez Khattak who was the Chief Guest on the occasion.

Dr. Abdul Basit, Chancellor Preston University congratulated the winning team on their remarkable win at 'Mega Challenge 2016' (MG 16) organized by the Government of KP. He also eulogized the efforts of team-supervisor Mr. Humayun Shuja who was deeply involved in preparing the team of Preston University for participation in MG 16.

Preston Islamabad Organizes Literary Reference in Memory of General (R) Sahibzada Yaqub Khan



Speakers pay glowing tribute to the former General and eminent Foreign Minister of Pakistan, Gen. (R) Sahibzada Yaqub Khan. Speak highly about his principles and his mammoth contribution towards the wellbeing of Pakistan as Foreign Minister.

Preston University organized a Literary Reference in memory of late Lt. Gen. (R) Sahibzada Yaqub Khan, former Foreign Minister of Pakistan. The referenced event that was held at the Islamabad Campus of Preston was organized in collaboration with the Archaeological and Historical Association of Pakistan (AHAP). Eminent among the speakers who converged at the auditorium of Preston to pay tribute to Gen. (R) Sahibzada Yaqub Khan were Raja Muhammad Zafar ul Haq, Leader of the House in the Senate of Pakistan, Syed Tariq Fatemi, Special Assistant to the Prime Minister on Foreign Affairs. Sahibzada Abdul Samad Khan and Sahibzada Muhammad Najeeb Khan, the illustrious sons of late Sahibzada Yaqub Khan, were also conspicuous by their presence at the event.

Speaking on the occasion, Leader of the House in the Senate of Pakistan, Raja Muhammad Zafar ul Haq paid glowing tribute to the former Foreign Minister of Pakistan Lt. Gen (R) Sahibzada Yaqub Khan. He said, Sahibzada Yaqub Khan was a diplomat of international renown and a great military leader. "After Quaid-e-Azam Mohammad Ali Jinnah, Sahibzada Yaqub Khan was a role model for all patriotic Pakistanis," he said. Shedding light on Sahibzada Yaqub Khan's personality Raja Muhammad Zafar ul Haq said General Yaqub Khan was a man of strong principles, and an icon of integrity and forthrightness. He further said, Sahibzada Yaqub led a complete life and people like him are born in centuries. Raja Zafar ul Haq said that the death of Sahibzada Yaqub Khan has brought an end to an era that could aptly be called an unforgettable period of Pakistan's history. He expressed his deep sense of appreciation and gratitude to Dr. Abdul Basit, Chancellor Preston University for organizing a Reference in memory of an illustrious and very able personality like Sahibzada Yaqub Khan. ➔ *Continued on page 7*

Seminar on Black January

Tragedy of Azerbaijan



Preston University and the Embassy of the Republic of Azerbaijan jointly organized a seminar on 'Black January Tragedy of Azerbaijan'. The referenced seminar was held at the Islamabad Campus of Preston in January 2016. Acting Ambassador of Embassy of Azerbaijan in Pakistan, H.E. Chingiz Garibli was the Chief Guest on the occasion. Mr. Abdul Sattar, former Foreign Minister of Pakistan chaired the seminar.



In his address on the occasion Mr. Abdul Sattar, former Foreign Minister of Pakistan, said the Black January Tragedy is a catastrophe that has no parallel

in recent history. He said between the night of January 19 and January 20, 1990 the Soviet forces attacked Azerbaijan's capital Baku and killed 134 innocent people. In this brutal massacre 740 people were seriously injured. Eight hundred forty Russian soldiers were arrested. Hundreds of Azeri citizens went missing after the tragedy, he informed. Dilating further on the subject Mr. Abdul Sattar said the Soviet forces attacked Baku under directives from the then Soviet government headed by Gorbachev.

In his brief remarks on the occasion, H.E. Chingiz Garibli, acting Ambassador, Embassy of Azerbaijan in Pakistan said the tragedy of January 20, 1990 is an extremely sad happening in the history of Azerbaijan. On this tragic day the ruthless Soviet army crossed all bounds of civility and killed hundreds of innocent Azeri citizens. He informed the distinguished gathering that Azerbaijan got its independence a year and half after the Black January Tragedy, and his country is now marching towards sustained progress.

