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Editorial

Dear Readers!

The latest 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 interview of DG ISESCO who attended 13th BOT meeting and spoke to the PR team in an exclusive interview.

The issue also contains news items of the appointments of the IIUI leadership. We also included a news item of IIUI's recognition in QS ranking which was celebrated and disseminated by PR team with maximum efforts.

We tried our level best to include all the departments in news to present a diversified picture through coverage of all activities so that readers may be able to know about the goals, vision and performance 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 for the next issue.

Happy readings
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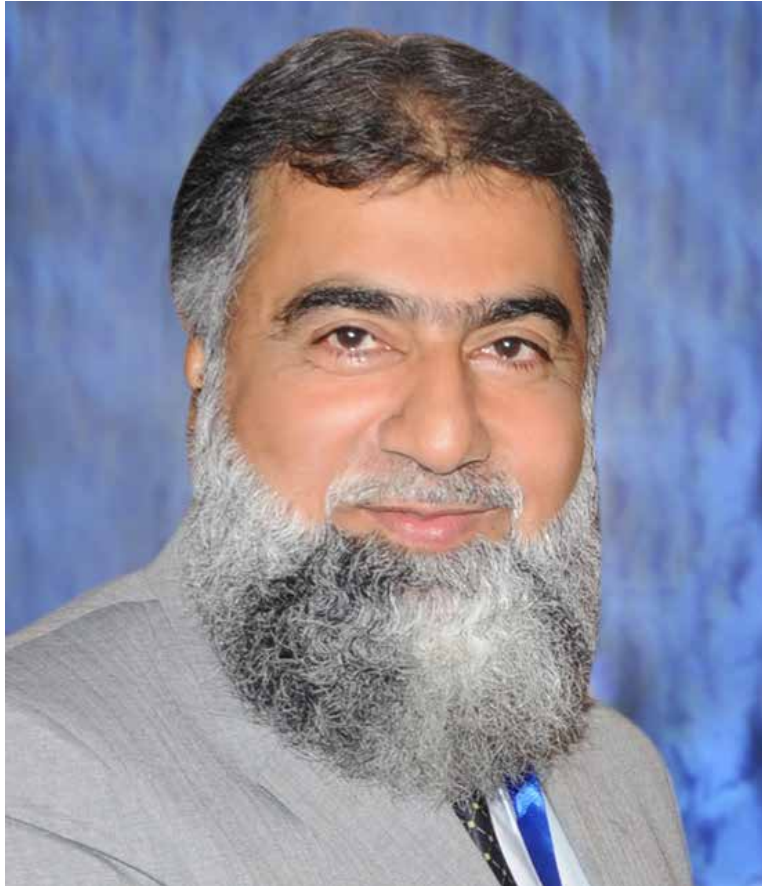
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DR MASOOM YASINZAI APPOINTED IIUI RECTOR

Professor Dr Masoom Yasin Zai has been appointed as Rector International Islamic University Islamabad (IIUI), while a wave of happiness was witnessed amid celebrations on the appointment of Dr Masoom Yasin Zai as top IIUI officials and employees felicitated him and termed his appointment as a vital development for the progress of university.

President of Pakistan Dr. Arif Alvi gave approval for the appointment of Professor Dr. Masoom Yasin Zai for the period of 4 years.

Professor Yasin Zai who joined his duties at new campus of the university is a renowned international scientist who has also served as Vice Chancellor Baluchistan University and VC Quaid-i-Azam University Islamabad. He had his primary education from Kuchlak, a suburb of Quetta and his research and academic activities date back to 1980 when he started teaching at the University of Baluchistan. He is also known for his administrative and academic contributions in many universities, while he has played vital role in launching civil engineering program and Centre for Interdisciplinary Research in Basic Sciences at IIUI with his personal efforts. In recognition of his services in science and technology, he was awarded Sitara-i-Imtiaz, while he was also awarded Aizaz e Fazeelat by President of Pakistan.

IIUI President and rest of the university officials showed profound pleasure on appointment of Dr. Masoom Yasin Zai and they termed this progress meaningful, while saying it would help to take practical steps regarding long term policies.



DR. AHMED YOUSIF AL-DRAIWEESH APPOINTED IIUI PRESIDENT

IIUI Board of Trustees in its 13th meeting at Aiwan e Sadar, unanimously, appointed Dr. Amed Yousif Al-Draiweesh as varsity President for the period of 4 years. Dr. Al-Draiweesh is a veteran academician, administrator with a specialty in Islamic jurisprudence and known for his scholarly works in number of Islamic fields. In addition, he is a well known intellectual who has narrated as many 73 books on various topics such as peace, inter-faith harmony and moderation.

Across the Muslim world, Dr. Al-Draiweesh is highly respected for his contributions in academic spheres and research, while teaching adds more in his caliber as he is worldly known for his teaching experience.

Dr. Al-Draiweesh heading a premier seat of learning International Islamic University, Islamabad as its President has involved faculty, students and employees to broaden the exposures regarding mutual dialogue. He has repute of writing matchless dissertations on peace as he has highlighted Islam's message of peace, brotherhood. On various forums he has apprised how extremism and violence are totally against the Islamic values and teachings, while Islam's leading attribute is peace.

Dr. Al-Draiweesh was also awarded the Imam Mohamed bin Saud Islamic University 1st Excellence Award for best performance. In recognition of his services in research and teaching, he was also awarded Al-Madina Al-Munawarah Award. Government of Pakistan has also conferred upon him Tamgha-e-Imtiaz in recognition of his services for education and peace dissemination.



IIUI HOLDS 13TH MEETING OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES

The 13th meeting of the IIUI Board of Trustees (BoT) was held at Aiwan e Sadar. In the meeting, all members unanimously, appointed Dr. Amed Yousif Al-Draiweesh as varsity President for the period of 4 years. It was also attended by Minister for Religious affairs Sardar Muhammad Yousaf, Dr. Abdulaziz Othman Altwaijri, Director General of the Islamic Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (ISESCO), Chairman Higher Education Commission Dr. Mukhtar Ahmed, Dr. Ahmed Mohammed Ali, former President Islamic Development Bank, Justice (Retd) Khalil ur Rehman, Justice Retd Fida Muhammad Khan, Secretary Education Mr. Akbar Durrani, Chairman Council of Islamic Ideology Dr. Qibla Ayaz, Secretary President's Secretariat, Shahid Khan, Former Chairman Council of Islamic Ideology, Dr. Khalid Masood, Razina Alam Khan, Ex-Senator, Shaikh Hamood Bin Abdullah Al-Theeb, Dr. Sayyed Mohammad Al-Sayyed Abdul Razaq Al-Tabtabai, Dr. Othman Yousef Jasim Al-Hajji, Prof. Dr. Yousuf El-Sayyed Yousaf Amer (Al-Azhar), Prof. Mohammad Othman ELkhosht, Mr. Ahmad Farooq, Mr. Mehboob Elahi, Dr. Abbas Abdullah Soliman (Al-Azhar) Dr. Masoom Yasinzai, Rector IIUI, Dr. Ahmed Yousif Al-Draiweesh, President IIUI and Dr. Muhammad Munir, Vice President IIUI

During the meeting, the Chancellor and the members of the board considered a number of important matters pertaining to university. The board gave a number of valuable suggestions and set directions for the university to ensure persistent growth and development.

Later, Dr. Ahmed Yousif Al-Draiweesh was warmly welcomed by the academic staff, administrative officers and employees of the university in the new campus after his new appointment as IIUI President for further 4 years.

On his welcome reception Dr. Al-Draiweesh said that he would try his best to come up to the expectations of all members of the board and IIUI population. He added that it is a new start of the journey of progress and now the university will head towards the paths of achievements.



PROF. DR. MUHAMMAD TAHIR KAHLILY APPOINTED VICE PRESIDENT ACADEMICS



Professor Dr. Muhammad Tahir Khalily has been appointed as Vice President Academics at International Islamic University, Islamabad (IIUI).

According to a notification issued by HR department, IIUI President has appointed him Vice President Academics.

Dr Muhammad Tahir Khalily is a Professor of Psychology in International Islamic University Islamabad, Pakistan. He has more than twenty five years of national and international teaching, research, clinical, supervisory, academic, administrative and service development experience.

Dr. Khalily has worked as Director Academics, Director Quality Enhancement Cell (QEC), Students Advisor and Director ORIC in International Islamic University Islamabad and was a Head and Senior psychologist in the Psychology Department Roscommon Mental Health Service and clinical supervisor of the school of psychology National University of Ireland Galway Republic of Ireland.

DR. FARKHANDA ZIA APPOINTED MEMBER COUNCIL OF ISLAMIC IDEOLOGY & VICE PRESIDENT WOMEN CAMPUS

Professor Dr. Farkhanda Zia has been appointed as Vice President female campus at International Islamic University, Islamabad (IIUI).

According to a notification issued by HR department, IIUI President has appointed her as Vice President (Female Campus) by upgrading the post of Director, Female Campus.

Earlier, Dr. Farkhanda Zia was also appointed as new member of Council of Islamic Ideology (CII) by government of Pakistan. IIUI teachers, officers and employees congratulated Dr. Farkhanda for her appointments as VP & Member CII.



DR. NAVEED MALIK APPOINTED ICT PRINCIPAL



Professor Dr. Naveed Jameel Malik has been appointed Principal of Iqra College of Technology (ICT), IIUI.

After joining duties, Dr. Naveed called on Prof. Dr. Ahmed Yousif Al- Draiwesh. IIUI President congratulated Dr. Naveed and hoped that he would take ICT to new heights. He said that technical education is vital for the Muslim youth and IIUI was focused to broaden its ties with foreign and national technical institutions and the university was also focusing to involve ICT and faculty in CPEC through joint ventures. Dr. Naveed assured President IIUI that he would leave no stone unturned for the progress, prosperity and better performance of ICT.

DR. MUSHTAQ APPOINTED DIRECTOR GENERAL SHARIAH ACADEMY

Dr. Muhammad Mushtaq, Associate Professor of Department of Law has been appointed as Director General Shariah Academy. According to an office order, President, International Islamic University has approved his appointment as DG Shariah Academy for a period of two years.



IIUI, CENTAURUS JOIN HANDS TO PROMOTE TREE PLANTATION DRIVE



International Islamic University, Islamabad (IIUI) and Centaurus mall have joined hands to promote a tree plantation drive “efforts for Green Pakistan” which kicked off at new campus (H-10 Sector) of the IIUI, where as many as 1335 saplings were planted. These saplings included olive, pine, sukh chain (Pongamiapinnata) and alstonia which were planted by GM Centaurus, IIUI Rector, President, faculty members, administrative officers, centaurus team crew and university students. A ceremony to launch the drive was attended by General Manager Centaurus Mr. Irfanul Haque, IIUI Rector Dr. Masoom Yasinzai, President Dr. Ahmed Yousif Al-Draiweesh and other high ups of both sides.



Irfanul Haque said that plants are guarantee of safe environment in future. He hailed IIUI for its services to society and added that due to importance of the institution, the Centaurus administration chose to start this campaign with IIUI.

“The Centaurus Mall Islamabad has initiated a drive of Green Pakistan under a phased programme where a number of trees are being planted at different locations” He told.

He also conveyed the message of the owner of the Centaurus mall and President Sardar Group of Companies, Sardar Tanveer Ilyas Khan, that he has reiterated the dire need of plantation in Pakistan and said that realization of this factor by every segment of the society is very imperative so that every citizen can play his or her respective role in this drive.

IIUI Rector Dr. Masoom Yasinzai spoke about his previous meeting with Saradar Tanveer and told that the initiative of plantation was warmly agreed by both sides. He stressed upon educational institutions to remain not confined to books but they must come forward to address and solve the issues of society. “Educational institutions must act as solution providers” IIUI Rector maintained.

President International Islamic University Islamabad, Prof. Dr. Ahmed Yousif Ahmed Al Drauweesh thanked the Centaurus Management and Sardar Tanveer Ilyas Khan on this noble cause. He vowed that university will take care of these plants and they will be a living symbol of bilateral constructive cooperation between both sides in future.





AMBASSADOR OF KSA ASSURES SUPPORT TO IIUI

Dr. Ahmed Yousif Al-Draiweesh, President, International Islamic University, Islamabad (IIUI) called on Nawaf bin Saeed Al-Malki, Ambassador of Kingdom of Saudi Arabia (KSA) at his office. Both the Ambassador and IIUI President agreed that bilateral cooperation in the field of education would further enhance the long-lasting ties between Pakistan and KSA. Honorable Ambassador assured full support to IIUI and desired that the university should expand its joint ventures with KSA universities.

Dr. Al-Draiweesh said during the meeting that Pakistan and Saudi Arabia have exemplary relations and IIUI is its visible

omen. He furthered that university is striving to hold joint ventures with KSA varsities to address the contemporary challenges of the hour. He said IIUI will keep playing its role in dissemination of Islam's message of peace. Dr. Ahmed Yousif Al-Draiweesh also said that university strives to build bridges between the traditional knowledge and the latest technologies, paying equal attention to the Islamic heritage and the engineering and technology which is need of the time as it helps avoiding the clash of civilizations through the rejection of extremism, prejudice and terrorism in the light of divine teachings.

IIUI PRESIDENT, AMBASSADOR OF KUWAIT AGREE ON EXPANSION OF JOINT VENTURES OF VARSITIES



Dr. Ahmed Yousif Al-Draiweesh, President, International Islamic University, Islamabad (IIUI) called on Ambassador of Kuwait Nassar Abdul Rehman J Almutairi at his office.

Both the Ambassador and IIUI President agreed that bilateral cooperation in the field of education would further enhance the ties between IIUI and Kuwait.

Honorable Ambassador assured full support to IIUI and desired that the university should expand its joint ventures with Kuwait universities. He also felicitated Dr. Al-Draiweesh on his new appointment as IIUI President for 4 years.

Dr. Al-Draiweesh said during the meeting that Pakistan and Kuwait has exemplary relations. He furthered that university is striving to hold joint ventures with Kuwaiti varsities to address the contemporary challenges of the hour. He said IIUI will keep playing its role in dissemination of Islam's message of peace. Dr. Ahmed Yousif Al-Draiweesh also congratulated him on successfully assuming and continuing the affairs of embassy.

He said that university strives to build bridges between the traditional knowledge and the latest technologies.

He added that university is keen to enhance bilateral ties with educational institutions of Islamic countries. He said IIUI & UAE varsities can play a meaningful role in improved education in Muslim World.



IIUI RECTOR CALLS FOR UNITY OF MUSLIM UMMAH TO RESOLVE KASHMIR ISSUE

Barrister Sultan Mahmood, Ex Prime Minister, Azad Jammu & Kashmir, Called on Rector, IIUI at his Office. During meeting Prof. Dr. Muhammad Masoom Yasinzi, Rector International Islamic University Islamabad (IIUI) said that the University will continue to play its role nationally and internationally to highlight issue of Kashmir. Dr. Masoom briefed him about the evolution process of IIUI. He added that the salient features of this university has enabled it as a unique educational institution for the country not only nationally but internationally for the Muslim Ummah, where more than 32,000 students are getting education in which approximately 16,000 female students studying in a separate campus. He added that Government is focusing on higher education; consequently this university has

engaged its students and faculty members in progressive research work with integration of Islamic knowledge and contemporary academics. Rector, IIUI said that academicians are playing vital role in character building of our young generation. He furthered that Ulema and academia can play a pivotal role for Kashmir Cause.

