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CALLS FOR ABOLITION OF INTEREST-BASED BANKING**

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Dear Readers

The March Bi-lingual issue of International Islamic University Islamabad's newsletter (IIUI VOICE) is in your hands which contains news and details of the events and activities held at university in previous months.

The major highlight of the issue is the visit of H.E Mamnoon Hussain, President of Pakistan who addressed a seminar on "Islamic Banking and Finance in Pakistan: Prospects and Challenges" held at IIUI.

He called for abolition of interest-based banking and said that menaces of interest and corruption have crippled the society. He said that interest could be curbed through an effective strategy, with the help of the banking experts and Islamic scholars. President of Pakistan also inaugurated "Gosha-e-Iqbal" at Islamic Research Institute of the university.

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We, the IIUI VOICE team, invite you to get in touch with us and let us have your precious feedback and prudent suggestions. We would welcome if reports of activities and achievements are sent to us on newsletter@iiu.edu.pk & nauman.awan@iiu.edu.pk for the next issue.

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SAUDI ISLAMIC AFFAIRS MINISTRY OFFICIALS VISIT IIUI

A high level delegation of Saudi Arabian ministry of Islamic Affairs visited International Islamic University, Islamabad (IIUI) where they met with the varsity leadership and vowed to enhance mutual cooperation.

"Knowledge is the cure of the terrorism" said Advisor to the Saudi Arabian Ministry of Islamic Affairs Sheikh Abdullah Al-Amri. He added that top most priority of the Muslim scholars must be to nurture Muslim youth in appropriate manners so they would be able to eschew the violent and negative attitudes. He hoped that mutual ties of the brotherly states would keep strengthening. He maintained that Saudi people give special place to Pakistan in their hearts.

Speaking on the occasion, Sheikh Majid Al-Mirsal said that Pakistan and Saudi Arabia have strong historical bilateral relations, while both nations always stood with each other in hard times. He was of the view

that negative elements working on agenda of weakening the Muslim unity which must be countered with comprehensively devised strategy and by character building of the youth in the light of teachings of Islam. He lauded IIUI for producing moderate personalities who are introduced with Islamic values.

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The delegation was given a briefing about the university which was chaired by the Rector IIUI Dr. Masoom Yasinzaï and President of the university Dr. Ahmed Yousif Al-Draiweesh in presence of university Vice Presidents, Deans, DG, Directors and other officials.

"It is a need of hour to set education as top priority and IIUI would keep working on this core objective by sharing its experiences and seeking bilateral cooperation with other institutions of Muslim world" Said Rector IIUI. He said such visits help to learn from experiences of each other and Saudi Arabian government's support to IIUI is commendable. He also thanked Al-Imam Muhammad Ibn Saud University for its cooperation with the university.

President IIUI, while welcoming the guests briefed them about the faculties, institutes, academies and departments of the university. He told about the foreigner students, university's role in dissemination of peace, arrangements conferences and seminars. The IIUI President reiterated his resolve that IIUI would keep working for dissemination of Islam's message of peace and tranquility.



PRESIDENT MAMNOON HUSSAIN CALLS FOR ABOLITION OF INTEREST-BASED BANKING

President of Pakistan, H.E Mamnoon Hussain, has said that matter of establishing an IIUI campus in Kingdom of Saudi Arabia (KSA) has been discussed with the leadership of KSA and Pakistani government would keep pursuing this constructive project.

This he said while addressing a seminar on "Islamic Banking and Finance in Pakistan: Prospects and Challenges" which was organized by the Islamic Research Institute of (IRI) of the university at its Faisal Masjid campus.

"Menaces of Interest and corruption have crippled the society and Islam abhors interest, it is termed as war against Allah and Prophet (PBUH)", said Mamnoon Hussain while speaking on scope of Islamic banking and its challenges. He said that interest can be curbed by establishing a well-devised strategy with the help of banking experts and Islamic scholars.

"Universities have integral role in discouraging the peril of interest as they can promote the culture of research specifically in the field of Islamic banking which would pave the way for success of society and extinction of interest based environment" he furthered.