Earlier, in his welcome address Dr. Abdul Basit, Chancellor Preston University extended a warm welcome to H.E. Chingiz Garibli and Mr. Abdul Sattar and thanked them for their distinguished presence at the seminar. Expressing his views on the subject of the seminar, Dr. Abdul Basit said the tragedy of January 20 must be condemned in the strongest terms by every civilized nation. He said it is truly a pleasure to see Azerbaijan prosper and make a place for itself in the comity of respected world nations after the tragedy of January 20.

Eminent among the other speakers who spoke on the occasion were Dr. Saifur Rehman Malik, Deputy Director, Institute of Strategic Research and Studies, National Defence University (NDU) Islamabad, and Dr. Saima Kayani, Chairperson Department of Defence and Strategic Studies, Fatima Jinnah Women University, Rawalpindi.



Prestonians Steal the Show at

APCOMS BUSINESS FIESTA 2016



Outshine their counterparts from other participating universities out-and-out. Grab both first and second positions in 'Business Plan Competition'.

APCOMS University, Rawalpindi organized "Biz Fiesta 2016". This annual event of APCOMS University was held at its Rawalpindi campus in March 2016. Preston University participated in 'Business Plan Competition'. Two teams of Preston University students participated in the competition. Eminent among the other institutions which participated in APCOMS Biz Fiesta 2016 were Roots International College Islamabad, NUST Islamabad and Arid Agriculture University, Rawalpindi. Preston University was the defending champions of the competition. It had won this competition in 2015 also. Keeping up to its winning tradition, this year too Preston University beat all the other participating universities. It, in fact, swept the competition, through and through, by clinching both 1st and 2nd positions. Eminent businessmen from Rawalpindi Chamber of Commerce and Industry adjudicated the competition.

The team of Preston University 'Light Power' comprising of Fizza Changezi, Hamza Khan, Iqra Saleem, Nayab Afsar and Nazia Kousar was awarded 1st position and declared champions of the event. The team 'Aqua Ponics' comprising of Prestonians Masab Rana, Maaz bin Kahlid, Nayyab Afsar, Usman Khalid and Iqra was declared second best in the competition by the jury and was awarded 2nd position. Members of both the winning teams were profoundly congratulated by Dr. Abdul Basit, Chancellor Preston University on their outstanding achievement. He also appreciated the contribution of team leader Mr. Humayun Shuja towards brilliant success of the Prestonians in 'APCOMS Business Fiesta 2016'.

Peshawar Campus Organizes Seminar on

"The Role of Academia and Police in Making Pakistan a Peaceful Country"



The Peshawar Campus of Preston University, Kohat, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (KP) organized a seminar on 'The Role of Academia and Police in Making Pakistan a Peaceful Country'. The referenced seminar was held in February 2016. Additional Inspector General Police, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Mian Asif was the Chief Guest on the occasion. Faculty and staff of the University participated in the seminar in large numbers.

Addressing the participants of the seminar, Chief Guest Mian Asif emphasized that through a strong relationship based on mutual respect, trust, love and fraternity we could succeed in bringing peace and harmony in our society. He suggested that specific topics promoting religious tolerance should be included in the syllabus and taught at the school level. Col (R) Zafar Gul, Director Police School, Mardan in his address on the occasion explained the real purpose of organizing the seminar on a topic so vital to the interest of the peace-starved people of this country. Col. Zafar Gul highlighted the importance and benefit of a strong and cordial relationship between the police and public in promotion of peace.

In his keynote address on the occasion Prof. Dr. Anwar Hassan, Vice Chancellor Preston University, Kohat eulogized the Police of Pakistan for playing a commendable role in maintaining law and order and establishing peace in the turmoil-ridden regions across Pakistan. In this regard, he particularly appreciated the role of the Police of Khyber Pakhtukhwan (KP) which, he said, was performing its duties in an extremely volatile situation that currently confronts the Province of KP. Mr.



Shahid Khan, Commissioner Inland Revenue, Government of KP in his brief remarks on the occasion said that to be able to attain our goal for establishing peace and maintaining proper law and order in the region and across the country, we would need to appreciate the problems of one another and develop respect and love for all irrespective of their religion, cast or creed.



Seminar on “Contemporary Leadership and Motivation Skills” held at Preston University Karachi

Preston University, Karachi organized a seminar on ‘Contemporary Leadership and Motivation Skills’. The seminar was held at the main campus of the University in February 2016.