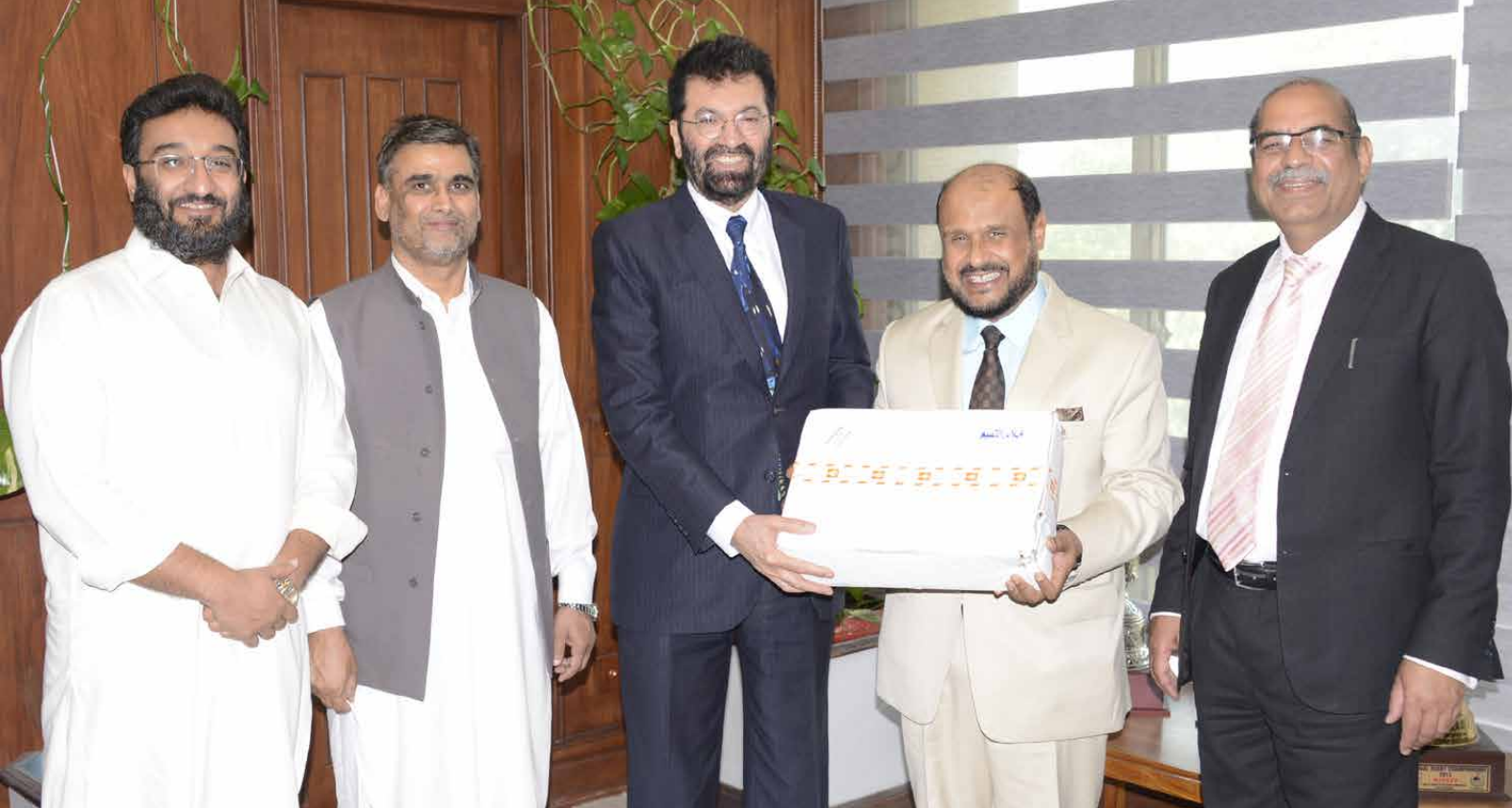
Barrister Sultan lauded role of Prof. Dr. Masoom for education and stressed that it's the need of era that Muslim Ummah must be united to resolve the Kashmir issue as coordination among top leaders is necessary for kashmir cause. He stressed upon the need to mobilize the youth of the country on Kashmir issue. In the end Dr. Masoom presented university crest to the guest. After meeting, Barrister Sultan also attended a seminar at Faculty Block of the university.

AMBASSADOR OF OMAN APPRICIATES ROLE OF PRESIDENT IIUI IN PROMOTION OF EDUCATION



H.E. Omer Bin Muhammad Almarhouni, Ambassador of Oman called on President International University Islamabad (IIUI) Prof. Dr. Ahmed Yousif Al-Draiweesh at his office. In the meeting matters pertaining to

the educational cooperation and mutual interest were discussed. During the meeting President IIUI said that university is ready for cooperation and reiterated his resolve that IIUI would keep disseminating message of peace for Muslim Ummah. He said that IIUI is keen to expand its educational ties with all institutions of the world especially with the varsities of Islamic World. He also told the Ambassador regarding recent MoUs of IIUI, while, he also briefed him about the faculties and departments of the University. Ambassador appreciated role of IIUI in promotion of education and said that International Islamic University Islamabad is one of the prestigious institutions of Muslim world and role of Dr. Ahmed Yousif in IIUI is an example of best cooperation which is quite appreciable. On the occasion, both officials agreed to take further steps for expanding mutual cooperation.



IIUI PRESIDENT FELICITATES DR. TARIQ BANURI ON HIS APPOINTEMENT AS NEW CHIEF OF HEC

President, International Islamic University, Islamabad (IIUI) Dr. Ahmed Yousif Al-Draiweesh called on Dr. Tariq Banuri and felicitated for his appointment as new Chairman of the Higher Education Commission (HEC). While congratulating the Chairman HEC, Dr. Al-Draiweesh briefed about the IIUI and its services especially in the field of linkages, solutions to the challenges and dialogue.

"I am convinced that during mandate of Dr. Tariq, academic excellence and higher education will continue to improve further" Dr. Al-Draiweesh added. IIUI President vowed that he will be in the leading ranks for cooperation with the HEC chief as per his aspirations for improvements in higher education.

Dr. Tariq thanked IIUI President and appreciated services of IIUI. He said universities must be given opportunities for linkages. He wished for projects that advanced universities must cooperate with the developing ones. He also stressed for cooperation between Muslim world universities.

Earlier, the prime minister had picked Dr. Banuri out of four names forwarded to him by a six-member search committee for final selection. Working as professor at the University of Utah, Dr. Tariq Banuri holds a PhD degree in economics from the Harvard University and MA in development economics from the Williams College.

IIUI PRESIDENT, AFGHAN AMBASSADOR DISCUSSED BILATERAL EDUCATIONAL TIES



Afghan Ambassador to Pakistan, Omar Zakhilwal called on Dr. Ahmed Yousif Al-Draiweesh, President, International Islamic University Islamabad (IIUI) at his office in new campus.

Both officials agreed that bilateral ties in the field of education would further be enhanced in future. Vice President Higher Studies & Research (HS&R), IIUI Professor Dr. Aqdas Naveed Malik was also present in the meeting.



IIUI DELEGATION DISCUSSES PROMOTION OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION WITH NOOR UL HAQ QADRI

A high level delegation of International Islamic University, Islamabad (IIUI) headed by its Rector and President called on Noor ul Haq Qadri, Federal Minister for Religious Affairs at his Office. Matters pertaining to religious education and role of educational institutions for maintaining peace and stability in the society were discussed in the meeting.

The IIUI Delegation was comprised of Dr. Masoom Yasinzai Rector IIUI, Dr. Ahmed Yousif Al-Draiweesh President IIUI, Dr. Muhammad Zia ul Haq, Director General Islamic Research Institute (IRI) and Dr. Husn ul Amin, Executive Director Iqbal International Institute for Research and Dialogue of university. On the occasion a university crest was presented to the religious minister.

RAHEELA DURRANI CALLS ON DR. AL DRAIWEESH

Member Board of Governors of the International Islamic University (IIU) and former Baluchistan Assembly speaker Raheela Durrani called on International Islamic University Islamabad (IIU) President Dr. Ahmed Yousif Al-Draiweesh at his office.

Issues pertaining to progress in the education sector and betterment of the university were discussed, while Ms. Raheela Durrani felicitated the IIUI President upon his new appointment at the university for further 4 years.

Raheela Durrani lauded IIUI its services in the field of education. Dr. Al-Draiweesh thanked her for visiting IIUI and apprised her about IIUI's journey of linkages with national and international educational institutions.

He also told her about recent academic and research activities of the university and its future plans.



IIUI'S RANKING AMONG TOP 500 UNIVERSITIES OF ASIA CELEBRATED



Dr. Masoom Yasinzaï, Rector International Islamic University Islamabad (IIUI) has said that IIUI's position among 500 universities of Asia in (Quacquarelli Symonds) QS ranking is a matter of pride. He emphasized on educational institutions to work for maintaining balance in teaching and research.

He was addressing here at a ceremony held to celebrate IIUI's position among 351-500 universities in all the Asian universities. IIUI Rector said that recognition of Pakistani educational institutions in the Asian ranking was a good omen. He urged that universities must come forward to serve society and furthered that IIUI, in terms of serving society, has formed a Paigham e Pakistan narrative which has been recognized by all the nations even in UN. "We will not disappoint the nation, we will come with positive developments soon in the fields of academic excellence and quality higher education" said Dr. Masoom Yasinzaï. He further said that acceptance of the graduates in the market must be top priority of educational institutions. Rector urged faculty to make relevant research as a top priority and hoped soon university will be seen in world ranking as well.

Director QEC, Dr. Saeed ul Hassan Chishti said that International Islamic University, Islamabad through its Quality Enhancement Cell (QEC) for the first time applied for the QS Asia University Rankings 2019 which involved data collection from various Departments of the University, data submission and follow up thereof.

He told that IIUI has secured a position among Universities ranked between No. 351 to 500 by acquiring score as per QS-AUR-Methodology whereby it scored 13.7 on Academic Reputation; 21.2 on Employer Reputation; 40.3 on International Students and 44.1 on Citations per Paper.

On the occasion, a presentation on process of international ranking, points of scoring and key factors to be discussed in this regard, was also given by Dy. Director, QEC, Saqib Rasheed.

The ceremony was also attended by IIUI Vice

Presidents Dr. Aqdas Naveed Malik, Dr. Muhammad Munir, Dr. Muhammad Tahir Khalily, Vice President, Female Campus, Dr. Farkhanda Zia, Directors General, Deans, Heads of the Departments and other relevant officials.



IIUI PRESIDENT CALLS ON SHEHARYAR KHAN AFRIDI



Dr. Ahmed Yousif Al-Draiweesh, President International Islamic University, Islamabad (IIUI) called on Federal Minister of State, Sheharyar Khan Afridi. Issues related to betterment of Muslim world, Saudi-Pak ties and education were discussed in the meeting. Sheharyar Khan Afridi said that Pakistan gives great importance to

ties with KSA. He added that both nations are closer to the hearts of each other. He also expressed that there is dire need for institutions of Muslim world to inculcate latest knowledge and technology to empower Muslim world to uplift and give them respect.

On the occasion, Dr. Al-Draiweesh presented an overview of International Islamic University, Islamabad. He highlighted importance of university and its role in disseminating peace and discouraging extremism. Dr. Al-Draiweesh also invited the Minister of State to visit International Islamic University and share vision of new Pakistan with students. Dr. Tahir Khalily, Vice President Academics, Dr. Aziz-Ur-Rehman, Advisor to President, Dr. Arshad Zia, Dean, Faculty of Basic and Applied Sciences (FBAS), Muhammad Shoaib Abdullah, Provost IIUI, were also present in the meeting.

IIUI PRESIDENT CALLS ON CHAIRMAN PEC



Dr. Ahmed Yousif Al-Draiweesh, President International Islamic University, Islamabad (IIUI) along with a delegation called on Engineer Jawed Saleem Qureshi, Chairman Pakistan Engineering Council.

The meeting was also attended by IIUI Vice Presidents Dr. Aqdas Naveed Malik, Dr. Muhammad Munir, Advisor to IIUI President, Dr. Ahmed Shuja Syed, Dean Faculty of Engineering and Technology (FET) Dr. Muhammad Amir, Engineer Nasir Mehmood Khan, Head accreditation PEC and other relevant officials. On the occasion, a joint initiative of launching national academy of engineering and a technology park were discussed and both sides agreed to form a steering committee to expedite the development in this regard. IIUI President apprised the chairman about university activities, academic

excellence and also briefed him on the efforts regarding making the engineering faculty among leading ones in the country. He thanked Chairman PEC for continuous support and guidance and assured that university would keep meeting the criterions required by PEC. Dr. Al-Draiweesh told that IIUI was serving Muslim world through its more than 100 degree programs and youth was nurtured with a balanced approach blended with Islamic values. Dr. Aqdas Naveed Malik also briefed the meeting regarding the development works being done in the faculty. Engineer Jawed Saleem assured of maximum cooperation with the university and lauded the efforts of IIUI in various fields. He said the PEC will keep guiding the university regarding requirements for development, advancements and accreditation.

DR. AL DRAIWEESH CALLS ON SECRETARY GENERAL OF MUSLIM WORLD LEAGUE



Prof. Dr. Ahmed Yousif Al Draiwesh, President, International Islamic University Islamabad called on His Excellency Dr. Mohammad Bin Abdul Karim Al-Issa, Secretary General of the Muslim World League at his Office in Riyadh, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia (KSA). During the meeting President IIUI wished warm greetings of Edi-Al-Adha, congratulated Dr. Mohammad Bin Abdul

Karim Al-Issa on successful efforts for arrangements of Hajj during this year and lauded his role for successful holding of the international conference titled "Mercy and Expedition in Islam". He also appreciated the efforts of Muslim World League, especially of His Excellency, Dr. Mohammad Bin Abdul Karim, Secretary General, Muslim World League, on current international issues, highlighting true values of Islam in Muslim and non Muslim countries during his recent trips. His Excellency, Dr. Mohammad Bin Abdul Karim Al-Issa, Secretary General of the Muslim World League welcomed Prof. Dr. Muhammad Ahmed Yousif Al Draiwesh, President, IIUI and appreciated his efforts for the promotion of the university and dissemination of Islam's message of peace and co-existence. He also appreciated efforts of the President, IIUI in the field of education and advancement of university in the contemporary challenges of the hour.

KYRGYZSTAN ENVOY MEETS IIUI PRESIDENT

The Ambassador of Kyrgyzstan in Pakistan, Erik Beishembiev called on President International Islamic University, Islamabad Dr. Ahmed Yousif Al-Draiweesh at his office. In the meeting enhancement of mutual cooperation in field of education was agreed. The meeting was also attended by Dr. Qibla Ayaz Chairman Council of Islamic Ideology and Dr. Zia ul Haq, Director General, Islamic Research Institute. The Ambassador of Kyrgyzstan lauded the efforts of IIUI for disseminating Islamic teachings of peace across the world. He expressed his appreciation to IIUI for its role in the teaching of various subjects, particularly, Islamic Sciences. The President IIU briefed the ambassador about the recent conference organized by the university and Piagham e Pakistan narrative. He also informed the ambassador



about the activities of IIUI for dissemination of Islam's message of peace. He added that almost all Muslim countries being represented at IIUI by the students of various Muslim countries.

IIUI PRESIDENT, VC QAU DISCUSS EDUCATION



Vice Chancellor, Quaid e Azam University, Dr. Javed Ashraf called on International Islamic University Islamabad (IIUI) President Dr. Ahmed Yousif Al-Draiweesh at his office.

Issues pertaining to progress in the education sector and bilateral cooperation in the field of education were discussed, while QAU VC felicitated the IIUI President upon his appointment at the university for further 4 years.

Dr. Javed lauded IIUI President for his services in the field of education. Dr. Al-Draiweesh thanked Dr. Javed for the visit and apprised him about IIUI's journey of linkages with national and international educational institutions. He vowed that the university would be all set always to have collaboration with other varsities of the country.



D.G. ISESCO LAUDS ACHIEVEMENTS OF IIUI IN PROMOTING HIGHER EDUCATION TEAM PR CONDUCTS EXCLUSIVE INTERVIEW WITH ISESCO DIRECTOR GENERAL

Interviewed by: Nasir Farid, M. Nauman Awan

Director General, Islamic Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (ISESCO) Dr Abdulaziz Othman Altwaijri visited Pakistan to participate in the 13th meeting of board of trustees (BoT) of International Islamic University Islamabad (IIUI). He reviewed programmes and related activities of the university. He lauded achievements of the university and its future programmes.

In an exclusive interview with officials of the Public Relations of IIUI, he spoke about the mission and activities of ISESCO and higher education.

IIUI PR: What are the objectives of ISESCO?

D.G ISESCO: As defined by its Charter, ISESCO's objectives are: To strengthen, promote and consolidate cooperation among the Member States in the fields of education, science, culture and communication, as well as to develop and upgrade these fields, within the framework of the civilizational reference of the Islamic world and in the light of human Islamic values and ideals. We strive to publicize the correct image of Islam and Islamic culture, promote dialogue among civilizations, cultures and religions, and work towards spreading the values of justice and peace along with the principles of freedom and human rights, in accordance with the Islamic civilizational perspective. We encourage cultural interaction and support the aspects of cultural diversity in the Member States, while preserving the cultural identity and protecting the independence of thought.