The IIUI chancellor hailed the university

for introducing degree programs of Islamic economics and finance while saying that it is playing vital role in producing skilled professionals of the relevant field who acquire education integrated with teachings of Islam. He said that work of IIUI is an omen of reaching the destination which is establishment of an interest-free society.

The President of Pakistan maintained that world has now focused on transparency of Islamic financial system and number of countries have adopted it because the Islamic banking system is a complete mechanism of providing

equal share to all the individuals of the society.

He was of the view that contemporary circumstances have revealed that strong economy leads to the strong political system which is a guarantee of states' stability. He added that, keeping in view the fact, government has commenced various developmental projects in power sector, trade routes and ports to stabilize the country's economy.

President of Pakistan urged for practical steps to abolish interest while saying that the situation is more likely to prevail if we continue to await the divine help sans moving a step forward.

Speaking to the seminar, Deputy Governor State Bank of Pakistan, Saeed Ahmed portrayed the prevailing scenario of conventional and Islamic banking. "35% Pakistanis do not want to participate in the banking system because of interest" he told. The state bank official said that interest based financial system violates the rights of laymen and it deprives them of their due share.

He apprised that government has taken serious steps to discourage the interest and a steering committee by the government has been devised in this regard to reach on "tipping point"

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President Mamnoon Hussain

with an objective of bringing 50% Islamic banking consumers from present number of 13%. He furthered that centers for excellence on Islamic banking are being established at the universities to create enabling milieu for the Islamic banking system and finance.

He said that as many as 21 banks have adopted that Islamic banking system. While talking about the challenges to the Islamic banking and finance, Saeed Ahmed said that lack of research, absence of qualified human resource and inadequate representation of Islamic scholars in the solution has led to the constraints in the smooth establishment of a functioning Islamic banking system. He urged for research and promotion of SMEs with a focus on micro-financing.

Mufti Muhammad Rafi Usmani of Dar ul Uloom, Karachi, said in his speech that the biggest challenge being faced by Muslim world is interest which can be solved with a well cooperated strategy devised by the Islamic scholars and banking experts in the light of Islamic teachings. He also lauded IIUI for its active role in eradicating the threat of interest.

Dr. Masoom Yasinzai said that West has turned its focus towards Islamic banking because of its transparency and many Western varsities are offering Islamic banking and finance degree programs. He added that Islamic banking and finance has a bright future in Pakistan and Muslim world and few countries have approached IIUI to provide them



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varsity's qualified human resource to solve their economic issues. He emphasized that without appropriate role of Islamic scholars, the dream of a functioning Islamic banking system is impossible. He said that services of IIUI's Islamic banking experts are always available and university would be happy to have a centre for excellence on Islamic banking at its campus as it can play a pivotal role in the solution of prevailing economic issues.

IIUI President, Dr. Ahmed Yousif Al-Draiweesh said the Islam discourages

interest and prevailing situation calls for taking emergency steps to address this imperil with the help of educational institutions and Islamic scholars. He apprised that IIUI, through its International Institute for Islamic Economics, has been serving Muslim world for last three decades by producing highly skilled Islamic economists who have capabilities to address the issues such as establishment of interest free society.

Earlier, Dr. Muhammad Zia ul Haq, the IRI Director apprised about the objectives of the seminar by telling that the activity was aimed at reviewing the prevailing economic system and finding ways to address challenges to the Islamic banking and finance..

After the seminar, President of Pakistan also visited IRI's picture gallery and took keen interest in the exhibited archives and manuscripts.



PRESIDENT OF PAKISTAN INAUGURATES "GOSHA-E-IQBAL"

President Islamic Republic of Pakistan Mr. Mamnoon Hussain inaugurated the newly established "Gosha-e-Iqbal" in the Historical Gallery of Islamic Research Institute, International Islamic University Islamabad.



US ENVOY INAUGURATES RENOVATED LINCOLN CORNER AT IIUI

US Ambassador to Pakistan, Mr. David Hale along with Rector IIUI Dr. Masoom Yasinza inaugurated recently renovated Lincoln Corner at International Islamic University Islamabad.