Dr. Sarfaraz Alam, President and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) TEXPO, and a Preston Alumni, was the Guest Speaker on the occasion. Eminent Jurist and former Federal Minister for Law, Justice, Human Rights and Parliamentary Affairs, Barrister Shahida Jamil was the Chief Guest. National Anthem and recitation from the Holy Quran marked the beginning of the event. This was followed by the welcome address. Mr. Aftab Lodhi, Director General Preston University, Karachi extended a warm welcome to the distinguished Chief Guest, Guest Speaker, Faculty and students present on the occasion. In his presentation, Guest Speaker Dr. Sarfaraz Alam at the outset briefed the audience about his organization. He said TEXPO is synonymous with evolution and progress in the ever-expanding sphere of technology innovation.



Briefly dilating on the subject of the seminar Dr. Sarfaraz Alam said in order to understand what is meant by Contemporary Leadership we would need to differentiate between Traditional Leadership and Contemporary Leadership. He explained that Traditional Leadership was a style in which one person gave orders - and everyone else followed the orders. Contemporary leadership - tends to be a lot more collaborative. Dr. Sarfaraz said that over the past few decades the situation has drastically changed. This, he said, is the age of participatory management. Organizations, to be successful, now compulsively need to adopt a collaborative approach in all matters relating to its day-to-day management. Shedding light on the importance of motivation in successful attainment of an organization’s developmental goals, he said its significance cannot be overemphasized. He said the significance of motivation in the workplace is very high because motivation puts human resources into action and improves level of efficiency of the employees.

In her keynote address, as Chief Guest, eminent Jurist Barrister Shahida Jamil emphasized on the importance of education in the society. She said, only proper education could ensure better leadership. She emphatically stated that if we are to attain our socio-economic goals successfully and provide good leadership to our nation we would need to ensure provision of first-rate education to our present and upcoming generations.

Enthusiastic Globetrotter David Medawar Visits Preston University Islamabad

Eminent globetrotter David Medawar set his feet on the soil of Pakistan on March 4, 2016. He came here as part of his ambitious journey to become the fastest person to travel to all the 195 countries of the world in the shortest possible time. David Medawar, the young and determined traveler who has targeted to break the world record and enlist his name in the Guinness Book of World Record visited Preston University on March 5. During his short visit to the University’s Islamabad Campus he enthusiastically interacted with the students, faculty and staff and briefly unfolded his achievements vis-à-vis the gigantic world tour which he is almost about to accomplish.



David Medawar, in his brief talk on the occasion, informed the inquisitive audience that he embarked on his mission to visit the 195 countries of the world in May 2013 with the intent of breaking the existing world record and becoming the fastest person ever to complete the world tour in the shortest possible time. This global challenge, he said, will involve the delivery of a One World flag to each nation he visits in exchange for a rock from within its borders. An Ambassador will accept the flag on behalf of that nation and offer the rock as a symbol of commitment to the One World Vision. Once the expedition is complete, the rocks will form part of a display, upon which a One World tree will be planted.

Pakistan is the 174th country that David Medawar is visiting. He expressed the hope that he would be able to cover the remaining 21 countries of the world in the targeted time period.

Quotable Quotes

“The spirited horse, which will try to win the race of its own accord, will run even faster if encouraged.”

Ovid

“Have patience. All things are difficult before they become easy.”

Saadi Shirazi

“And when we think we lead, we are most led.”

Lord Byron

Preston University Conspicuous by its Presence at “SOCIAL SCIENCES EXPO 2016”

held in Islamabad

The Inter-University Consortium and Jang Group organized Asia's first-ever 'Social Sciences Expo 2016' with the intent to promote Social Sciences in Pakistan. The referenced Expo kicked off in Islamabad on February 24 and continued through February 25, 2016. The gorgeous Pak-China Friendship Centre was the venue.

Preston University, Islamabad was conspicuous by its presence at the mega event. An information booth of the University was set up at the venue. Information on Social Science Subjects such as International Relations, Economics, Psychology etc, being offered at Preston, was made readily available to the prospective students keen to pursue their higher studies in these disciplines. Information was also furnished to a large number of prospective students who evinced keen interest in seeking admission in MBA, Executive MBA and other bachelors and masters programs being offered at all Preston campuses located in the major cities of Pakistan.