IIUI PR: who are members of ISESCO?

D.G ISESCO: ISESCO Charter stipulates that every full Member State of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) shall become a member of ISESCO after officially signing the Charter.

IIUI PR: Has ISESCO adopted suitable strategy to achieve its objectives?

D.G ISESCO: To fulfill its objectives the ISESCO has launched suitable strategies. Among them are: Strategy for the Promotion of Education in the Islamic World, Cultural Strategy for the Islamic World, Strategy for the Development of Science, Technology and Innovation, Strategy for Islamic Cultural Action outside the Islamic World, Strategy for Development of Biotechnology in the Islamic World, Strategy for Water Resources Management in Islamic Countries, Strategy for Bringing Muslim Madhahibs Closer Together, Strategy for Benefiting from Muslim Competencies outside the Islamic World, Strategy for Developing University Education in the Islamic World, Strategy for ICTs Development in the Islamic World, Strategy for Promoting Cultural Tourism in the Islamic World, Strategy for the Promotion of Nanotechnology in the Islamic World, Strategy on the Promotion of Renewable Energy in the Islamic Countries, and Environment Action Plan in the Islamic World. ISESCO is presently implementing a medium term plan of action, 2010-2018.

IIUI PR: How does the ISESCO pursue its objectives so varied in nature?

D.G ISESCO: The ISESCO has set up specialized directorates and centres for this purpose. There are directorates of education, science and technology, social

and physical sciences and culture as well as ISESCO centres. The centres are: ISESCO Centre for Promotion of Scientific Research (ICPSR), Planning, Information, Documentation and Publishing Centre, Information and Communication Centre, Translation Centre.

IIUI PR: What are achievements of ISESCO?

D.G ISESCO: Thousands of participants benefited from these programmes and activities, including scholars, academics, university teachers, experts, intellectuals and specialists acting in the fields of competence of ISESCO. 1095 books and studies, originals and translations alike, edited and published in Arabic, English and French. Some of them were translated into Spanish, Russian and Persian. Those books and studies cover such various topics falling under the fields of competence of ISESCO as education, science, culture communication, dialogue of cultures and civilizations, education on the principles of human rights, the values of citizenship, coexistence, accepting one another, consultation and plurality. ISESCO has also published 34 issues of (Islam Today) journal in single print editions in Arabic, English and French; 109 issues of ISESCO newsletter released in separate Arabic, English and French editions; 25 volumes of the Annual Press File in Arabic, English and French; 17 volumes of Fi Al-Binaa Al-Hadary Li Al-Alam Al-Islamy; and 23 issues of the English-language ISESCO Journal of Science and Technology; in addition to other communication material. 3313 scholarships were granted (up to end 2017) to students from Member States and Muslim communities worldwide to enable them to pursue their studies in different disciplines.

IIUI PR: Does ISESCO focus on higher education for the purpose of promoting objectives of the organisation?

D.G ISESCO: The ISESCO has set up nineteen academic chairs for this purpose at various seats of higher education. Some of them are: With its accumulated field experience and its pool of scientific, academic and technical professionals, ISESCO has established itself as a house of expertise that serves the Member States, and contributes, alongside the international community, to the global effort to promote peace, dialogue of cultures and alliance of civilizations.

ISESCO set up nineteen (19) academic chairs on education on human rights, dialogue of cultures and civilizations, peace culture, and for women in science, technology and innovation; and one (1) Department of Arabic Language, Islamic Civilization in Moscow. these are: ISESCO Chair on Quranic Script, Islamic University in the Republic of Niger, ISESCO Chair on Qur'anic Script at the International University of Africa, Republic of the Sudan, ISESCO Chair on Training in Dialogue and Redressing Misconceptions about Islam (Avicenna Institute for Humanities, Lille, France), ISESCO/FUIW Chair (Russian Islamic University, Kazan, Tatarstan).

PO: The ISESCO has set up a federation of universities in the Muslim world. What is its main purpose?

D.G ISESCO: The ISESCO-based Federation of the Universities of the Islamic World was established in 1987 by virtue of a recommendation by the OIC Standing Committee on Scientific and Technological Cooperation

(COMSTECH). he Director General of ISESCO is ex-officio Secretary General of the Federation. he FUIW, which is an independent legal entity made of the universities of the Islamic world, state owned and private, has a total of 322 members. The main purpose of the federation is to promote cooperation among the member universities in the backdrop of the objectives of ISESCO.



Profile

Dr Abdulaziz Othman Altwaijri

He is the Director General of the Islamic Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (ISESCO) and ex-officio Secretary General of the ISESCO-affiliated Federation of the Universities of the Islamic World (FUIW). In that capacity he member, heads Board of Trustees of IIUI. He has become one of the outstanding international personalities thanks to his role in developing ISESCO and expanding its reach, his works that include books, studies and researches in various fields and his active presence in Arab, Islamic and international forums. As part of his mission, Dr Altwaijri supervised the development of 16 sector-specific strategies which were approved by the Islamic Conference Summit at its successive sessions and adopted by specialized ministerial conferences.

M.A. in Applied Linguistics (1977) and PhD in Curriculum (1982), University of Oregon, USA, B.A. in English Language and History with distinction, College of Education, King Saud University, Riyadh, 1974. He has been unanimously elected as Director General of the Islamic Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (ISESCO) by the General Conferences of the Organization after the end of every term in recognition of his outstanding contribution to ISESCO.



IIUI'S DR. NOOR FATIMA WINS MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. AWARD

Dr. Noor Fatima, an Assistant Professor at the Department of Politics and International Relations (P&IR) of International Islamic University (IIU) brings laurels to institution by earning US Department of Education's Martin Luther King Jr. Award as maiden woman of South Asian descent.

Being the first woman of South Asian descent to win the award, she went through an extensive process of interviews, testimonials and a review of her work, which spans more than 15 years.

Dr. Noor thinks that inculcation of tolerant and peaceful narrative in education is inevitable for a harmonized society and believes that the state needs to prioritize such narratives. Fatima has been serving the IIUI as Assistant Professor for six years. She has earlier served the government sector for 15 years. She reckons that she is 'tailor-made' for her job in higher education. The recipient of the award completed her MS and PhD in Political Economy from Germany while she was in the government sector.

"For me, the relation between education inequality and conflict is clear," said Dr. Noor, speaking to an international subscribe. "Not only does equality in education create significantly more peaceful societies, it sets a precedent for equal access to opportunity, financial assets, political power and the fair distribution of resources" She added.

Dr. Noor Fatima was honored by the awards panel for her unique approach to education. She believes in recognizing and celebrating the necessity of cross-cultural, cross-faith and cross-background understanding among people, along with the undeniable effect acceptance and open-mindedness has on education, and its relationship with conflict resolution.

The US Department of Education honored IIUI's Dr. Noor Fatima with the prestigious civil Martin Luther King Award in recognition of introducing new educational ideas.

"In 2000 I was awarded a German government scholarship for my higher education (which led to me learning) a different method of education," she said, as she shared the story of her journey to devising "innovative education excellence for a peaceful society." She added: "Since then I have always tried to put forward innovative ideas, [culminating] in a few thoughts of how we can help society by living together peacefully."

"In my view it is necessary to introduce into curricula at all levels true education for citizenship, which includes an international dimension, and to strengthen the formation of values and abilities such as solidarity, creativity, civic responsibility, the ability to resolve conflicts by non-violent means, and critical thinking," said Noor. "Teaching and [the] classroom environment, particularly, needs attention in Pakistan, and it should concern the

conditions for the construction of peace: the various forms of conflict, their cause and effects; the ethical, religious and philosophical bases of human rights and how they are translated into national and international standards; and the students [must] learn how to not to exclude and discriminate." Her position is based on the belief that education can hold far-reaching power on a broad scale.

"Education is continued as a reactionary instrument, a haphazard program," she said. "If we are serious about addressing the conflict that continues to lay waste to millions of lives and resources, not only in Pakistan but around the world, then we are critically needed to integrate the education system in a way that it becomes an indispensable tool in our peace-building society and prevents conflict before it starts."

She is proud to be the first South Asian woman to receive the prestigious award. "I was overwhelmed when it was announced, being female and Pakistani — it was great feeling and honor for Pakistan," she said. "My ideas and efforts for education and a peaceful society have been recognized by the US Government, which meant a lot [to] me as well as my University." "I am happy that, despite all the odds, I became the source of this prestigious award for Pakistan."

IIUI Rector and President have congratulated Dr. Noor Fatima for her achievement and said that she has brought fame and honour to IIUI and Pakistan as well.



NBEAC AWARDS ACCREDITATION TO IIUI'S FACULTY OF MANAGEMENT SCIENCES

The Faculty of Management Sciences (FMS) of International Islamic University, Islamabad (IIUI) has been awarded Accreditation by the National Business Education Accreditation Council (NBEAC).

FMS is the first Public Sector Business School in the region to have been granted "X" category for BBA and MBA programs.

Faculty of Management Sciences at IIUI has one of the largest faculties in the region with 22 PhDs. It has strength of 3500 students – boys as well as girls pursuing various academic programs at the undergraduate, graduate and post-graduate levels.

Congratulating the faculty, staff and students, Prof. Dr. Ahmed Yousif. Al Draiwesh, the President IIUI, during his visit to the faculty said it is a great milestone and we are proud to have earned this honour. IIUI President hailed the faculty management and said that it was producing best human resources relevant to the societal needs.

Dr. Zulfiqar Ali Shah, Deputy Dean FMS along with faculty members and staff lauded Prof. Dr. Draiwesh leadership and vowed that all departments of the faculty will keep pursuing the highest academic goals. Dr. Zulfiqar added that FMS has pledged to continue to meet, even exceed the expectations of the students by imparting quality education relevant to market needs.



IQRA SEHAR BRINGS FAME TO IIUI

The student of Arabic Faculty "Iqra Sehar" brought laurels to the IIUI, Islamabad by winning 2nd prize in inter-university debate competition held at National University of Modern Languages (NUML), Islamabad. This event was hosted by NUML with collaboration of the Cultural Mission, Royal Embassy of Saudi Arabia & King Abdullah bin Abdul Aziz Centre for the Arabic Language. Iqra Sehar stood 2nd in the competitions final round which was attended by around 20 Students from various Universities. The student was given a certificate and also honored with cash prizes.

Prof. Dr. Muhammad Masoom Yasinzai, Rector and Prof. Dr. Ahmed Yousif Al-Draiwesh, President International Islamic University felicitated her and wished her success in future endeavors.



FACULTY MEMBERS ATTAIN HEC'S BEST RESEARCH PAPER AWARD



Two faculty members of the International Islamic University were awarded the Best Research Paper award (2015/16) in Humanities by the Higher Education Commission of Pakistan (HEC). The paper titled "Deconstructive Pedagogy and Ideological Demystification in Post-Colonial Pakistan" was published in an eminent journal published by Routledge: Taylor and Frances Group called Curriculum Inquiry. It was co-authored by Asma Mansoor of the Department of English with Dr. Samina Malik, Dean Faculty of Social Sciences.



The journal has an impact Factor 0.812. The paper is an interdisciplinary exploration that focuses on using deconstructive pedagogy to demystify and subvert the ideological conditioning of Pakistani students that is done through the English literary syllabi taught at the Masters level in Pakistani universities. The paper focuses on activating a deconstructive teaching methodology that unveils the different hegemonic processes involved in the constitution of docile political subjects. They challenge any authoritative interpretation of canonical texts, creating new meanings by activating the play of trace and difference in the re-readings of these texts within post-colonial Pakistan.

IIUI LAUNCHES URDU NEWS VERSION ON WEBSITE



International Islamic University, Islamabad (IIUI) has launched Urdu news version on its website which was inaugurated by the varsity President, Dr. Ahmed Yousif Al-Draiweesh. The inauguration made the IIUI news portal trilingual including Arabic, English and Urdu. Dr. Al-Draiweesh said that Urdu version of news on website is part of the completion of the desire and directions of President of Pakistan and IIUI Chancellor who always stressed for promotion of Urdu language in the institutions. He vowed that such efforts for the promotion of Urdu language will be continued. Dr. Al-Draiweesh hailed Public Relations and IT departments while saying that officials of both the departments have responded positive to the short time call of launch of Urdu version and made it possible. He said it was example of the best skills and attributes of the officials of the both departments. He urged that IIUI website be made compliant to the universal web

accessibility standards for the students. The inauguration ceremony was joined by Heads of IIUI's departments of Public Relations (Nasir Farid) and Information Technology (Shakeel Shah), While Muhammad Nauman Awan (Assistant Director, PR), Al-Hassan Haroon (Assistant Director PR) and Usman Ali (Assistant Director, IT) were also present on the occasion.



IIUI SPORTS OFFICE LAUNCHES 1ST ARCHERY TRAINING CAMP

Sports Office of International Islamic University (IIUI) has launched 1st ever training session of archery at the campus. Higher Education Commission (HEC) Islamabad has included the Archery competition for the 1st time in Intervarsity Sports Competitions, consequently the Sports Office IIUI coordinated with Archery Foundation Islamabad to establish a training camp at IIUI. During the inauguration of 1st training camp a large number of IIUI students participated in the ceremony which was organized by Sports Office, IIUI. Dr. Tariq Javed, Students Advisor (Male) congratulated the Sports Office on this achievement for establishing Archery Club for IIUI Students and thanked members of Archery Foundation for holding 1st training camp at the campus.

On this occasion, Sports Officer, Mr. Khalid Chaudhry said that during the training camp at IIUI 20 students have been selected, while, they will attend training sessions on every Saturday and Sunday at the Sports Complex Islamabad regularly. He hoped that university students will participate in upcoming events of Archery competitions.



IIU'S DME GRANTED RE-ACCREDITATION OF BS MECHANICAL ENGINEERING

The Department of Mechanical Engineering, Faculty of Engineering and Technology, International Islamic University Islamabad (IIUI) has been granted Re-Accreditation of BS Mechanical Engineering program.

According to details, the accreditation has been given for two years under Washington Accord Outcome Based Education System (Level II) i.e. Intake Batches 2014 & 2015. The Washington Accord is an international accreditation agreement for professional engineering academic degrees between the bodies responsible for accreditation in its signatory countries.

It is pertinent to mention that BSME Program of Department of Mechanical Engineering is 1st accredited program under Washington Accord among all public sector universities offering undergraduate Mechanical Engineering Degree and overall on 7th among all others universities in

Pakistan. Graduates of accredited programs under Washington Accord in any of the signatory countries are recognized by the other signatory countries as having met the academic requirements for entry to the practice of engineering.



Dr. Saeed Badshah, Chairman Department of Mechanical Engineering commented on the accreditation that it will give international recognition to the degrees of our students not only in Pakistan but also enhancing their employment opportunities across the developed countries like USA, Australia, Canada, New Zealand and UK.

"Moreover, the IIUI graduates will not face any difficulty to get employment / study visa from signatory countries" he furthered.

IIUI leadership has lauded the achievement of DME and felicitated its faculty and management.



TRAINING WORKSHOP ON RECONSTRUCTION OF INCLUSIVE ISLAMIC SOCIETY HELD AT IRI

Two-day training workshop on reconstruction of an inclusive Islamic society concluded here at the Islamic Research Institute (IRI) of the International Islamic University Islamabad which was attended by faculty members of different public sector universities and representatives of religious seminaries. The aim of the workshop was to sensitize the target audience on countering violent extremism by highlighting various aspects of extremism, its stages and counter strategies. It also provided an opportunity for training of faculty members of different universities and representatives of madaris.

Faculty members from International Islamic University Islamabad, Karakoram International University, Shaikh Zaid Institute, Peshawar University, Bahauddin Zakariya University, Fatima Jinnah Women University, National Defense University, University of Gujrat, Centre for Sustainability, Research & Practice, University of Lahore, University of Faisalabad and University of Punjab participated in the event, besides representatives of Jamia Binoria, Jamia Ashrafia, Khairul Madaris and other religious seminaries.