"US and Pakistan have agreed to expand mutual educational relations. It was discussed in Pakistan's Premier and US President's meeting" said David Hale.

He added that Lincoln Corner demonstrates the continued partnership between Pakistan and US, and

our shared commitment to fostering open dialogue through educational opportunities.

Rector IIUI said that this was a great opportunity for expanding collaboration between students of the IIUI and the American Universities.

Rector IIUI said that university has international linkages with many American and European universities and producing skilled manpower to serve the humanity at large.

It is pertinent to mention that Lincoln Corner was renovated and expanded with double space and equipped with modern technology and E-learning facilities. It was firstly established in 2006 at IIUI and is one of the 17 Lincoln Corners established in universities of Pakistan.

Dr. Muhammad Bashir Khan, Vice President Academics and other IIUI officials were also present on the occasion.

MUFTI ABDUL RAHEEM CALLS ON RECTOR, PRESIDENT IIUI

Mufti Abdul Reheem, Head Jamia tu Rasheed, Karachi visited International Islamic University Islamabad (IIUI) and called on Dr. Masoom Yasinza Rector and Dr. Ahmed Yousif Al-Draiweesh President IIUI.

In the meeting, they discussed the matters of mutual interests of both the institutions and vowed to cooperate in particular fields of expertise. They also stressed the need to join hands for holding workshops, seminars and conferences to eradicate misconceptions and



misinterpretations about Islam and to disseminate true message of Islam as need of the hour.

Mufti Abdul Rahmeed acknowledged the services of IIUI for Muslim Ummah and admired the contribu-

tions of its leadership for making significant progress in higher education. Mufti Abdul Raheem hoped that IIUI will be top ranking university of the world in near future.



INTL' CONFERENCE ON INTELLIGENT SYSTEMS ENGINEERING

Education is top priority: Engineer Muhammad Baligh ur Rehman

The Faculty of Engineering and Technology (FET) of International Islamic University Islamabad (IIUI) organized a three Day International Conference on "Intelligent Systems Engineering" (ISE).

The Conference was aimed at bringing together leading academic and industrial researchers, scientists, engineers and practitioners to exchange latest research ideas, methods, results, and share experiences, on all theoretical, experimental and applied aspects of Intelligent Systems Engineering.

Engineer Muhammad Baligh ur Rehman, State Minister for Education, Trainings and Standards in Higher Education speaking to the workshop participants said that the Government of Pakistan is fully focused to improve and modernize

academic curricula in line with contemporary needs.

"Education is a top priority of the current government by which we can achieve a prosperous Pakistan", he said.

Dr. Tariq S Durrani from Centre for Excellence in Signal & Image Processing, University of Strathclyde Glasgow, Scotland, UK addressed as keynote speaker. Dr. Durrani gave detailed presentation on signaling process and intelligent systems with theoretical aspects of the world of modern technologies. He also highlighted the evolution of the world's eight major technologies, integrated relationships, its efficiencies and modern trends.

Rector IIUI, Dr. Masoom Yasinzai in his address said that we need to invest more in higher education,

which will return in terms of socio-economic development and strengthen our social economy. He said that university realizes the importance of engineering, management sciences and interdisciplinary research.

President IIUI, Dr. Al-Draiweesh said IIUI is producing skilled professionals and talented students highly integrated with Islam. He lauded the efforts of FET for organizing such an international event.

Dr. Muhammad Bashir Khan, Vice President (Acad), Dr. Muhammad Munir Vice President (HS&R), Dr. Aqdas Naveed Malik, Dean FET, Dr. Muhammad Amir, Chairman Department of Electronics Engineering, other Deans, Directors, faculty members and a large number of students also attended the concluding ceremony.

International Islamic University Islamabad (IIUI) and Riphah International University, Islamabad have discussed bilateral cooperation for organizing a grand meeting of the Afro-Asian Islamic universities.

The meeting was jointly chaired by President IIUI Dr. Ahmed Yousif Al-Draiweesh and Dr. Anis Ahmad Vice Chancellor Riphah University.