The Social Sciences Expo 2016 provided an excellent opportunity to bring academicians, policymakers, parliamentarians, diplomats, government officials, professionals and young scholars on one platform to highlight the importance of social sciences and showcase achievements in these subjects. It also provided an opportunity to the youth to participate in various competitions (extracurricular activities) held during the two-day event and unleash their talent in activities of their interest.

Preston Board of Advanced Studies & Research (BASAR) holds 65th Meeting

The 65th meeting of the Board of Advanced Studies and Research (BASAR) of Preston University was held on February 16, 2016. Prof. Dr. Muhammad Anwar Hassan, Vice Chancellor Preston University, Kohat and Chairman BASAR chaired the referenced meeting. Members of BASAR



fully participated in the 65th meeting of the Board. Proceedings of the meeting commenced after recitation from the Holy Quran. At the outset Chairman BASAR, Prof. Dr. Muhammad Anwar Hassan warmly welcomed

all the participating members to the meeting. Thereafter, the Chair expressed his sincere gratefulness to all the members for their worthy presence on the occasion. Subsequently, he declared the 65th BASAR Meeting open.

With the permission of the Chair, proceedings of the 65th meeting of the Board of Advanced Studies (BASAR) commenced. Prof. Dr. Allah Wadhayo Baloch, Secretary BASAR formally presented the agenda of the 65th meeting on being requested by the Chair. Subsequently, Secretary to the Board requested the Chair to accord approval to the minutes of the 64th meeting of BASAR held on November 24, 2015 with some amendments. The members unanimously approved the Minutes of the 64th meeting of BASAR with proposed amendments.

In the 65th meeting of the Board of Advanced Studies and Research a number of significant academic issues were brought to the notice of the Chair. All issues raised during the course of the meeting were discussed in detail. At the meeting synopsis of some MS / M. Phil and PhD Scholars were also presented to the Board for approval. Synopsis of some MS/M. Phil and PhD scholars were also approved by the Board. While synopsis of a few scholars were deferred with instructions for resubmission in the next Board meeting after incorporating the changes recommended by Chairman BASAR and the members.

The 65th BASAR Meeting of Preston University ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair. In his concluding remarks, the Chairman BASAR immensely appreciated the contribution of all the participating members towards the proceedings of the 65th meeting of the Board. He expressed his sincere gratitude to all of them for their distinguished presence at the meeting.

Preston University Karachi Organizes **ORIENTATION SEMINAR** for **Prospective Students**



Preston University, Karachi organized an Orientation Seminar for prospective students seeking admission in different programs, being offered at the bachelors and masters level, during Spring Semester 2016. The referenced seminar was held at the university's main campus in February 2016. A large number of prospective students participated.

The proceedings of the seminar started with welcome address by Mr. Aftab Lodhi, Director General Preston University, Karachi. At the outset Mr. Aftab Lodhi warmly welcomed all the prospective students to the seminar and thanked them for their enthusiastic participation. In his address he assured the students that the university and its highly qualified and experienced faculty would make all out endeavors to give them the best of knowledge and education during their stay at the University. He informed the students that Preston University lays great emphasis on discipline and expects its students to strictly abide by the rules and regulations set forth by the University vis-à-vis academic and other equally important matters.

Mr. Abdul Anees, Marketing Officer, Preston University Karachi was instrumental in organizing the seminar. Mr. SL Dallas, through his presentation on the occasion, informed the participating students and their parents about various academic programs being offered by the University at the bachelors and masters level. On the occasion he briefly spoke about the history of the University and highlighted some of its major achievements since its establishment in 1984. In his presentation he also spoke about the faculty, examination criteria and other rules and regulations of the University.

The presentation was followed by a question and answer session. Faculty and management of the University present on the occasion responded to queries of the students and their parents to their utmost satisfaction.

Prestonians Join CDA's **Spring Tree Plantation** Campaign

Chancellor Preston University, Dr. Abdul Basit was conspicuous by his presence at the launch of the campaign organized by Capital Development Authority (CDA) at the Capital Park in Islamabad.

The Capital Development Authority (CDA) launched its spring tree plantation campaign in Islamabad in March 2016. The campaign was launched and inaugurated by Chairman CDA, Mr. Maroof Afzal. The grand launching ceremony was held at the Capital Park, Islamabad in March 2016.

The Chancellor Preston University, Dr. Abdul Basit who was one of the eminent personalities invited to the grand launching ceremony by CDA was conspicuous by his distinguished presence at the event.