The programme also covered the social and traditional implications of changing and emerging roles of the faculty for peace building and countering extremism by discussing contemporary challenges and their solutions.

Dr. Qibla Ayaz, Chairman Council of Islamic Ideology addressed the concluding ceremony as chief guest. He said that negative elements have lethal objectives and they are targeting "fault lines" prevailing in the society. He added that such fault lines included sectarian differences. He also hailed IIUI and IRI for an exquisite role in preparing disseminating the Paigham e Pakisan narrative.

Dr. Masoom Yasinzi, Rector IIUI called for involving 56 million youth in peaceful activities and cultivate its mind with a "soft approach". He added that Paigham e Pakistan narrative was accepted across the world and even UN assembly heard its voice.

Earlier, Dr. Muhamamd Zia ul Haq, Director General IRI talked about reconstruction of society and told that multiple workshops and programmes will be conducted in different universities where 500 master trainers will take part to learn about promoting Paigham-e-Pakistan initiative of the government of Pakistan.





SHARIAH ACADEMY HOLDS WORKSHOP ON ISLAM & INTERNATIONAL HUMANITARIAN LAW

A four-day regional workshop course on Islam & International Humanitarian Law organized by Shariah Academy of the International Islamic University Islamabad (IIUI) in collaboration with International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC), held in Islamabad.

The workshop discussed implementation of International Human Law (IHL), war crimes and Improvised Explosive Device (IED) awareness, protection of cultural heritage and other relevant topics through relevant government officials and experts of both institutions.

The Inaugural ceremony was joined by IIUI President Prof. Dr. Ahmed Yousif Al Draiwesh and ICRC Head, Reto Stocker. It was also attended by Dr. Muhammad Munir, Vice President, IIUI, Spokesperson, ICRC, experts and academicians of the both institutions.

"This workshop is a continuity of the interaction of the ICRC with the higher educational and religious institutions for over a decade to promote the understanding of Islamic law related to the conduct of hostilities and International Human Law" said Reto Stocker.

While lauding IIUI services in collaborations, he added that tying bond between us is the common cause of

promoting humanitarian law and principles to alleviate the sufferings faced by humanity during wars and situations of violence.

Dr. Ahmed Yousif Al-Draiwesh, in his speech highlighted the services of IIUI for human rights awareness and reminisced previous programs held with ICRC. He also discussed war crimes and said university has initiated a human rights course in the university. He added that IIUI is keen to collaborate with all the relevant institutions.

Dr. Muhamamd Munir, Vice President, IIUI also spoke on the occasion and told that IIUI and ICRC have a successful history of collaborations. He shared his experience of human rights awareness and also highlighted importance of International Human Law.

"Higher educational and religious institutions to promote the understanding of Islamic law".

Reto Stocker

DCW HOLDS SUMMER CAMP FOR CHILDREN

Dawah Centre for Women (DCW) of International Islamic University (IIU) organized a three-day summer camp for the children of university staff.

As many as 120 children took part in the camp where they were given information on vital topics such as love for God, Quran my favorite book, My Namaz, Islam and nature. They also joined art activities. Parents have hailed the effort and termed it as a very constructive activity organized by Dawah Centre for Women (DCW), Dawah Academy, International University Islamabad.

Incharge Dawah Centre for Women (DCW), Shagufta Umar reiterated the resolve to keep arranging such activities.





IIUI TO ESTABLISH CENTER FOR PEACE, RECONCILIATION & RECONSTRUCTION STUDIES

Islamic Research Institute (IRI) International Islamic University, Islamabad (IIUI) will establish a Paigham e Pakistan Center for peace, reconciliation and reconstruction studies and will also offer a post graduate diploma in peace and conflict studies.

The proposal was recommended by academicians, researchers, policymakers, religious leaders, parliamentarians and prominent figures of society in a consultative meeting organized by Islamic Research Institute for a comprehensive plan of action for Reconstruction of an inclusive Islamic Society in Pakistan in the light of Paigham e Pakistan at Faisal Masjid campus.

The meeting recommended that the diploma would be jointly offered by IRI, HEC, and Council of Islamic Ideology. The meeting also discussed certificates courses and curriculum development for a three credit general course on peace and conflict studies.

The members of the group also exchanged views on the book proposals such as publication of Paigham e Pakistan in different languages, and thematic volume in reconstruction of an inclusive Pakistani Islamic society.

IRI also arranged a parallel working group meeting on outreach-training programs-conferences / seminars publicity, promotion and propagation of Paigham e Pakistan. It also approved national conference on interfaith harmony and co-existence, international conference on Muftis of Muslim world and representatives of Islamic organization on Paigham e Pakistan.

The meeting discussed development of website on Paigham e Pakistan. The meeting members also agreed that TV talk shows, documentary, short video clips and strategies for promotion of Paigham e Pakistan in Print ,

electronic and social media will be arranged.

Dr. Qibla Ayaz, Chairman Council of Islamic Ideology was the chief guest of the meeting who provided a glimpse of the Paigham e Pakistan activities. He lauded IIUI services and also discussed various salient recommendations of Paigham e Pakistan.

It was also attended by Mrs. Perveen Qadir Agha, former Federal Secretary and Vice President, IIUI as guest of honour who discussed education system in the country and urged that prime focus must be syllabus. She also maintained that role of media was vital to make an understanding of the narrative of Paigham e Pakistan.

Dr. Masoom Yasinzai, Rector IIUI addressing the meeting said that relevancy to the needs of the society must be top priority of the educational institutions. He told that IIUI is being hailed for its Paigham e Pakistan initiative and key leaders of various Islamic countries have started mulling over establishing International Islamic Universities after observing the role of IIUI in solutions of the issues of society. Dr. Masoom said Paigham e Pakistan is the actual image and version of the Pakistani society.

Dr. Muhammad Bashir Khan, the then vice President IIUI hailed IRI efforts and reiterated his resolve that the university will keep playing its role in promotion of Paigham e Pakistan. He also shed light on the importance of educational institutions and their due role in the Muslim societies.

Earlier, Dr. Zia ul Haq, Director General IRI apprised the participants about the agenda of the meeting and also elaborated the role of IRI in Paigham e Pakistan initiative. He also discussed future plans of the narrative and vowed that IRI would continue service of society.

PRIZE DISTRIBUTION: AFGHANISTAN, CHINA, INDONESIA EARN TOP POSITIONS IN IIUI CULTURAL WEEK



International Islamic University Islamabad (IIUI) organized a prize distribution and appreciation ceremony for the position holders of 27th Annual Cultural Week and organizers for successful management of the mega event.

Earlier, Afghan students were announced as winner of cultural show, while Chinese stood second and Indonesians claimed third position. The ceremony was attended by all the administrative committees' members, position holder students and university high ups.

The ceremony was chaired by the IIUI President Dr. Ahmed Yousif Al-Draiweesh, who felicitated the winners and thanked all the organizing committees and students' advisor office for supervising and executing the mega event.

He said that the event was face of IIUI and it was a true picture of its internationalization. He maintained that the students must be encouraged for taking part in the cultural, sports, co-curricular activities. He said that he witnessed a remarkable talent during the cultural week and also hailed the hard work of students.

IIUI President also reiterated his resolve that the university would keep striving for providing a peaceful and constructive milieu to its students. He said that the event actually gave message of peace. He especially mentioned the Students Advisor office for its exquisite efforts.

Earlier, Dr. Tariq Javed, Student Advisor thanked the IIUI President and management for maximum cooperation and felicitate the winner students. He mentioned all the departments and appreciated their role.

FARRUKH NADEEM'S BOOK FICTION, DISCOURSE & SPATIALITY LAUNCHED

Writers, academicians and intellectuals heaped praise on a literary work "Fiction, Discourse and Cultural Spatiality", written by Farrukh Nadeem at the book launch ceremony at Faisal Masjid campus of the International Islamic University, Islamabad (IIUI). Mr. Farrukh Nadeem is a lecturer in the Department of English at IIUI and his areas of interests include creative writing, literary criticism and theory, Comparative literature and American Literature.

The ceremony was organized by the Department of English which was attended by Dean Faculty of Languages and Literature, Dr. Munawar Iqbal Gondal, faculty member of the English and Urdu departments, critics, intellectuals and other relevant officials.

Rafaqat Raazi, translator, poet and a critic while introducing the author commented on the efforts of Mr. Farrukh Nadeem undertaken to complete the book. Dr. Muhammad Sheeraz, Incharge Department of English hailed the author and presented his thoughts on the book. He remarked that Mr. Farrukh Nadeem has enlightened with his deep insight of Cultural Spatiality and sensitivity being faced by society. He also highlighted various aspects of the book including Post modernism, Post Colonialism, Ideology in Fiction, Post 9/11 and Identity crisis, Partition and Cultural barriers. He further said that the book interested him more because of its focus on economic concerns along with the cultural.

Dr. Humaira Ishfaq (Assistant Professor in Urdu Department, IIUI Female Campus) explained the problems faced in understanding literary theory and criticism in Urdu. She credited the book for opening new horizons for the Urdu literature scholars and researchers. Dr. Aroosa Kanwal (Associate Professor, English department, IIUI Female Campus) said that the book is a precious and timely effort. She admired the book for bringing into discussion many serious and sensitive issues related with fiction and cultural



spatiality and becoming a local vocal contrary to the foreign voice. Dr. Kamran Kazmi (Assistant Professor, Urdu Department, IIUI) remarked that the author has used the tool of *Daastaan* in criticizing and interpreting the Urdu novel which is appreciable.

SEMINAR ON EDUCATIONAL MEASUREMENT AND EVALUATION HELD



Seminar on “Educational Measurement and Evaluation” was organized for the PhD & MS scholars of the Department of Education, International Islamic University, Islamabad (IIUI). Speakers discussed

various themes such as Function of Portfolio in assessment, Assessment Procedures, Achievement Tests, Performance-Based Assessment, Aptitude Tests, Interpreting Test Score, Assembling Administrative Appraisal, and validity and reliability.

The purpose of this seminar was to develop sound understanding of the educational measurement and evaluation methods and techniques currently in practice around the globe. The seminar aimed to understand the necessary measurement and evaluation techniques, experiences and knowledge in terms of effective assessment and professionalism among the scholars at the department. The seminar was attended by Dean Faculty, Social Science, Prof. Dr. Samina Malik, Prof. Dr. N.B. Jumani, Director, Distance Education Directorate, IIUI and other faculty members also participated in the seminar while, faculty members provided their valuable feedback during the sessions.

T&I HOLDS PICTORIAL EXHIBITION, PRESIDENT IIUI HAILS EFFORT

Department of Translation and Interpretation (T&I) organized pictorial exhibition of translators and theorists at female campus which was visited by International Islamic University (IIU) President Dr. Ahmed Yousif Al-Draiweesh.

The exhibition was also attended by Incharge T&I Dr. Inamul Haq Ghazi, Female Chairperson, faculty members and students of the department. The students framed summaries of various translators and theorists of translation studies. Students also prepared one pager summary of the words of IIUI President.

Speaking on the occasion, Dr. Al-Draiweesh hailed the



efforts of the department and said that the management at the department has rightly sensed the importance of the department in the coming era such as China Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) and other projects and they have doubled the pace of progress. He said the hard work in a creative and comprehensive way being done by the department was commendable. He assured maximum support to the students and the department.

DR. AL DRAIWEESH INAUGURATES QURAN SESSIONS AT FAISAL MASJID



Dr. Ahmed Yousif Al-Draiweesh concluded the activities of the scientific program held at King Faisal Mosque organized by the Academy of Da'wah in which students of schools, colleges and universities learnt about Sunnah, its sciences, biography of Holy Prophet (PBUH), history of Islam jurisprudence and its origins.

Dr. Ahmed Yousif Al-Draiweesh also inaugurated the Quran Memorization and Tajweed workshops at King Faisal Mosque by reciting Surat Al-Fatihah. IIUI President

said in his speech that contemporary issues and science wonders can be found in the Holy Quran as it has discussed humanity and its relevant things to guide us.

He added that religion Islam urges people to explore science and knowledge. He maintained that Islamic educational institution must promote Quran and its sciences. He also spoke about the importance of mosques and said that these are imperative places in Muslim societies and added that mosques are the real institutions and hubs of learning and decisions. He reiterated his resolve that progress of IIUI would be the top most priority and it will soon make its prominent place in the developed educational institutions of the world.

Prof. Dr. Sohail Hassan, Director General of the Academy of Da'wah, also spoke on the occasion, he welcomed the President of the University and the participants and thanked for cooperation and support. It was also attended by the foreign faculty members of the university.

CONFERENCE ON "NEEDS OF SOCIETY AND QUALIFICATION OF GRADUATES" HELD AT IIUI



Prof. Dr. Ahmed Yousif Al-Draiweesh, President, International Islamic University Islamabad (IIUI) has called for meaningful role of educational institutions in the development of society. He was addressing a two days international seminar titled "Needs of Society and Qualification of Graduates" held at Allama Iqbal Auditorium, Faisal Masjid Campus (IIUI) organized by Department of Education, Faculty of Social Sciences (IIUI).

Dr. Al-Draiweesh maintained that every citizen has right of access to learning, both for the joy of education and for the opportunities it presents. He added that acquisition of knowledge is a basic right of any individual and it must be observed in all the societies. IIUI President appreciated the Department of Education, Faculty of Social Sciences (IIUI) for taking such initiatives to highlight the needs of society and demands for enhanced quality of education. He said that research seminar will open new horizons in

the field of education that will help to align the education systems and curriculum with needs of society and facilitating youth.

The international conference was attended by Vice Presidents, Deans of faculties, Director Generals, Heads of Departments, faculty members and large number of students. It was also attended by a number of academicians and educationists from various cities of Pakistan as well as from outside Pakistan participants from Toronto, Canada and Hungary.

Dr. Samina Malik, Dean Faculty of Social Sciences (IIUI), said in her speech that in multi-cultural world, students need skills, experience and knowledge to operate and compete internationally and this seminar will provide an opportunity for discussion about the expectations of the current society and essential practices of educational institutions to enable our students as economical productive citizens of the society.

IIUI MARKS THALASSEMIA DAY, HOLDS SEMINAR AND WALK



A seminar titled “Striving Together for Thalassaemia Free Pakistan” was arranged by Department of Bioinformatics and Biotechnology to mark the World Thalassaemia day at Allama Iqbal Auditorium, Faisal Masjid Campus of International Islamic University, Islamabad (IIUI).

The event was held in collaboration with Higher Education Commission of Pakistan, Punjab Thalassaemia Prevention Program, Thalassaemia Center, Bait-ul-Mal Pakistan and Multi LinkX Enterprises Rawalpindi.

Dr. Asma Gul, Chairperson, Department of Bioinformatics and Biotechnology, International Islamic University Islamabad, expressed gratitude to the guests and appreciated the efforts of all the faculty members especially Dr. Fareeha (Chief Organizer), Dr. Shaheen, Ms. Mehrosh and student organizers.

The Souvenirs were presented to the Resource Persons at the end of event. Screening for Thalassaemia test was also performed after the session by Punjab Thalassaemia Prevention Program, meanwhile, a Thalassaemia awareness walk was also organized in which students, faculty members and guests participated enthusiastically.

PRIZE DISTRIBUTION CEREMONY OF CULTURAL ACTIVITIES & SPORTS GALA HELD AT FEMALE CAMPUS



A prize distribution ceremony of 27th Cultural Week's activities & Sports Gala 2017-2018 held at Auditorium, Fatima tuz Zahra Block, Female Campus of International Islamic University Islamabad (IIUI). Deputy Mayor of Metropolitan Corporation Islamabad, Syed Zeeshan Ali and Prof. Dr. Ahmed Yousef Al Draiwesh, President, IIUI along with Dr. Farkhanda Zia, VP, Female Campus and Dr. Nyla Jabeen, Students' Advisor (Female Campus), awarded cash prizes and shields among the top position holders of various competition. Speaking on the occasion, Dr. Draiwesh said that success of our cultural week has shown that IIUI is one of the leading international universities where not only quality education is being provided but also cultural promotion is its salient characteristic. He also appreciated female students for their enthusiastic participation in various competitions and further wished

outcome of this cultural week is that we are united to work together with the zeal for the progress of Pakistan and Muslim Ummah. He said we are thankful to delegates and diplomats of various countries who came in our mega event.