The meeting was part of follow up review of the recently signed MoU between both the institutions in terms of mutual cooperation.

During the meeting, a special committee was formed containing members from both sides to explore further avenues of cooperation such as seminars and conferences. The

IIUI, RIPHAAH DISCUSS ARRANGEMENTS OF AFRO-ASIAN ISLAMIC UNIVERSITIES' MEETING



committee was assigned a special task to see matters pertaining to the arrangement of a meeting of Afro-Asian Islamic universities in May, 2016 which will be attended by International Islamic University, Islamabad, Riphah International University, Chittagong Islamic University, International Islamic University Malaysia, International Islamic University Uganda, Chad King Faisal University, Russian Islamic University and other educational institutions.

"The IIUI would seek cooperation for the meeting from ISESCO under the supervision of Muslim World League, while Higher Education Commission has also praised and assured of all possible support" told Dr. Al-Draiweesh in the meeting.



IIUI BIDS FAREWELL TO RETIRED OFFICIALS

International Islamic University Islamabad (IIUI) arranged a luncheon in the honour of officials of university who retired in the year of 2015.

Dr. Masoom Yasinzaï Rector and Dr. Ahmed Yousif Al-Draiweesh President IIUI were the chief guests on the occasion. The ceremony was also attended by deans, directors, senior faculty members and other officials.

In the year 2015, about 44 officials including faculty members, officers and staff members were retired from the university.

Rector and President IIUI in their addresses acknowledged the services and contributions of retired officials. They said university highly values its retired officials and their dedicated services as they really

made matchless efforts to strengthen IIUI.

They termed retired officials as precious assets of university.

A proposal for establishing a committee was also presented during the ceremony to make retired officials connected with university by having a platform focusing on their welfare.



PAKISTANI JUDGES VISIT KSA

A group of Pakistani judges visited the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia (KSA). The visit was organized by the Shariah Academy of the International Islamic University, Islamabad. The visit was result of the efforts of the President IIUI, Dr Ahmed Yousif Al-Draiweesh as KSA government invited for aforesaid visit. The delegation was headed by Prof. Dr Muhammad Munir, Vice President Higher Studies & Research. The delegation was warmly received by Sheikh Fahad Jarallah, Advisor to the Minister of Justice, KSA. The delegation visited the Imam Muhammad Bin Saud Islamic University and called on Deputy Rector of the University for higher education, Prof. Dr. Abdul Aziz. The delegation visited the Higher Institute of Judiciary, followed by visit to Supreme Court of the kingdom, Appellate Courts, Court of Appeal, and General Courts (al-mahakim al-'amah) in Riyadh where they were given detail briefings. The delegation members witnessed proceedings of various benches of the General Courts and the litigants were examined and cross-examined by the judges themselves. The last visit of the delegation in Riyadh was to the

Supreme Judicial Council (Al-majlis al-'ala lil qada) where the delegation was given a briefing about the scope of the Council. The delegates highly appreciated the work of the Council and expressed that the independence of judiciary in the Kingdom is its landmark. In Madinah Munawwara, the delegates paid first visit to Mosque of the Holy Prophet (PBUH) and later got opportunity to visit King Fahd Quran Complex. They were told that it prints and distributes one million copies of the Holy Quran every year around the world. The delegation proceeded to Makkah Mukarrama and performed

the cooperation of Ummul Qurra University with IIUI in academic excellence. It was agreed that the two universities should pursue closer cooperation in various fields. The delegation was given special privilege to meet Imam-e-Ka'abah Al-Sheik Abdul Rehman Al-Sudays, Head of General Affairs for the two Holy Mosques. He spoke very high of the cordial relations between the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and the Islamic Republic of Pakistan and hoped that the visit will strengthen the cordial relations between the two brotherly states even further. The delegation's visit concluded



'Umrah, and later on, visited Ummul Qurra University and called on Dr. Bakri Assas, Rector of the university. President IIUI, Dr. Al-Draiweesh headed the delgation who admired

with the resolve and suggestions of Saudi high officials of the institutes that there should be strong judicial and academic relations between Pakistan and KSA.