Among other institutions of the capital invited to participate in the tree plantation campaign was Preston University. The students of Preston University enthusiastically participated in the campaign in large numbers. They joined their counterparts from other educational institutions and planted a large number of saplings on the occasion.



In his brief remarks on the occasion, Chancellor Preston University, Dr. Abdul Basit said trees are an extremely significant part of the environment. He said trees are our breathing partners. We may not live in a forest but we need trees in order to live. People and animals need trees and plants for oxygen, he emphasized. Dr. Basit further said that trees are also very important for us as a renewable resource. Trees are a natural resource that can be renewed - by the planting of trees - replacing the trees that are harvested for use by people. We depend on forest products for things like the wood we burn for heat and the wood we use to make houses and furniture and innumerable other products of daily consumption. Dr. Basit articulated that today the people and companies that manage our nation's forests recognize that trees are a valuable resource and that it is in the best interest of each of one of us to conserve them.

Preston University inks Accord with Islamabad-Sri Lanka's College of Information Management and Sciences and Sri Lanka-Pakistan Friendship, Trade and Investment Association for Mutual Cooperation

Preston University and the Islamabad—Sri Lanka's College of Information Management and Sciences and Sri Lanka-Pakistan Friendship, Trade and Investment Association inked a MoU for collaboration in areas of mutual interest to the signatory institutions. The referenced MoU was signed on behalf of their respective organizations at the Pakistan High Commission in Colombo, Sri Lanka in February 2016. All the signatories to the accord agreed to promote academic and cultural cooperation, peace, harmony and understanding among the academic and cultural community and civic society organizations of the two countries.



As per stipulations enunciated in the MoU, all the signatories will facilitate all types of academic and cultural linkages and collaborative activities between the faculty, students and members of all the entities. All parties agreed to promote and facilitate the exchange of students and possible offering of scholarships under modalities and arrangements to be mutually agreed upon.

Preston University, Pakistan will offer two scholarships to the students of BS, MSc MPhil and PhD students in the disciplines of Social and Management Sciences and other subjects, being offered at the University, to the Universities of Sri Lanka and other bodies engaged in the promotion of education. The MoU, it may be mentioned, was signed on the culmination of an eight-day Field Study Tour of Sri Lanka by an eight-member delegation of Professors and PhD Scholars of Preston University, from Jan. 31 to Feb. 7, 2016.

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Seminar on "China-Pakistan Economic Cooperation: Challenges & Opportunities"



Mr. Ahsan Iqbal portrayed CPEC as a trans-regional project, which would benefit three billion people of the region through enhanced regional connectivity with Balochistan and Khyber Pakhtunkhwa provinces of the country to play active role in integrating the whole region. Highlighting the benefits of CPEC, Federal Minister Ahsan Iqbal said it would benefit the most backward areas of the country. The change, he said, has already started to appear in the form of emerging of human settlements on section of the western route from Quetta to Gwadar, which is scheduled to be completed by the end of this year. He said that in the energy component

of CPEC, Sindh is the largest recipient of energy projects, where \$11.5 billion dollar out of \$35 billion energy portfolio is being constructed in CPEC. The bias towards south in energy projects is due to coal resource. The coal projects, he said can be completed within a timeframe of three years and these would help in alleviating the energy shortage in the country without delay.



Ahsan Iqbal pointed out that CPEC is 15 years-long project and it is expected to be completed in 2030 by focusing on infrastructure development, Gwadar Seaport, Energy and Industrial Cooperation. He said that along with CPEC, TAPI and KASA 1000 MGW regional cooperation project would redefine West Asia. It will turn it into a regional economic block of three billion people, he stated. CPEC, Minister Ahsan said, has translated the decades-old political relations between China and Pakistan into strong economic ties.

Earlier, in his welcome address Dr. Abdul Basit, Chancellor Preston University said Pak-China friendship is higher than the Himalayas and deeper than the oceans. The historic relations between the two countries stands testimony to the fact that both these nations are always prepared to stand by each other in the hour of need, he stated. Dr. Abdul Basit said that the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) will open a new chapter in the existing cordial and mutually beneficial bilateral relations between the two countries.