Syed Zeeshan Ali, Deputy Mayor, Metropolitan Corporation Islamabad congratulated IIUI administration, faculty and students for organizing such healthy activities in female campus of the university and said that sports are binding force for any nation and promotion of sports in educational institutions will provide a bright future for students. He added that women plays pivotal role for success of a family and it's our responsibility to put our utmost attention for women welfare. He called upon universities to act as nurseries for sportsmen and sportswomen.

IIUI HOLDS CONFERENCE ON SOCIAL DISCREPANCIES & REMEDIES IN SOCIOLOGICAL PERSPECTIVES



The Department of Sociology and Iqbal International Institute for research and Dialogue, International Islamic University Islamabad organized one day National Conference on “Social Discrepancies and Their Remedies in Sociological Perspectives” at the Quaid-e-Azam Auditorium in the Old Campus of IIUI. In the inaugural ceremony, Senator Mr. Mushahid Hussain Sayyed was the chief guest. President of IIUI, Prof. Dr. Ahmad Yousif Al-Draiweesh was the guest of honor. Prof. Dr. Anoosh Khan was the key note speaker of inaugural session. Other speakers included Prof. Dr. Samina Malik, Dr. Husnul Amin, Director-IRD, and Dr. Hazir Ullah, Chairman Department of Sociology, IIUI. The key note speaker Prof. Dr. Anoosh Khan, Prof. Dr. Samina Malik

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and Chief guest, Senator Mushahid Hussain highlighted that social inequalities have increased in contemporary Pakistani society and pose a considerable threat to social cohesion.

IIUI President appreciated the theme and called upon universities to find solutions of the contemporary issues faced by societies. He maintained that true practice of Islam, equality, care of citizens and protection of human rights are the attributes of the society which are salient for its stability.

Mr. Mushahid Hussain stressed on educating young males and females for prosperous and developed Pakistan. Scholars from different universities across Pakistan participated in the Conference.

A large number of the social scientists, researchers, scholars, social and developmental specialists across the country shared their research works with

the students and other academicians. At the closing ceremony, Prof. Dr. N. B. Jumani was the key note speaker in the closing session. Dr. Hazir Ullah, Chairman Department of Sociology and Dy. Dean Faculty of social sciences extended vote of thanks to all the session chairs, participants, organizers and management of the conference.

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE CONDUCTS SEMINAR ON “WATER POLLUTION AND SEWAGE WASTE MANAGEMENT”

Department of Environmental Science (Female Campus) conducted a one day seminar on “Water Pollution and Waste Management” for the students of the department. It was conducted in collaboration with Pakistan Environment Protection Agency.

Director General Pak-EPA Ms. Farzana Altaf Shah graced the occasion and delivered a lecture on importance of water resources in Pakistan with special emphasis on conservation of water resources. She emphasized on conservation and sustainable use of water resources in the country. She also highlighted the importance of waste management in a proper way in order to bring a clean environment for the society.

The seminar was also attended by Prof. Dr. Farkhanda Zia, Vice President, Female Campus, who stressed on need for collaborative projects between environmental sciences and law discipline to conserve the natural resources and protect the environment.

Dr. Rukhsana Tariq Chairperson of the department speaking on the occasion appreciated the participants and organizers of seminar. She said nature has gifted the entire universe with tremendous natural resources to sustain life on earth and we should come forward to preserve this blessing.

Earlier, Dr. Syeda Maria Ali introduced the topic and importance of doing research in areas of water conservation and sewage waste management.



DIPLOMA ON MENTAL HEALTH, LAW & HUMAN RIGHTS COMMENCES AT IIUI



A ceremony of launching International Diploma on Mental Health, Law and Human Rights held at International Islamic University, Islamabad (IIUI).

The launching ceremony of the first session in this regard was organized here at Faisal Masjid Campus which was joined by Member National Assembly, Riaz Fatiyana, IIUI President Dr. Ahmed Yousif Al-Draiweesh, Dr. Melvyn Freeman, Dr. Tahir Khalily (Vice President Academics and clinical psychologist) Dr. Muhammad Mushtaq, DG Shariah Academy, and Dr. Aziz ur Rehman, Chairman Department of Law and Legal Advisor IIUI).

Riaz Fatiyana called upon the academic fraternity and psychologists to play role to solve the leading issues of the society such as terrorism. He said the Muslim scholars,

psychologists and academicians must devise a strategy to deal with the misconceptions disseminated against Islam.

Talking on sustainable development goals, he said that government is devising strategies to address the issues such as illiteracy, poverty and health. He added that CPEC is meaningful development in the region and addition of Saudi Arabia will make it more vital.

Dr. Ahmed Yousif Al-Draiweesh said that Interdisciplinary ventures and practical projects in all the educational fields are vital for academic and societal excellence. He urged for the practical implementation of the degrees and suggested that medical diplomas be offered across the Muslim world to broaden the exposure of students. IIUI President furthered that mental health was as important as the physical health.

He maintained that mental health is the subject which is of vital importance in this age of technology when gadgets and indoor routines have caused surge in the psychological disorders. Dr. Al-Drawieesh called upon the Muslim world universities to bring all the psychological experts on a platform and launch a well devised series of such diplomas.

The diploma will cover topics such as basic understanding of Law and Legal Systems, The Context of Mental Health and Human Rights, Policy, Service and Legislative Framework for Mental Health, Access to Mental Health Care.

CONFERENCE ON ROLE OF ISLAMIC VARSITIES IN INCULCATION OF AQIDAHA AND UNITY

International Islamic University Islamabad organized a two-day international conference on “ the role of Islamic universities in inculcation and promulgation of Aqidha and its impact at the unity of Muslim Ummah”. The conference was attended by Ambassador of Kingdom of Saudi Arabia (KSA), Nawaf Saeed Al-Malki, IIUI President, Dr. Ahmed Yousif Al-Draiweesh, experts of the topic, academicians, diplomats, heads of international organizations, media representatives and researchers. The conference was arranged by Faculty of Usuluddin of the university.

The ambassador of KSA said on the occasion that role of the International Islamic Universities was vital in Muslim world. He said that KSA was keen to disseminate Islam's true message of peace and the KSA will be among leading ranks to cooperate with universities of Muslim world. He called upon the academicians to focus on the correction of misconception prevailing in the minds of youth.

Dr. Al-Draiweesh said in his speech that IIUI is omen of Muslim unity as it represents almost all the Muslim Countries of the world through students and faculty members. He added the theme of the conference was important as it discussed most important topic relevant to the Muslim societies.

The event was also addressed by Dr. Mohammed Abdo Aten, Regional Director of the Muslim World League, who appreciated the moot and said it was an important activity to bring Muslim scholars and experts to a platform to devise future strategies.

Dr. Haroon ur Rashid, Dean of the Faculty of Usuluddin, earlier, welcomed the guests and appraised about the roles and objectives of the conference.



IIUI HOLDS OPEN HOUSE FOR ENGINEERING STUDENTS



Students of International Islamic University Islamabad (IIUI) showcased their talent by displaying around 100 innovative projects in 9th "Open House and Career Fair" organized by the Faculty of Engineering and Technology (FET) of the varsity. The event was inaugurated at new campus by Rector IIUI, Dr. Masoom Yasinzai and Muhammad Naeem, Chairman, Pakistan Atomic Energy Commission (PAEC) at both male and female campuses of the university.

The PAEC Chairman and IIUI Rector were accompanied by Dean of Faculty of Engineering & Technology, Muhammad Amir Khan, heads of the departments and other faculty members. Mr. Muhammad Naeem appreciated the projects and hailed the talent of the students. He called upon the universities to conduct activities of interaction between the technology and engineering students and industry. He said linkage of academia and industry can solve the issues. The students apprised the visitors about their projects to the invigilators, representatives of industry and chief guests. The projects included solar and formula cars; advanced application based operatable wheel chair, eye tech, health

care monitoring system, electric wheel, power generation projects etc. The projects were also analyzed and visited by the industrialists, engineering experts who also chose students for career building.

The IIUI Rector on the occasion lauded the projects and urged students to create prototypes which could be formed into practical projects easily.

The IIUI Rector said that country, through its talented engineers can solve the issue of power shortfall through innovative power generation projects. He said both male and female students have showcased best of their talent which was an impressive effort. Dr. Amir Khan, speaking on the occasion said that the event was 9th annual activity by the faculty which was established in 2007. He said that Faculty of Engineering and Technology is envisaged to grow as a major center of excellence for engineering education and research. He continued that the faculty was proved as one of the fastest growing faculties in the country.

The concluding ceremony was attended by Chairman Pakistan Engineering Council, Javed Saleem Qureshi who visited the stalls and hailed the efforts of the students.



IIUI RECTOR CALLS FOR DISSEMINATION OF ISLAM'S MESSAGE OF PEACEFUL CO-EXISTENCE

27TH INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM CONCLUDES AT DAWAH ACADEMY



Prof. Dr. Muhammad Masoom Yasinzaï, Rector International Islamic University Islamabad (IIUI) has called upon the Muslim societies to disseminate and apply Islam's message of tolerance and peaceful co-existence. He was addressing to the participants during concluding ceremony of 27th International Human Resource Development Program for Muslim minority countries organized by Dawah Academy (IIUI) at Allama Iqbal Auditorium (IIUI). Muslim societies are diverse but they should find pathways to uniformity based upon shared values given by Allah Subhanaho Wa Taalah in Quran and Sunnah, said Rector (IIUI). He added that it's our prime responsibility to spread attributes of Islam across the World and it's the need of era to strengthen cooperation among human communities and societies to promote unity and peace in the light of teachings of Islam. He furthered that Muslim Ummah must take initiatives to promote Islam as a religion of peace. He said that any kind of violence not only in Islam but in other religions as well, is strictly condemned.

Eighteen participants from 8 countries of 3 continents as five participants from Sri Lanka, three from Ghana, two from Uganda, two from South Africa, two from Myanmar, two from Cuba, one from Kenya and one

from Cambodia, attended the program which started on April 11, 2018 and ended on May 3, 2018 at Dawah Academy, IIUI. Prominent scholars from (IIUI) and other Universities of Pakistan delivered lectures to the participants on different religious and academic topics. Present situation of teachings of Islam was also shared by the participants in Muslim communities in several group discussions. A special session was also held with Prof. Dr. Muhammad Masoom Yasinzaï, Rector and Prof. Dr. Ahmed Yousef Al Draiwesh, President (IIUI), during the month long training program. The International participants of training program were realized about the importance of Pakistan in Muslim Ummah as a strong nation and it was also assured that IIUI will continue to play its role for serving and strengthening Muslim Ummah across the World.

During the visit of training participants to the New Campus of the University Prof. Dr. Tahir Khalily, VP, Academics briefed about the faculties, departments programs being offered to national and international students and various academic activities and development programs of the University in a detailed presentation, later visit to Central Library was also part of the visit to new campus, where Chief Librarian, Sher Nauroze briefed the participants about the main features of the Central Library of the University.

In the month long training program participants also visited Murree, Ayubia and Taxila Museum while, in Lahore they visited Minatare of Pakistan, Badshahi Masjid, Lahore Museum and Wagha Border.

Director General, Dawah Academy, Prof. Dr. Sohail Hassan, Chairman Trainings, Dr. Shahid Rafi and Program Coordinator, Ehsan Malik also addressed to the participants. In the end Dr. Masoom Yasinzaï, Rector, IIUI awarded certificates to the participants of program.



DEPARTMENT OF BIOINFORMATICS CONDUCTS WORKSHOP ON BIORISK MANAGEMENT, SAFETY AND SECURITY



Department of Bioinformatics and Biotechnology (BI&BT Female Campus) conducted a one day workshop on “Biorisk Management, Biosafety and Biosecurity” for the students of the department. It was conducted in collaboration with American Society for Microbiology, Pakistan Chapter (ASM).

ASM Young Ambassador Mr. Faheem Shehzad, Health Security Partners, USA technical advisor Ms. Samreen Sarwar and Pakistan Biological Safety Association

program coordinator Dr. Javed Muhammad were the resource persons for the workshop. They briefed about the idea of biological safety in laboratories which is essential to work in a lab, while students got the chance to practice different techniques that are used in laboratory safety. The workshop was followed by closing ceremony of the event which was attended as Chief Guest by Dr. Aamer Ikram, Executive Director National Institute of Health, Pakistan and President Pakistan Biological Safety Association. The workshop was also attended by IIUI Rector Dr. Masoom Yasinzai who is also a renowned bio scientist. He shed light on the topic and shared his experiences of the research. He called for inter disciplinary research and apprised the participants about the advancements and level of technology in research in the contemporary era. The ceremony was also attended by Dr. Arshad Zia, Dean FBAS, Dr. Asma Gul, Chairperson and other faculty members. On the occasion, the organizers were appreciated for conducting the successful program that included Dr. Zareen, Dr. Shaheen and Dr. Fareeha.

SEMINAR ON WORLD DAY FOR HEALTH & SAFETY HELD AT IIUI



The Department of Environmental Science, Faculty of Basic & Applied Sciences in collaboration with EDCONS Institute of Business & Technology (EIBT) and other institutes of Occupational Health and Safety, organized a seminar to celebrate the world day for Safety and Health (SAFE DAY)-2018 at Quaid-e-Azam Auditorium, International Islamic University Islamabad (IIUI). The objective of this seminar was to create awareness about the critical importance for addressing the challenges being faced by young workers in Pakistan and for improving their safety and health to ensure provision of better and safer work environment. The theme for the Safe Day 2018 was Occupational Health and Safety: Vulnerability of Young Workers.

Dr. Aqdas Naveed Malik, Vice President Higher Studies & Research (HSR) IIUI, was the Chief Guest of the program, who emphasized about the individual responsibility to develop a safety first attitude. He urged the audience to continue their efforts for a safer work environment for all, throughout the year. Dr. Abdul Rehman Cheema, President, Fire and Safety Association of Pakistan (FSAP) stressed on integrating the subject of Occupational Health and Safety in the national curriculum to prepare the upcoming workforce for the challenges of workplace. Chairman, Department of Environmental Science (DES), IIUI realized the value of young workers for the present and future of Pakistan during his speech.

CALLIGRAPHY WORKSHOP HELD AT DEPARTMENT OF ISLAMIC ART & ARCHITECTURE

The department of Islamic Art & Architecture of the International Islamic University, Islamabad (IIUI) organized a three-week long Calligraphy Workshop for students titled "Arabic Calligraphy and Page Illumination."

The workshop was part of compulsory course of the students, while it was supervised by Mr. Rasheed Butt, a world renowned calligrapher of Pakistan who besides many achievements, was recognized by the President of Pakistan and conferred "Pride of Performance" award in 1989. He has worked to promote the art of Islamic Calligraphy and has a large number of students across the world. Students of the department keenly participated in the activity. The coordinator of the workshop told that students were practicing Kufic script and would display art pieces at the end of semester.

Meanwhile, the department brought fame to the university as Sara Ahmad, a student of BS 5th semester at department of Islamic Art & Architecture won 1st prize in the all Pakistan Photography Competition.



CERTIFICATE, PRIZE DISTRIBUTION CEREMONY FOR DAR UL MUNEERA STUDENTS HELD



A certificate and prize distribution ceremony for the female students of Tajweed, Quran Memorization and training courses at Dar-ul-Muneera Centre for Quran Memorization and its science of International Islamic University, Islamabad (IIUI) was held at female campus of IIUI. The ceremony was attended by Sheikh Hamood Al-Deeb, who is member of the Board of Trustees of the university, while he has endowed this Centre which has been associated to the name of his mother. He distributed prizes, certificates and cash to the students who took positions in Tehfeez, Tajweed and training courses. The ceremony was also attended by Dr. Ahmed Yousif Al-Draiweesh, IIUI President as guest of honour who addressed the students and reiterated his resolve that IIUI would keep

disseminating Islam's message of peace and students will be provided best milieu of education enriched with religion and the world as well. He thanked Sheikh Al-deeb for his continuous support and also hailed the faculty of Islamic studies and the Centre for efficient working on the plan of dissemination of Quranic teachings. He added that such centres were vital in Muslim societies as it could be a significant platform to nurture females in the light of Islamic teachings. The ceremony was also addressed by the Dean of Islamic Studies Dr. Haroon Ur Rasheed who gave details of the activities of the events and steps taken by his faculty for promotion of Islamic knowledge and research.