TAJWEED COURSES CEREMONY AT DAWAH ACADEMY



Dawah Academy of International Islamic University Islamabad (IIUI) organized a certificate awarding ceremony for the participants of Tajweed courses here at Faisal Masjid campus.

As many as 96 participants of twin cities took part in the 58th and 59th Tajweed courses organized by

the academy.

Speaking on the occasion, IIUI President Dr. Ahmed Yousif Al-Draiweesh said that youth must be given education integrated with teachings of Islam which is a pre-requisite for developing harmonious, balanced and peaceful personalities.

The ceremony was also attended by the Director Dawah Academy Dr. Sohail Hassan, Incharge Islamic Centre Misbah ur Rehman Yousfi and other officials of the academy.



A Four-day international workshop on Primary and Secondary Sources of the Holy Prophet's (PBUH) Seerah was organized by International Islamic University, Islamabad (IIUI).

The workshop was addressed by Prof. Dr. Yasin Mazhar Siddiqi of Ali Garh Muslim University, India who is a well known Islamic researcher and Seerah author.

It was jointly organized by Iqbal International Institute for Research and Dialogue (IRD) and Dawah Academy of the university.

"Muslim youth must be nurtured in the light of Islamic

teachings" said Dr Siddiqi. He was of the view that young minds must be introduced with Seerah of the Prophet (PBUH) which will lead them to eschew negative attitudes. He added that religious education is being ignored by the parents in the Muslim societies which is unfortunate and it should be strongly opposed by the scholars. He called upon Muslim scholars to evolve strategies for dissemination of Islam's message.

Dr. Al-Draiweesh, in his speech in the workshop urged the Muslim scholars to work for unity of the Muslim world. He said violence must be discouraged as it contradicts

teachings of Islam. He was of the view that Quran and Sunnah are the main sources of Ummah's unity.

ALIGARH VARSITY'S DR. YASIN MAZHAR SPEAKS AT WORKSHOP ON PROPHET'S SEERAH

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Dr. Sohail Hassan, Director Dawah Academy, Dr. Talib Hussain Sial, Director Programs IRD and Dr. Muhammad Al-Ghazali, Editor Islamic Studies of the Islamic Research Institute also spoke during various sessions of the workshop.

VP ACADEMICS ATTENDS MEETING OF EXECUTIVE COUNCIL OF ISLAMIC UNIVERSITIES LEAGUE



Dr. Muhammad Bashir Khan, Vice President (Academics), IIUI attended meeting of the Executive Council of Islamic Universities League at Asyut, Egypt.

He discussed issues of mutual interest with renowned Islamic leaders including Dr. Abdullah Bin

Abdul Mohsin Al-Turki, Secretary General, Muslim World League (MWL) and Prof. Dr. Jaffar Abdussalam, Secretary General, Islamic Universities League.

In the meeting of the Executive Council of the League, various proposals for uplift of the member universities were discussed and it was agreed that joint efforts would be expedited to further strengthen the coordination among all the member varsities.

The meeting was attended by the representatives of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, Libya, Sudan, Palestine, Chad, Kuwait and Egypt

with whom VP IIUI discussed objectives and role of IIUI in service of the Muslim Ummah. He further elaborated that the IIUI is fully aware of the needs of the Muslim Ummah in terms of education and the university is striving for preparing its youth to face the modern day challenges.

During his visit, Dr. Muhammad Bashir Khan also attended a seminar on "Role of Media in Countering Terrorism". The seminar ended with a resolve that terrorism is one of the biggest challenges of the hour and media being a vital tool can play a significant role to curb this menace.

IIUI ESTABLISHES INTERDISCIPLINARY RESEARCH LABORATORY FOR BASIC SCIENCES

Centre for Interdisciplinary Research and Basic Sciences (CIRBS) International Islamic University (IIUI) has established Central Laboratory for Interdisciplinary Research in Basic Sciences which has been established by Prof. Dr. Masoom Yasinzai, Rector IIUI.

Dr. Masoom Yasinzai and Dr. Ahmed Yousif Al-Draiweesh President IIUI visited the laboratory and expressed satisfaction on its establishment in record time.