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Literary Reference in Memory of late Gen. Sahibzada Yaqub Khan

Eminent among the other speakers who paid glowing tributes to late Sahibzada Yaqub Khan for his invaluable services to the country were Syed Tariq Fatemi, Special Assistant to the Prime Minister of Pakistan on Foreign Affairs, Sahibzada Yaqub Khan's sons-Sahibzada Abdul Samad Khan and Sahibzada Najeeb Khan, and eminent religious scholar Agha Murtaza Poya. In his brief remarks on the occasion Special Assistant to the Prime Minister on Foreign Affairs, Syed Tariq Fatemi spoke highly of Sahibzada Yaqub Khan. "Only a person of strong character like Sahibzada Yaqub Khan could step down from the position of the Commander of the Eastern front in 1971 instead of lingering on," said Tariq Fatemi. He took pride in the fact that he had worked under Sahibzada Yaqub Khan who remained Foreign Minister of the country from 1982 to 1991. Sahibzada, he said, turned out to be a man of crisis and he combined his military skill with diplomatic adroitness and kept the country's foreign policy right on track. Sahibzada Abdul Samad Khan said his father was a role model for him. He always asked him to work for the country and contribute towards its progress in whatever manner possible. Sahibzada Najeeb Khan (younger son) who had left Australia, a few years back, to live with his father also remembered his father as a source of inspiration and a guiding star. Agha Murtaza Poya called Sahibzada Yaqub Khan a great patriot. Dr Ghazanfar Mehdi said Sahibzada Yaqub-Khan's linguistic precision was extraordinary. He was fluent in Persian, Urdu and English and could speak seven languages. Dr Mehdi urged the government to allocate Sahibzada Yaqub Khan Chair at the International Relations Department of Quaid-e-Azam University, Islamabad and name a road after him.



PINSAT & NCP Ink Accord for Collaboration

Preston Institute of Nano Science and Technology (PINSAT)-Preston University, Islamabad and the National Center for Physics (NCP), Islamabad inked an accord for collaboration between the two institutions. The MoU to this effect was inked at a simple but impressive ceremony held at the Islamabad Campus of Preston University in January, 2016. Dr. Hafeez R. Hoorani, Director General National Center for Physics signed the MoU on behalf of NCP. Dr. Abdul Basit, Chancellor Preston University the referenced MoU on behalf of Preston University.



Under the MoU inked between PINSAT-Preston University and the National Centre for Physics Islamabad a formal linkage has been established to give boost to research and technical cooperation in the area of Physics. This is being done with a purpose to advance the state of Science and Technology in general and Physics in particular within the country and to bring benefit to both sides by sharing resources wherever possible. NCP and PINSAT, according to the MoU inked between the two institutions, undertakes to pursue a program of scientific and technical collaboration for the exchange of ideas, skills and techniques on problems of mutual interest and benefit. The primary areas of collaboration stipulated in the MoU are exchange and training of scientific and technical personnel for teaching, research and development in the field of Physics and other allied disciplines; High Energy Physics (Theoretical/Experimental), Nanosciences, Ion Beam/Accelerator Physics, Atomic & Laser Physics, Plasma Physics, etc. Besides this, several other vital areas of mutual interest and benefit to PINSAT and NCP have been stipulated in the MoU.

In his brief remarks on the occasion, Dr. Hafeez R. Hoorani, Director General NCP at the outset gave a brief introduction of his institution. He said, the main objective of NCP is to promote research in Physics and Allied disciplines in the country. NCP, he stated, endeavors to engage in world-class research and develop science culture in Pakistan. Regarding the MoU signed for collaboration with PINSAT-Preston University, Dr. Hoorani said that it was truly a matter of immense pleasure and honor for him to have been able to execute a MoU for collaboration in areas of mutual interest and benefit to NCP and PINSAT. Dr. Hafeez R. Hoorani said NCP sincerely looks forward to a productive and mutually beneficial relationship between the two institutions in times to come.

Dr. Abdul Basit, Chancellor Preston University in his succinct remarks on the occasion spoke of PINSAT's standing as a professional and well-regarded institute in the field of Nanoscience and Technology, in the private sector, in the country. In a very short span of just five years of its existence PINSAT has established an outstanding reputation both within the country and abroad, he said with a sense of pride. Dr. Abdul Basit expressed his sincere gratitude to Prof. Dr. Hafeez Hoorani, Director General NCP for graciously agreeing to ink an accord for mutually beneficial cooperation between NCP and PINSAT. This collaboration, he said, will go a big way in promoting the cause of science and scientific research in the country.

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.



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“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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