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION HOLDS SEMINAR ON “EDUCATION FOR NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT”



Department of Education, Faculty of Social Sciences of IIUI organized two day international seminar on Education for National Development a Faisal Masjid campus.

The seminar addressed the challenges of youth and analyzed the ways in which educational institutions, policy makers; various organizations can support young minds in reaching full potential and enabling them as productive citizen.

Participants stressed the need to broaden the exposure of teaching methodology and suggested to not confine classes into a closed classroom environment. They agreed to promote critical insight among the students and called for relevancy of the field of subject and syllabus.

Dr. Abdulaziz Othman Altwaijri, Director General of the Islamic Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (ISESCO) was Chief Guest who called upon the Muslim youth to be devoted to disseminate message of peace and tranquility given by Islam. He hailed IIUI and its services while adding that it was one of the most important institutions of the Muslim world.

President IIUI, Prof. Dr. Ahmad Yousif Al-Draiweesh welcomed guests and said that such thought provoking seminars were very important for the students.

IIUI President said that recommendations of the seminar would be beneficial for the researchers, scholars and the students. “Education is a vital investment for development and it is indeed guarantee of progress of a nation” he maintained.

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Prof. Dr. Samina Malik, Dean Faculty of Social Sciences evoked to modify educational programs in order to commensurate with the requirements of country and also in enabling youth to productively fit into those professional and social

positions.

Prof. Dr. N. B. Jumani, Professor of Education/ Director, Directorate of Distance Education enlightened the audience about the role of higher education institutions in developing societal integrity and cohesion. He also discussed various inputs and intervention to enhance quality of education for national progress.



ISLAM IS RELIGION OF PEACE AND HARMONY: PRESIDENT, PROF. DR. AHMED YOUSIF AL DRAIWEESH

Islam is a religion of peace and harmony while, there is no place of extremist mindset in Islam, said Prof. Dr. Ahmed Yousef Al Draiveesh, President, International Islamic University Islamabad. He was addressing during the concluding ceremony of a conference titled "Tradition of Adoption, Innovation and Transmission in Islamic Culture and Civilization" held at Bahauddin Zakriya University, Multan. Dr. Al Draiveesh urged students to remain focused on their studies and advised them to follow true values of Islam and Islamic teachings. He further said that brotherhood, pace and harmony are the base of Islamic Civilization and Islam

that they can better understand Islam and its teachings. He lauded the role of Dr. Al Draiveesh, President, IIUI for his efforts in spreading universal message of Islam across the globe.

Director General, Islamic Research Institute (IRI, IIUI) stressed upon teachers to raise awareness among students about the Islamic values. He said that adequate knowledge about Islamic culture, civilization and values would surely help younger generation make rapid progress in the world. Speaking on the occasion, Prof. Dr. Abdul Qadus Suhaib, Chairman, Dept. of Islamic Studies, BZU, said that respect for humanity was



spreads message of peace and harmony for the entire world and it's our responsibility to spread this message across the globe.

He stressed students to play their effective role in progress and prosperity of the country. Dr. Tahir Amin, Vice Chancellor Bahauddin Zakriya University, Multan addressing during the concluding session of conference said that presently Muslim World is facing a huge challenge of extremism and terrorism and it is our responsibility to portray real face of Islamic Civilization to the entire world. He added that we should guide our youth regarding true values of Islamic Civilization so

basic principle of Islamic values. As Holy Quran clearly remarks that all men are equal however one can get preference on the basis of having quality of Taqwa. He said that Islam also stressed on Hussan e Akhlaq, which is a supreme quality with capacity to win hearts of every one. Islam spread in the world within just 23 years and it was due to Hussan e Akhlaq of our Prophet Muhammad (PBUH), he added.

Other speakers including Dr. Kashif Mehmood, Dr. Asmat Naaz, Dr. Samina Maqbool Niazi, Dr. Mudassira Sbreen, Muhammad Munir, Rustam Khan and Dr. Razia Shabana also addressed the conference.

ISESCO CHIEF CALLS FOR JOINT COOPERATION AMONG MUSLIM WORLD UNIVARSITIES



International Islamic University Islamabad (IIUI) and Islamic Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (ISESCO) have vowed to boost bilateral cooperation in the fields of academic, scientific research and training by inking Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) for dissemination and exchange of knowledge. The IIUI's MoU with ISESCO was signed at Faisal Masjid campus in the presence of ISESCO Director General, Dr. Abdulaziz Othman Altwajri, IIUI Rector, Dr. Masoom Yasinzai and President IIUI Dr. Ahmed Yousif Al-Draiweesh. Dr. Abdulaziz Othman Altwajri is also member of university's highest forum, Board of Trustees (BoT). The MoU encourages visits among member universities of Islamic world league and IIUI. It focuses on cooperation on scientific levels through mutual cooperation. Both sides agreed for organizing conferences, symposia, forums, meetings, workshops, training courses and joint programs in areas of common interest

such as scientific research, innovation, planning and evaluation. IIUI and ISESCO also vowed that through bilateral cooperation, promotion of the values of Islam, moderation and dialogue will be disseminated. Dr. Othman Al-twajri called for joint efforts of cooperation among the Muslim universities and termed IIUI as an asset of Muslim world. He added that elements working against the university were actually the negative thinkers who wanted to tarnish the image of prestigious institution. He hailed the services of Dr. Al-Draiweesh for university and said that he had been a bridge between university and Islamic world. ISESCO DG stressed upon the universities to disseminate Islam's message of peace and honesty. He also thanked IIUI for hospitality. IIUI Rector Dr. Masoom Yasinzai said that IIUI is pursuing the goal of internationalization which was achieved in the shape of presence of members of the Board of Trustees in its 13th meeting who were representing different Islamic countries. He said IIUI with 31 thousand on campus students of more than 40 nationalities has become a unique hub of learning which preaches peace and provides solutions to the problems of Muslim world in multi cultural milieu. Dr. Al-Draiweesh said on the occasion that IIUI was heading towards the heights of progress and its future would be brighter than the past. He reiterated his resolve that IIUI would become the best learning place of Muslim world with best faculty, teaching facilities and international linkages. He thanked all the BoT members for attending the Board of Trustees meeting and also appreciated the hard work of the IIUI management for the success of the meeting.



DAWAH BOOK FAIR HELD AT IIUI



A six day-long 9th annual book fair was organized by the Dawah Academy of the International Islamic University, Islamabad (IIUI) at Faisal Masjid Campus of the university which was inaugurated by Dr. Abdulaziz Othman Altwaijri, Director General of the Islamic Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (ISESCO) along with IIUI President, Dr. Ahmed Yousif Al-Draiweesh.

The book-fair of the academy is its known tradition which has witnessed a mentionable response where people from all walks of life from the twin cities participated and took keen interest in the books which were being sold with discount.

As many as 50 renowned publishers across the country set their book stalls in Dawah Book Fair which continued till April 16, 2018 and books were sold at 50% discounted rates. Inaugural ceremony was also attended by Director Dawah Academy Dr. Sohail Hassan and other high-ups of university and academy.

Speaking on the occasion, Dr. Al-Draiweesh said that IIUI would keep working to educate young minds of Ummah according to the Islamic values. He lauded the organizers of the book fair and hoped that this

tradition will continue. He said that such activities are necessary for creating awareness about knowledge in the society. He maintained that IIUI is playing key role in disseminating Islamic values and IIUI's Dawah Academy's role is appreciable in regard of preaching true image of Islam and discouraging violent attitudes. The President IIUI also hailed Academy's session of Quran and Hadith. He was of the view that Muslim societies have been facing negative propaganda which must be dealt by forming a roadmap to let the world know that Islam is religion of peace and there is no place for terrorism and extremism in Islam. He also highlighted importance of acquiring education and knowledge in Islam.

He was of the view that contemporary time has diverted the trends towards modern gadgets but such efforts to organize book fairs are good source to promote culture of book reading.

Earlier, in his opening remarks, Dr. Sohail Hassan welcomed all the representatives of book publishers and briefed the participants about book fair. He said trend of book reading has declined and such book fairs play vital role to promote reading culture. He also told that Academy was also mulling to organize an international book-fair next year.



IIU'S BOARD OF ADVANCED STUDIES AND RESEARCH (BASR) CONDUCTED 07 MEETINGS IN THE CURRENT YEAR



This year from January, 2018 to November, 2018 Seven Meetings of Board of Advanced Studies and Research

(BASR) of International Islamic University Islamabad (IIUI) have been held, under the chairmanship of Worthy President, IIUI Dr. Ahmed Yousif Al-Draiweesh, while, Vice Presidents of the varsity also attended these meetings. During the sessions of the meetings, President, IIUI stressed the board members to make it sure that research must be conducted on new and contemporary topics as impact of research reflects in the society. He urged the faculty members to promote scientific research and guide students to use scientific tools during the research and focus on societal needs. Synopses of thesis of PhD and MS students from various Faculties were discussed and analyzed by the board members during these meetings.



IIUI PRESIDENT CHAIRS ACADEMIC COUNCIL MEETING

International Islamic University, Islamabad (IIUI) organized meeting of 73rd Academic Council at new campus of the university under the Chairmanship of President IIUI, Dr. Ahmed Yousif Al-Draiweesh.

The meeting of Academic Council was also attended by Vice Presidents, Director Academics, Deans HoDs and veteran faculty members. The meeting reviewed various important topics, recommendations of various committees on given tasks pertaining to academic excellence, matters

of admission applications and affairs related to research.

Dr. Al-Draiweesh urged the participants to make academic excellence a top priority. He said that IIUI is a unique hub of learning and it has vital responsibility of nurturing Muslim youth according to the prevailing challenges in the light of Islamic teachings and keeping this fact in view, all the concerned officials must keep working for further improvement in the standards of teaching, research and curriculum.

IIUI, US EMBASSY SIGN MoU OF COOPERATION



International Islamic University Islamabad (IIUI) and U.S Embassy and Consulate in Pakistan have vowed to enhance bilateral cooperation through a jointly built Lincoln Corner (LC) and signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU). A ceremony in this regard was held at President Office, new campus of the university, where Dr. Ahmed Yousif Al-Draiweesh, President IIUI signed the document on behalf of IIUI, while Michelle Los Banos, Deputy Counselor for Public Affairs signed it on the behalf of US embassy.

Established in 2006, Lincoln's Corner at IIUI is a partnership between the International Islamic University

and the American Embassy. It is a resource center and event space for providing a platform for open dialogue between Pakistanis and Americans to promote mutual understanding and strengthen people-to-people ties.

According to MoU, both sides will cooperate at LC for cultural events, educational exchange programs and alumni activities. LC is focused on library and information resources and also it organizes programs focusing on English language learning, college exam resources, U.S. exchange alumni, cultural programs, and information about the United States.

"Lincoln Corner Islamabad demonstrates the continued partnership between Pakistan and the United States and our shared commitment to fostering open dialogue through educational opportunities, said U.S Deputy Counselor. She also endorsed the suggestion of IIUI President that joint sessions of discussion were necessary to boost mutual cooperation.

"This is an important opportunity for learning and collaboration between the students of International Islamic University and students at American universities," President Al-Draiweesh said. "We look forward to seeing the fruits of this continuing collaboration", he added. IIUI President also thanked the Embassy for continuous cooperation.

SCHOLARSHIPS FOR IIUI STUDENTS

With scarce grant resources, creating options for new, diverse, and multiple funding streams is essential for the sustainability and development of universities. The Office of the University Advancement and Financial Aid (UA&FA) established in International Islamic University in conformity with Higher Education Commission (HEC), Islamabad. The rationale behind is to amplify the IIUI alumni and fund raising activities for elevating the education for needy students.

The University Advancement Office IIUI is to develop programs and activities, which promote the spirit of the members of the IIUI family, including the students,



faculty, staff, alumni, friends, parents and community with objectives to alleviate the financial incapacity of talented students who don't have the freedom to pursue higher education, create opportunities for the qualified needy students with scholarly traits, to motivate the literate but needy students coming from remote and rural areas of the country, to enhance the capacity of IIUI as an institution thereby to contemplate on implementing the need based scholarship projects, positioning IIUI as steward of the region's future and human capital, worthy of regional business and industry support and collaboration and cultivating the university's most valuable and powerful strategic relationships among business, community, educational, cultural, and political leaders.



In connection with several scholarships for IIUI students, HEC Need Based Scholarships Program, OGDCL Need Based Scholarships, Allied Bank International Islamic University Endowment Funds (ABIUEF), FEF, Students Advancement Fund Endowment have also been recently introduced with an intention of uplifting the academic needs of talented students within the university so as to provide them the opportunity for pursuing higher education with ease and comfort. Students coming from remote and rural areas who fulfill the requirements of the Programs would be given special preference so that they



can complete their education and improve their socio-economic conditions in order to be a part of the bigger arena in Pakistan.





BOOK NERUROSICNE OF MIND EMPOWERMENT LAUNCHED AT IIUI DR. ABDUL QADEER CALLS FOR RESEARCH RELEVANT TO SOCIETY

A book titled *Neuroscience of Mind Empowerment* was launched here at Faisal Masjid campus of the International Islamic University, Islamabad (IIUI), where famous Nuclear scientist Dr. Abdul Qadeer Khan chaired the ceremony, while IIUI Rector Dr. Masoom Yasin Zai, renowned neurosurgeon Dr. Khaliq Uz Zaman, varsity researchers, intellectuals, academics and members of civil society were also present.

Author, Dr. Anees Akhtar along with co-author Dr. Naseem Khan has elaborated that optimistic and pessimistic mind can alter the genetic makeup in response to thought patterns. The authors have discussed epigenetics, neuroplasticity, meditation, and Music therapy in the book.

"The book is narrated on a vital topic and I would urge the researchers' fraternity that objective based research, relevant to the requirements of the society, should be promoted" said Dr. Abdul Qadeer Khan. Talking on the neuroscience, the veteran scientist said that he could not find a better tonic for mind than a session of Quran recitation and interpretation.

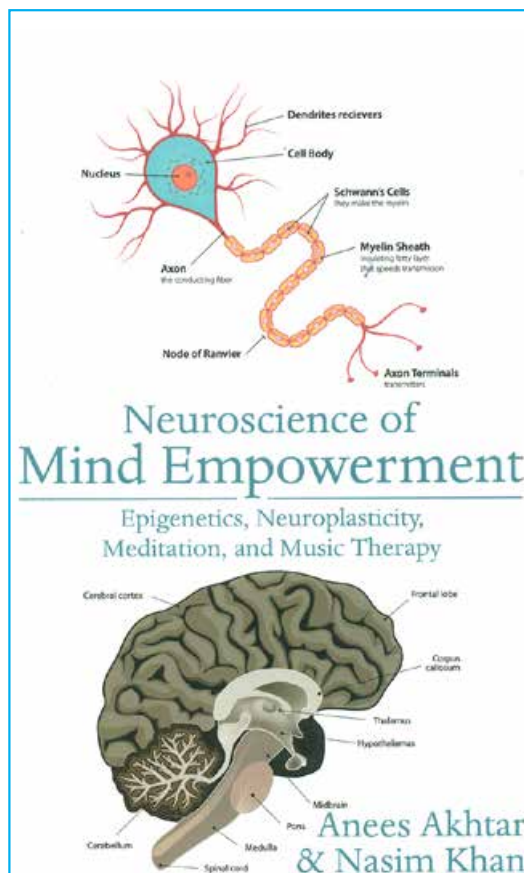
Dr. Khaliq uz Zaman, in his review on the book, elaborated its various chapters with metaphors, symbols and practical medical applications. "I learned surgery from Quran and learned Quran through surgery as both were always hand to mingle to explain the complexities and guide me" said the famous surgeon. He urged for promotion of book reading and said that there was a deficit of Pakistani

books in the field of medical. He discussed epigenetics, neuroplasticity and meditation in a layman's context and winded up that discussion with a note that life of Prophet (PBUH) and Quran were the sources to stay successful in any field and routine matters as well. He termed the book as a good effort of authors.