Dean Faculty of Basic & Applied Sciences, Dr. Muhammad Sher Dr. Abdul Hameed, Director ORIC, Incharge CIRBS Dr. Imran Khan and other officials were also present on the occasion.

Dr. Masoom, said on the occasion that CIRBS will also provide an unparalleled training ground for the brightest young students and faculty at IIUI and it will play a vital role in promoting research activities.



Dr. Al-Draiweesh highly appreciated the establishment of CIRBS and lauded the excellent research facilities at CIRBS central laboratory. Dr. Al-Draiweesh suggested to invite academia to visit this lab and disseminate information through Media about research facilities in the academic community to attract the brightest minds.

Dr. Imran Khan, Assistant Professor gave detailed presentation over activities of CIRBS and its future vision.



DR. MASOOM ATTENDS MEETING AT IIU MALAYSIA

Dr. Masoom Yasin Zai, Rector International Islamic University Islamabad participated in the International Expert Meeting held at International Islamic University Malaysia (IIUM).

The meeting was titled as "Cooperation and Networking among Member Universities to Develop a

Measurement tool to Enhance Research and Quality Assurance Capabilities".

The meeting was jointly organized by IIUM and Federation of Universities of Islamic World. Rector IIUI was invited to contribute his views and expertise to develop the comprehensive strategy to promote

higher education and research culture in Muslim States.

During his visit, Dr. Masoom also met with a number of dignitaries, academicians and Vice Chancellors of the universities of Muslim world and briefed them about the achievements of IIUI.



CONFERENCE ON CONSCIOUSNESS RAISING OF PAKISTANI WOMEN

Critical Thinking Forum (CTF), International Islamic University, Islamabad organized a two day interdisciplinary conference titled "Consciousness Raising of Pakistani Women: Negotiating Differences and Building Alliances". The conference was attended by more than 45 renowned women academicians and scholars and over 400 participants from across Pakistan.

The conference was comprising overall six panel discussions with scholarly presentations on topics such as Pedagogical Models and Women's Education, Constitution and Legislation in Pakistan to Safeguard Women's Rights, Right to Health: Problems and Solutions, Pakistani Women's Consciousness



Raising: Role of Media and Literature. Moreover, an arts exhibition titled "Pakistani Women in Focus", book stalls and screening of two internationally acclaimed documen-

taries "Saving Face" by Sharmeen Obaid Chinai and "Stories of Women's Liberation" by Jennifer Hall Lee got special attention of the participants and guests alike.



SPECTRA AT IIUI

VARSITY DEDICATES CONCLUDED CEREMONY TO APS MARTYRS

An event of more than 40 curricular activities and sports competitions namely SPECTRA 15 concluded at IIUI. The ceremony was dedicated to the martyrs of APS Peshawar.

Students and the IIUI leadership paid homage to the martyrs of APS carnage by presenting documentaries, stage plays and speeches in the ceremony.

Addressing the ceremony, Rector IIUI Dr. Masoom Yasinzai said

that there is no place for terrorism in Islam. "We gathered to condemn the inhuman act which occurred on the same day last year" he added. He furthered that Islam is religion of peace and IIUI is focused on disseminating the true message of Islam. Vice President of the university Dr. Muhammad Bashir Khan said that the martyrs of Peshawar are still alive in our hearts and minds, and nation is proud of their sacrifice. Dr. Bashir also lauded the participation

of a large number of students in the SPECTRA activities.

Dr. Hafiz Abid Masood, Chief Organizer said that nation is united against the terrorism while saying that the SPECTRA ceremony is omen of that unity.

Winning students of various competitions of the SPECTRA event were awarded certificates and prizes by the Rector and the vice President.

IIUI MARKS ANTI-CORRUPTION DAY

Anti-corruption day was marked at both male and female campuses of the University.

At the male campus, Students Adviser office of the university

organized a walk on the day which was led by Vice President Dr. Mohammad Bashir Khan.

At the female campus, an interactive discussion followed



by a walk was also held to mark the day. The walk was led by Director Female Campus Dr. Samina Malik.



RECTOR, PRESIDENT IIUI CONGRATULATE MS RAHILA DURRANI

Dr. Masoom Yasinzai, Rector, Dr. Ahmed Yousif Al-Draiweesh, President International Islamic University Islamabad congratulated Ms Rahila Hameed Khan Durrani on becoming

first women Speaker of Provincial Assembly of Balochistan. It is pertinent to mention here that Ms Rahila is also a Member Board of Governors (BoG) and Selection Board of IIUI.

Ms Rahila attended 78th meeting of BoG where she was presented university souvenir and congratulated by other worthy members also. They also acknowledged her contributions in educational and social spheres and wished her best of luck in future endeavors.

BALUCHISTAN STUDENTS MEET RECTOR IIUI

More than thirty students from Iqra Residential School and College, Quetta visited International Islamic University, Islamabad (IIUI) and met with Dr. Muhammad Masoom Yasinzai, Rector IIUI.

In his address, Dr. Masoom said students are architects of the nation as future of the country is linked with them. He urged them to work hard for the stable, peaceful and

secure society. Dr. Masoom was of the view that only education can

bring significant change in Baluchistan province and country.



DR. MUNIR ASSUMES DUTIES AS VP HS&R



Dr. Muhammad Munir, Professor of Law at International Islamic University, Islamabad has assumed duties as Vice President Higher Studies and Research at the university.

Dr. Munir is a Phd from University of Karachi, while he has done his LLM from Stockholm University, Sweden. He has been awarded best teacher award by Higher Education Commission (HEC) and also 'Outstanding Research Paper Award' was awarded to him by HEC twice.

He has more than 60 research papers and publications to his credits. He has also participated in more than 50 seminars and conferences in Pakistan and abroad where he has presented his papers. Dr. Munir's recent book titled "precedent in Pakistani Law" has been duly appreciated and legal fraternity has termed the book as useful addition for guidance in judicial system of Pakistan.

IIUI, COUNCIL OF ISLAMIC CHINESE RELATIONS AGREE TO PACE UP SILK ROAD SCHOOL OF TECHNOLOGY

The establishment of “IIUI New Silk Road School of Technology” at International Islamic University Islamabad (IIUI) was discussed in a meeting between Dr. Masoom Yasinzaï, Rector IIUI and Dr. Ding Houfei, President, Council of Islamic Chinese Relations, China (CICRC).

In the meeting, both sides discussed the different aspects of an MoU between both sides aiming to pace up the work for establishment of Silk Road School of Technology at IIUI.

According to the MoU, the Chinese Council will provide full support for infrastructure, equipment and faculty members for school of technology to cater the needs of human resources for joint projects under China-Pak Economic Corridor.

Dr. Masoom said IIUI will initiate a 4 year degree program and short courses in Chinese



Language to produce graduates and skilled professional. Dr. Masoom was of the view that economic corridor will bring revolutionary changes in the country.

Dr. Ding said CICRC will provide teachers, experts in language, books and new methodologies under the banner of School of Technology. He also said on the occasion that a

number of Chinese organizations of international repute are interested to expand opportunities for Pakistani students.

Dr. Muhammad Tahir Khalily, Director Academics IIUI, Dr. Abdul Qadir Haroon, Deputy Students' Advisor (male) IIUI and members of Chinese delegation were also present on the occasion.

IIUI ENGINEERING TEAM SHINES AT UOG COMPETITION



A team of Department of Mechanical Engineering of the university has clinched first position in Final Year Student Project Competition organized by the Engineering Faculty of University of Gujrat at its Hafiz Hayat Campus, Gujrat.

Teams from various universities of Pakistan participated in the event and presented their Final Year Projects.

The IIUI team which was led by Engr. Muhammad Ishfaq Khan (FET) secured 1st position in the competition.

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Mrs Shagufta
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**Afghanistan
Political
Counselor
meets
Dr. Al-Draiweesh**

**Senator
Talha Mahmood
Calls on
Dr. Al-Draiweesh**



**IIUI students
shine at
Bahria Youth
Technothon**