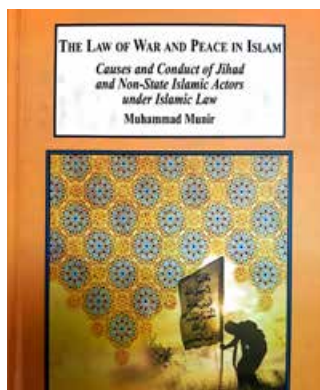
Dr. Masoom Yasin Zai said that interdisciplinary research was a key to excel in the field of research. He added that future belongs to amalgamation and exploration of interdisciplinary work. He maintained that universities could be the best solution providers if they would set priorities of academic excellence and research relevant to the societal needs. He appreciated the effort of authors and vowed that IIUI would be seen in among ranks wherever the society would need its services such as academics' promotions, discussion/ research/ dialogue on the present challenges. He also thanked Dr. Abdul Qadeer for joining the ceremony and termed him as a precious asset of Muslim world.

Earlier, Dr. Anees Akhtar apprised the audience about the objectives of narration and told details of the effort. He thanked

all the participants for encouragement. Co-author Dr. Nasim Khan delivered a short presentation on the chapters of the book and elaborated the core points discussed in the book.



DR. MUHAMMAD MUNIR'S BOOK 'LAW OF WAR AND PEACE IN ISLAM PUBLISHED



Dr Muhammad Munir, a Professor of law and Vice President of the International Islamic University (IIU), Islamabad, has authored a book titled 'The Law of War and Peace in Islam: Causes and Conduct of Jihad and Non-State Islamic Actors under Islamic Law'.

Published by Edwin Mellen Press, book focuses on the concept of jihad as it has been the subject of vigorous academic writings since 9/11. It discusses literature on jihad and maintained that in most cases it suggests the phenomenon has been misunderstood and distorted. In its 11 chapters, the book also contains content on the self-declared jihadi organizations, or non-State Islamic

actors, and says they have abused the doctrine of jihad. The writer says a common man's perception of Islam is to judge it to a large extent through his view of actions of the non-State Islamic actors such as Al-Qa'ida, Daish, Boko Haram, or local jihadists organizations such as the Taliban rather than by the principles of Islamic law. "A book such as this is so important to remind whoever wants to be reminded of the limitations on the use of force under Islamic law. Professor Munir follows a classic approach to Islamic law, always careful and cautious to remain within the mainstream of Sunni thought in the Hanafi tradition. His book is an important addition to the literature on the subject and it will hopefully contribute to a better understanding of Islamic law, at least to English reading audiences" said Professor Emeritus M. Cherif Bassiouni, DePaul University.

"What distinguishes this work from all the others is its all-embracing approach and depth of its analysis. The author's profound knowledge of the Islamic law and his command in the Arabic, Urdu and English languages, combined with his conspicuous capability of penetrating into the difficult Islamic legal texts that have resulted in a scholarly text of high international standard." Professor Said Mahmoudi, Stockholm Universitet, remarked.

IIUI DISCUSSES MODERATION AND RAMDAN



International Islamic University Islamabad leadership has called upon the universities of Muslim world to play due role in dissemination of peace and moderation. This was the crux of speeches by IIUI Rector & President in an Iftar Dinner titled "Moderation and Ramadan" organized by Iqbal International Institute for Research and Dialogue (IRD) at Faisal Masjid Campus. It was attended by renowned journalists including Saleem Safi, Khurshid Nadeem, Tahir Khan, Mazhar Barlas, Aizaz Sayyed, while a large number of Aima o Khutba of twin cities were also present on the occasion. IIUI VPs, Deans, DGs and Directors also attended the ceremony.

IIUI Rector, Dr. Masoom Yasinzai said on the occasion

that the Muslim world universities must take the responsibility of nurturing youth and prepare them as ambassadors of peace. He discussed importance of dialogue. He also thanked all the guests for joining the ceremony. IIUI President Dr. Ahmed Yousif Al-Draiweesh said that university would keep disseminating Islam's message of peace. He added that brotherhood, pace and harmony are the base of Islamic Civilization and Islam spreads message of peace and harmony for the entire world and it's our responsibility to disseminate this message across the globe. Earlier, Dr. Husn ul Amin welcomed the guests apprised them about the program objectives.

A wide-angle photograph of a formal meeting between officials from Pakistan and Saudi Arabia. They are seated around a long conference table with microphones and flags of both countries.

IIUI Rector, Dr. Masoom Yasinzi apprised the delegation about the vision of university and told that IIUI is providing

The delegation members included Muhammad bin Ahmad, Ibrahim bin Saleh, Abdul Aziz bin Abdullah and Mr. Fahad bin Ali. Vice President AF&P Dr. Muhammad Munir, Vice President Academics Muhammad Bashir Khan and Vice President HS&R Dr. Aqdas Naveed Malik also attended the meeting.

The inauguration ceremony was also joined by the UAE officials including DG of UAE Abar Charity Foundation Mr. Hazim Al-Juboory, Deputy Director, Mr. Qudama Al-Juboory, IIUI Vice Presidents Dr. Aqdas Naveed Malik, Dr. Muhmmad Bashir Khan, Deans and other relevant officials.

MAULANA TARIQ JAMEEL DELIVERS SERMON AT IIUI



Renowned scholar and preacher Maulana Tariq Jameel delivered Friday sermon and led Jumma prayer at new campus of the International Islamic University, Islamabad (IIUI) which was attended by IIUI Rector, Dr. Masoom Yasinzaï, Vice Presidents of university, Deans, Directors, a large number of students and famous figures of society.

Educational Institutions are the places which make the future of nations by nurturing young minds said Maulana Tariq Jameel. He maintained that nations who had deteriorated state of youth were destroyed.

He focused on dissemination of peace and practice of patience in the practical life. Maulana Tariq Jameel urged the youth to obey parents and called upon parents to not forcefully implement their views on children.

Earlier, IIUI Rector Dr. Masoom Yasinzaï received Maulana Tariq Jameel at his Office and briefed him the services of the University its recent activities and future plans.

Later, luncheon was hosted by University in honour of Maulana Tariq Jameel which was also attended by Senator Talha Mehmood, former Chief Justice Iftikhar Chaudhry and IIUI leadership.



IIUI, THAI DELEGATES DISCUSS BILATERAL COOPERATION, VOW JOINT VENTURES



International Islamic University, Islamabad (IIUI) and a high level Thai delegation have discussed bilateral cooperation in the field of education and vowed to initiate experiences in the curriculum, increase education of Thai students at IIUI and initiate talks for trans-nation degree programs.

A high ranking 12 member delegation headed by Chettaphan Maksaphan, Director of the office of Thai Policy and Planning from Ministry of foreign affairs visited new campus of International Islamic University, Islamabad (IIUI). The delegation also included educators, diplomatic personnel, officials of the Thai Prime Minister Office, and representatives from Thai steering committees. It met With IIUI Rector, Dr. Masoom Yasinzaï, Acting President IIUI, Dr. Muhammad Bashir

Khan, Vice Presidents, Directors General, Directors, Faculty members and Thai students at Council Hall.

"We are happy to see that as many as 161 Thai students are being provided best milieu of education at IIUI as they have balanced personalities embedded with the characteristic of peace" said Chettaphan Maksaphan. He said that the delegation was visiting Pakistan to know about the fields in which bilateral cooperation can be extended and to find out and solve problems of Thai students. He also showed desire of signing MoUs with IIUI and Pakistan varsities and added that they will also focus on initiating projects of mutual exchange of experiences.

IIUI Rector, Dr. Masoom Yasinzaï apprised about the vision of varsity and told that IIUI will remain committed to disseminate true message of Islam which is peace and harmony. He said Islam is the religion of peace and it discourages terrorism, violence and negative thoughts. He told that as many as 82 Thai students were enrolled in Usuluddin disciplines at IIUI which was omen of interest of Thai Muslims in university.

Earlier, Dr. Tahir Khalily, Vice President (Academics) delivered a detailed presentation in which the delegates were briefed about the varsity faculties, disciplines, facilities, current activities and future plan.



IIUI, SECP SIGN MoU OF MUTUAL COOPERATION

International Islamic University Islamabad (IIUI) has signed an MoU of cooperation with Securities and Exchange Commission of Pakistan (SECP). The signing ceremony took place at Faisal Masjid campus of the university wherein SECP Commissioner, Shauzab Ali, and IIUI President Prof. Dr. Ahmed Yousif Al Draiwesh, signed the MoU.

Speaking on the occasion, The SECP commissioner appreciated the enthusiasm and efforts made by International Islamic University for enhancing cooperation with financial sector regulator to bring academia and industry together for the greater good of society. He said that the future of financial industry in Pakistan belongs to capital markets and particularly its broad product base will be ideal for further development and promotion of Islamic financial industry in Pakistan. He told that the MoU is part of the SECP's ongoing financial literacy and investor awareness campaign called 'Jampunji'.

Therefore, collective efforts of regulators, industry players and academics are required to realize the potential of capital markets. Dr. Al Draiwesh also appreciated the SECP's efforts and Jamapunji team and stressed that opportunity created through the MOU shall be converted into reality by a concentrated effort and that educational activities, including seminars, workshops, conferences be started forthwith. He also highlighted the university's efforts for the development of society and Muslim Ummah.

SECP Executive Director for Investor Education and International Relations, Khalida Habib, thanked the participants. She highlighted that Jamapunji team had already been conducting regular awareness sessions for university students across Pakistan. The International Institute of Islamic Economics Director General, Dr. Atiq-uz-Zafar also thanked the SECP for bridging the academia-industry gap and spreading financial literacy through its Jamapunji program.

FEMALE STUDENTS COMMEMORATE LABOUR DAY



Female Students at female campus along with Resident house tutors and the wardens at C block of hostels commemorated the 'Labour Day' by working on the behalf of labor staff and also cooked food for them to mark the day. On the occasion cakes and gifts were distributed among mess staff, sweepers and others. Students made speeches for the prerogatives of the laborers and called upon the society to protect their fundamental rights. They maintained that university had taught them to work for equality and peaceful co-existence and activity was its practical example. Team which commemorated the day included Aisha Fraz (ARHT C Block), Rabia Mumtaz (Warden C Block), Aqsa Zaniib , Zoya , Saira Kareem, Hafsa Nawaz, Aqsa Arif, Safina Nimra.

IIUI JOINS HANDS WITH CRM, NACG ON CHILD RIGHTS

International Islamic University, Islamabad (IIUI) along with Child Rights Movement (CRM) and National Action and Coordination Group (NACG) will work together on research topics of child rights, review curriculum in this regard and creating awareness on child and women rights. A memorandum of understanding in this regard was signed here at the new campus of IIUI by the representatives of the three sides. Dr. Ahmed Yousif Al-Draiweesh, IIUI President who signed the document on behalf of university, reiterated his resolve that IIUI will keep working to address the societal challenges. He emphasized that rights of children and women must be prioritized in the research. IIUI President also vowed that university will continue arranging seminars, discussions and workshops on rights of children and women.

As per the memorandum of understanding, three sides agreed to devise a collective strategy in terms of creating awareness on child rights through educational institutions and media. It was also agreed that special sessions to address the issues of child rights will be organized and philanthropist personalities and charity organizations will be approached to cooperate in awareness movement on child rights. They opined

that capacity building session will be organized for exposure in local, regional and international learning in the area of child rights. They vowed in the MoU that opportunities will be sought and created for students and organizations for mutual learning related to inclusive child rights issues and concepts. The ceremony was also attended by Vice Presidents Dr. Muhammad Munir, Dr. Muhammad Tahir Khalily, Dr. Hazir Ullah, Deputy Dean Faculty of social sciences, Dr. Nabi Bux Jumani, Director, Distance Education Directorate Dr. Abdul Hameed, Director, ORIC and other relevant officials.



IIUI 8 OFFICIALS TO PERFORM UMRAH



International Islamic University, Islamabad (IIUI) will send 8 of its Officials for performing Umrah. A lucky draw for choosing Umrah performers presided by President of International Islamic University Islamabad, Prof. Dr. Ahmed Yousif Al-Draiweesh, was organized by IIUI Welfare Fund Committee in which 4 employees from University Staff Welfare Association (USWA), 2 from Officers Welfare Association (OWA), while, 2 Faculty members

from Academics Staff Association (ASA) IIUI were decided from lucky draw.

Speaking on the occasion Prof. Dr. Ahmed Yousif Al-Draiweesh, President, IIUI congratulated the lucky Officials chosen in the draw and said that every Muslim wishes to perform the Umrah and Hajj in his or her life and join the sacred environment of Baitullah and Masjid-Al-Nabvi.



CONFERENCE PARTICIPANTS CALL FOR PRIORITIZING EDUCATION

Participants of a two day international conference on innovation in teaching and learning have recommended for prioritizing education and updating curriculum as per advancements of the hour. They also called for a meaningful linkage between academia and policy makers. Conference was organized by the department of education of the university in which educational experts and educationists discussed innovation in curriculum and instruction, innovation in higher education, innovation in educational research and educational interventions in more than 170 research papers. On the second day, experts discussed innovation in educational pedagogies, internationalization of education and technology innovations and its impact on education. "Human development is basic need of every society because it guarantees health and educational prerogatives of an individual" said Ali Nawaz Awan, Member National Assembly in the concluding ceremony. He stressed that education must be prioritized and told that government was keen to work with academia to come with better solutions to the problems.

Member National Assembly Nafeesa Khattak called for a well updated, advanced and innovative curriculum. She also hailed IIUI for its services and discussed opportunities for youth to excel in the field of education. Ch. Muhammad Munir, former Joint Secretary

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education stressed upon spending more and more on education. He said that the sector was being neglected and suggested that special training courses for teachers be launched. He also urged for a meaningful linkage between policy makers and academia.

Dr. Samina Malik, Dean Faculty of Social Sciences elaborated objectives of the conference and said that it was aimed at addressing opportunities, challenges and directions afforded by the technological innovation in the field of education. "We will have to let our youth

think "out of the box" because it is a salient attribute of innovation and progress. She furthered that use of technology does not make things innovative, while it was necessary

that innovative approaches be adopted

Dr. Nabi Bux Jumani, Director Distance Learning, the patron of the conference and director distance learning paid vote of thanks to all the participants. Earlier, Heads of education departments at both male and female campuses Dr. Shamsa Aziz and Dr. Muhammad Munir Kiyani elaborated objectives of the conference and apprised about the services and achievements of the departments. The ceremony was also attended by Vice Presidents, senior faculty member of the department and a large numbers of the students."



ARABIC LANGUAGE LAB INAUGURATED AT FEMALE CAMPUS



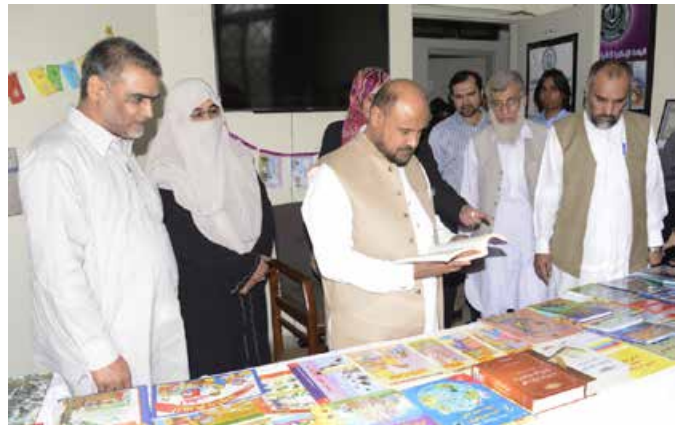
Arabic Language Lab was inaugurated at Faculty of Arabic (Female Campus) by President, International Islamic University, Islamabad (IIUI) Dr. Ahmad Yousif Al-Draiweesh.

The Arabic Language Lab has been equipped and furnished under the Higher Education Commission (HEC)'s project namely "Provision of grants to repair & maintenance /up gradation of scientific equipment granted to Dr. Ghazala Shaheen, Faculty of Arabic.

Inaugural ceremony was addressed by President IIUI,

Dr. Ahmad Yousif Al-Draiweesh who congratulated the faculty on this achievement .

Dean, Faculty of Arabic, Dr. Muhammad Bashir extended the closing remarks & vote of thanks to all those who contributed to make this project a success. Dr. Aliya Akram, Chairperson of the Arabic Faculty (Female Campus) also shared her views on this project, and apprised about the objectives and vision of the Faculty in her speech. She also briefed about the achievements of the Arabic Faculty.



IIUI MARKS WORLD TEACHERS' DAY



International Islamic University Islamabad (IIUI) marked the World Teachers' Day and conducted a walk at its new campus. IIUI President, Prof Dr. Ahmed Yousif Al-Draiweesh led the walk which was organized by education department in the supervision of Dean Faculty of Social Sciences Dr. Samina Malik.

A large number participation of Chairpersons, Head of Departments, faculty members and students was observed to mark the day. The participants of the walk were carrying banners and placards which highlighted the status of teacher as a nation-builder.

"The day highlights the the importance of teachers in the society". They are the real society builders, aid

Dr. Ahmed Yousif Al-Draiweesh. IIUI President, in his address congratulated the students and faculty members for holding successful event to celebrate the day. He urged that teachers' services should be highly acknowledged by all the corners of the society and students must cooperate with teachers to build a strong and prosperous nation. He was of the view that teachers play vital role in imparting quality education and they are the source of guarantee to a bright future.



IIUI WELCOMES NEW STUDENTS

Speaking at the welcome party arranged for the new students at the new campus of the University Prof. Dr. Ahmed Yousif Al-Draiweesh, President International Islamic University Islamabad (IIUI) said that youth was a ray of hope for the Muslim World, he welcomed the students and congratulated them on achieving this milestone in their academic career. Dr. Draiwesh, ensured the new students about provision of all available resources as well as provision of best learning atmosphere at the campus. He added that Pakistan has great significance to the world because of its geographical, regional, cultural and religious strengths; it is the responsibility of students to head the country towards the path of success, said President IIUI. This university is an exemplary seat of learning which has



credit to produce great names of the World and it is focusing with full enthusiasm to nurture the bright young minds of Muslim Ummah in the light of Islamic teachings while, producing balanced and harmonious personalities who acquire quality education at IIUI.

IIUI HOSTS FACULTY MUSTER OF POLITICS & IR DEPARTMENTS OF TWIN CITIES

A high profile quarterly meeting of senior professors, Deans and HODs of Political Science and its different branches, working in various universities of Islamabad/Rawalpindi was hosted by the Department of Politics and International Relations (P&IR) of the International Islamic University, Islamabad (IIUI) at new campus. The meeting was presided by Dr. Ahmed Yousif Al-Draiweesh President of International Islamic University, while the concluding of the meeting was also joined by Dr. Masoom Yasinzaï, Rector International Islamic University. The meeting discussed ways and means to enhance cooperation and coordination among sister departments and universities. It was agreed that initiatives for the exchange of experiences will be taken in future through a networking among all the Politics and IR departments. Prof Dr. Pervaiz Iqbal Cheema, Prof Dr. Ishtiaq Choudhry, Prof Dr. Riffat Hussain, Prof Dr. Nazir Hussain, Prof Dr.



Tugral Yameen, Prof Dr. Azhar Ahmed, Prof Dr. Shaheen Akhtar, Prof Dr. Adnan Sarwar, Prof Dr. Noman Sattar, Dr. Inayat Kaleem and Dr. Mujadid attended the meeting.

MUSHTAQ YOUSUFI, UMER MAIMAN REMEMBERED



Speakers belonging to the field of literature highlighted important facets of the life and work of writer Mushtaq Ahmed Yousufi, who died on June 20, at a condolence reference held here at Department of Urdu, female campus of the International Islamic University (IIU). The reference also commemorated Muhammad Umer

Maiman for his services in translation in the reference. The reference was Presided over by famous literary figure and head of Muqtadra Qaumi Zaban, Iftikhar Arif, while famous literary figure Muhammad Hameed Shahid and Haris Khaleeq were the chief guests. The reference was organized and coordinated by Dr. Sadia Tahir, Assistant Professor of the Urdu Department. Dr. Najeeba Arif, Head of the department discussed important aspects of the lives of late Yousufi and Umer Maiman. "Such programs are pre-requisites to introduce our youth to literature and its prominent names" said Dr. Najeeba in her speech. Both the literary personalities were also discussed by Zrar Haider Babri, Dr. Aziz Ibn ul Hassan, Dr. Saira Batool and Hina Ameen.

IIUI LEADERSHIP, BRITISH MPs DISCUSS INTERFAITH HARMONY & CO-EXISTENCE



A discussion for promotion of interfaith harmony and co-existence in the light of Paigham- e- Pakistan between International Islamic University, Islamabad (IIUI) high ups and delegation comprising of British Members of Parliament and National Commission for Human Rights (NCHR) was held at new campus of the university. The participants agreed that Paigham- e- Pakistan narrative was a true omen of tolerance, justice, equality and protection of rights. They opined that peaceful co-existence was imperative to be promoted and Islam's true message of peace be promoted across the world.

The discussion session was attended by Lord David Alton, Member House of Lords, UK, Jim Shanon, Member House of Commons, UK, Marie Rimmer, Member House of Commons, UK, Professor Javid Rehman, Brunel University, London and UN special Rapporteur, Councilor Morris Johns, APPG for Pakistan Minorities, Amro Hussain, APPG for religious Freedom of Belief, Justice Retd Ali Nawaz Chohan, Chairman NCHR, Fazila Alliani, Member Baluchistan NCHR, Dr. Masoom Yasinzaï, Rector IIUI, Dr. Ahmed Yousif Al-Draiweesh, President IIUI, Vice Presidents of the university, Directors General, Deans and senior faculty members.

Lord David said that World must combat the giant of ignorance and attitudes such as prejudice be discouraged across the globe. He hailed university for the initiative of Paigham e Pakistan narrative and

appreciated suggestions made through this narrative such as inclusion of the subjects of interfaith harmony and tolerance in curriculum.

Jim shanon told about the representation of Muslims and Pakistanis in the British Parliament and administration. He also highlighted the aspects relevant to the topic such as opportunities to further promote inter-faith harmony, mutual respect and tolerance.

Marie Rimmer said that social media can be utilized as constructive tool in the societies and this can further be used for dissemination of mutual cooperation in peace and tranquility. Justice (R) Ali Nawaz Chohan maintained that Islam was misunderstood and Muslims would have to devise a well prepared strategy to let the world know about its actual message. He reminisced his student life at IIUI and said he was happy that his alma mater was playing key role in promotion of peace and Islam's true message of peaceful co-existence.

Dr. Ahmed Yousif Al-Draiweesh said that Islam has nothing to do with rigidity, violence, extremism and hatred as it was religion of love for humanity. He added that universities of Muslim world and west could play a vital role in promotion of peace through mutual cooperation. He reiterated his resolve that IIUI would keep disseminating Islam's message of peace and its true image of dialogue and peaceful co-existence.



Participants of a seminar at International Islamic University, Islamabad (IIUI) have opined that interaction for the sake of peace was vital. They agreed that religious bias and racism should be discouraged for promoting tranquility across the world. They exchanged these views in a seminar on “Efforts of Kazakhstan and Pakistan for promotion of global peace through Congress of leaders of world and traditional religions” organized by the Islamic Research Institute (IRI) of IIUI at Faisal Masjid campus. Kazakhstan Ambassador, Barlybay Sadykov called for tolerance and partnership to fight against the leading challenges such as terrorism and proliferation of weapons of mass destruction. “World is in dire need of forums that facilitate genuine dialogue on global peace” he said. He furthered “we should step up efforts to overcome hatred, prejudice, stereotypes and bias”. The Ambassador told

that world leaders and religious scholars were going to discuss the topic “Religious leaders for the safe world” in a special session in Astana on October 11 and 12. He also highlighted the importance and efforts of congress of leaders through its secretariat. IIUI President, Dr. Ahmed Yousif Al-Draiweesh called upon religious scholars of the Muslim world to devise a comprehensive policy to disseminate Islam’s message of peace. He stressed that role of the Muslim world universities was vital in promotion of global peace. He hoped that session of the religious leaders in Astana in coming month will be a constructive muster. He maintained that IIUI was playing its due role in global peace and it had recently prepared a narrative against terrorism and violence namely “Paigham e Pakistan”.

IIUI’S PUBLIC RELATIONS DEPARTMENT INKS MOU WITH PAKISTAN BIL ARABIA

Protocol and Public Relations (P&PR) Directorate of International Islamic University Islamabad (IIUI) has signed an MoU of cooperation with Pakistan Bil Arabia.

The MoU will focus on sharing experiences and cooperation in the field of media and communication and academic spheres.

According to MoU both sides will work together to organize seminars and conferences on Arabic literature, Pakistani society and culture. It was also agreed that IIUI through Pakistan Bil Arabia will coordinate with Muslim world and will work for creating a network for dissemination of Islam’s message of peace across the world.

The ceremony of signatures was held at the Office of IIUI President, Dr. Ahmed Yousif Al-Draiweesh, in presence of Mr. Nasir Farid, Incharge P&PR and Mr. Rasikh from Pakistan Bil Arabia.



IIUI COMMEMORATES KSA NATIONAL DAY



Islamic Research Institute (IRI) of International Islamic University Islamabad (IIUI) organized a celebration ceremony to mark 88th Saudi National Day of Kingdom of Saudi Arabia (KSA) at Faisal Masjid Campus.

The ceremony was attended by KSA Ambassador, Nawaf Saeed Al- Malki as Chief Guest who said that joys and grieves of Pakistan and KSA are shared. He added that strong bilateral ties between both nations will further get strengthened through CPEC. He thanked IIUI for arranging the ceremony and said that soon the university will have positive news from Saudi Arabia. KSA Envoy maintained that leaderships of both countries agreed on bilateral minister level talks for cooperation and soon KSA delegation will meet the relevant officials of government. The Ambassador was warmly received by the children of IIUI schools who sung national anthem of both nations.

“Joys and grieves of Pakistan and KSA are shared, strong bilateral ties between both nations will further get strengthened through CPEC.”

-Nawaf Saeed Al- Malki

Maulana Tahir Ashrafi, Chairman Pakistan Ulema Council said that no force can separate Pakistan and Saudi Arabia. He added that both nations share a bond of love, brotherhood and Islamic values. Maulana Ashrafi furthered that IIUI and Faisal Masjid were visible omen of Pak Saudi strong ties. IIUI Rector Dr. Masoom Yasinzaï, while congratulating KSA on national Day said that the university has commemorated this day with love and happiness. He hailed the efforts of KSA Ambassador while terming him as a bridge for further enhancing the cooperation between both countries and added that the Ambassador had won the hearts

of Pakistani people. He thanked KSA government for continuous support to IIUI and hoped that relationship will grow stronger with the passage of time.



IIUI, INDONESIA AIRLANGGA VARSITY AGREE TO BOOST MUTUAL COOPERATION

International Islamic University Islamabad (IIUI) and Airlangga University of Indonesia have agreed to work on exchange of delegations, bilateral cooperation in research and joint projects for academic excellence.

A 9 member delegation from Airlangga University of Indonesia visited IIUI and met with IIUI Rector Dr. Masoom Yasinzaï, President IIUI, Dr. Ahmed Yousif Al-Draiweesh, Vice Presidents, Deans, DGs, Head of Departments and faculty members.

The meeting also discussed semester exchange programs and a draft was signed by both universities for bilateral cooperation which will be sent to relevant government quarters for consent. The delegation also



had an information session with the academic staff and students of university for the degree and non-degree programs in the Airlangga University.

IIUI CONFERENCE: SPEAKERS CALL FOR EXPLOITING INDIGENOUS, RENEWABLE ENERGY RESOURCES

Energy experts at the 4th international conference on power generation systems and renewable energy technologies underlined the need for exploiting indigenous and renewable energy (RE) resources and stop relying solely on fossil fuels.

The three day conference was organized by the Department of Mechanical Engineering (DME) of International Islamic University, Islamabad (IIUI)

Former Chairman, Pakistan Atomic Energy Commission (PAEC) Dr Ansar Parvez said that energy needs should be met in a way that recourses of the future generations should not be compromised. He discussed accidents across the world happened in the nuclear plants and also elaborated misconceptions about risk factors, while he also elaborated usage and impact of using hydro wind and solar power energy resources. He maintained that all resources should be used with a balance and



at Faisal Masjid campus. Experts, Researchers and academicians discussed topics such as ocean energy and hydro power generation, fossil fuels power generation system and technologies and renewable energy systems.

Speaking on the occasion, Member National Assembly Sadqat Ali Abbasi said that the incumbent government was keen to have a linkage between academia and the relevant ministries. He maintained that research will be the top priority and projects relevant to the needs of society will be encouraged. He also reminisced his student life at IIUI and paid rich tributes to the mother intuition. He assured of every possible support to all the disciplines of the university.

pressure must not be shifted on a single resource at a stretch. He urged that renewable energy technologies and resources were the need of hour.

"We will have to find indigenous solutions to the indigenous problems" said Dr. Masoom Yasinzaï, IIUI Rector. He said Pakistan was facing an acute shortage of energy and relevant institutions must mull over utilizing 800 Kilometer coastal belt, nuclear power resources, ample sun shine across the year. He maintained that focus on fossil fuels and ignoring renewable energy resources was not a prudent strategy.

President, IIUI Dr. Ahmed Yousif Al-Draiweesh said that Muslim world must focus on usage of contemporary technologies and utilize the resources of Muslim countries for the betterment of Muslims across the world.

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON CPEC & GLOBAL MEDIA HELD AT IIUI



A three day international conference on “BRI, CPEC and the Global Media: Rhetoric and reality” was held at Faisal Masjid campus of the international Islamic University Islamabad (IIUI) which discussed Islamophobia, China and Muslim world relations, fruits of China Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) and preparation for the corridor in future. The conference by IIUI was jointly organized with Zhenghe international peace Foundation, Higher Education Commission and Planning Commission of Pakistan. CPEC is not confined to economic uplift and prosperity only but it also includes environmental aspects and it will further deepen the bilateral cultural cooperation and bond on both sides, said Dr. Haiyun MA, CEO of the international peace Foundation during his speech in the ceremony. Dr. Masoom Yasinzai, IIUI Rector termed CPEC as a “win-win venture” for both nations. He said that it will produce best human resource and believed that youth was the guarantee of success of this project. Talking about the Islamophobia he said Islam

was misunderstood in most of the regions of the world and emphasized on media to portray its true image. “Islam calls for humanity and peace and discourages violence” he continued. Dr. Ahmed Yousif Al-Draiweesh said in his speech that BRI and CPEC would help connect the east and the west through mutual economic cooperation. He added that unlike many other development and technological initiatives in the world, BRI and CPEC are two-way in nature – from south (developing world) to north (developed world). Chairman Media and Communication Studies, Prof. Dr. Zafar Iqbal said that media is having a pivotal role in both positive social attributes and steering the anti-social activities including extremism. “Media must be activated to overcome the problem of terrorism” he suggested. He furthered that cultural and ideological differences are not important in the prevailing global situation but it is all about utilizing the sources and resources.

PROF. DR. SULAIMAN ABDULLAH ABA AL KHAIL, PRO CHANCELLOR, IIUI WELCOMES RECTOR AND PRESIDENT IN KSA

His Excellency, Prof. Dr. Suliman Abdullah Aba Al-Khail, Rector, Al-Imam Muhammad Ibn Saud Islamic University (IMAMU) Riyadh, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and Pro Chancellor of International Islamic University Islamabad (IIUI) welcomed Prof. Dr. Muhammad Masoom Yasinzai, Rector and Prof. Dr. Ahmed Yousif Al Draiwesh, President, IIUI in Saudi Arabia. In a meeting, Dr. Suliman felicitated Dr. Draiwesh on his appointment as President of the University for the next four years. He also praised Dr. Al Draiwesh for his outstanding services in the advancement of the University, its prosperity and acceleration for becoming the World's leading University. He also thanked, President of Islamic Republic of Pakistan and Chancellor of the University and all members of the Board of Trustees for the precious trust which Dr. Ahmed Yousif Al Draiwesh has received.

Dr. Ahmed Yousif Al Draiwesh, President, IIUI shared during the meeting that IIUI is proud of having

such prudent leadership of Dr. Suliman who has a vision to nurture Muslim youth as per contemporary requirements. He realized that strengthening Pak-Saudi vision of education and explore new ways of bilateral cooperation between both universities is the continuous efforts of Dr. Suliman. Rector and President IIUI also hailed (IMAMU) for continuous support of the IIUI. He also thanked Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques for his maximum support and assistance to IIUI.





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