

Press Release

IBA Karachi and ConnectHear host a career fair for differently abled students fostering accessibility and inclusivity

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THE Office of Diversity, Accessibility, and Inclusion (ODAI) under the umbrella of the Office of Student Affairs (OSA) at the Institute of Business Administration (IBA) Karachi and ConnectHear, a social enterprise led by aspiring youth working for sign language accessibility and deaf-inclusion in Pakistan, jointly hosted a career fair at the IBA Main Campus as per a press release.

The career fair focused on supporting Persons with Disabilities (PWDs) and promoted inclusivity and accessibility on campus, with 33 organisations and 700 PWDs being provided a platform to connect with potential employers and explore career opportunities in a supportive environment.

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Karachi May 08, 2024: The Office of Diversity, Accessibility, and Inclusion (ODAI) under the umbrella of the Office of Student Affairs (OSA), at the Institute of Business Administration (IBA) Karachi and ConnectHear jointly hosted a one-of-its-kind 'ACCESS.ABILITY.CAREERS 2024' at the IBA Main Campus. The career fair focused on supporting Persons with Disabilities (PWDs) or special needs and promoted inclusivity and accessibility on campus.

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In a groundbreaking initiative to foster inclusivity and accessibility in the professional realm, the Institute of Business Administration (IBA) Karachi, in collaboration with ConnectHear, orchestrated a pioneering career fair titled

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KARACHI: The Office of Diversity, Accessibility, and Inclusion (ODAI) under the umbrella of the Office of Student Affairs (OSA), at the Institute of Business Administration (IBA) Karachi and ConnectHear jointly hosted a one-of-its-kind career fair focused on supporting Persons with Disabilities or special needs and promoted inclusivity and accessibility on campus. ConnectHear is a social enterprise led by aspiring youth working for sign language accessibility and deaf-inclusion in Pakistan. IBA-ODAI aims to support and facilitate students with ongoing or temporary disabilities and special needs by providing services for learning and inclusion to enable academic and personal success. IBA-ODAI collaborated with ConnectHear as a community partner to host this event and is proud to have opened its doors for other university students to attend and benefit from. Thirty-three organizations and seven hundred PWDs were invited to participate and were provided a platform to connect with potential employers and explore career opportunities in a supportive environment. Several distinguished guests spoke about diversity and differently abled individuals, raised awareness about accessibility challenges faced in Pakistan, and emphasized on creating a more inclusive environment within the ecosystem. Welcoming the audience, Co-Founder & CEO, ConnectHear, Azima Dhanjee; and Co-Founder & CTO, Arhum Ishtiaq; expressed their gratitude on the fruition of the successful fair. Mr. Ishtiaq shared that seven years ago, they embarked on a mission to make spaces accessible for everyone, regardless of their abilities. He opined that success for his team meant an abundance of inclusive hiring and onboarding because of this fair. He urged the audience to continue breaking down barriers and strive for a more inclusive future for everyone. Former First Lady of Pakistan and Chief Guest, Samina Alvi, shared her thoughts on the work of

ConnectHear and Charter as an important social challenge in Pakistan. She commended it as a very good effort to improve empowerment and rightful inclusion of PWDs. She also shared that the biggest policy change brought and implemented is 5% quota in private and public sectors for disabled persons.

Country Head of Human Resources, Standard Chartered Bank Pakistan, Muhammad Umar, presented the keynote, emphasizing that we must change our perspective on what we can and cannot do. "Today we are here to celebrate our abilities, not disabilities. To create an inclusive society, we need to ensure equal opportunities for everyone as every individual brings different skills and talents to the table. Organizations can and must play their role in building an infrastructure that ensures inclusivity for PWDs", said Mr. Umar.

Dean Student Affairs IBA, Maheen Ghauri stated that the IBA has always facilitated students and staff who are differently abled. When ConnectHear approached IBA for this initiative, the Institute supported the idea wholeheartedly. She emphasized that every individual is diverse, and each has their own distinct abilities. She added that it takes a village to create awareness and provide more opportunities. Today it is 400 people and tomorrow it could translate into millions.

The event also featured a panel discussion on 'Jobs for People with Disabilities in Pakistan: What's Happening Now'. Participants met with companies to discuss potential job opportunities and avenues for professional success. The event's success highlights the commitment of ConnectHear and IBA Karachi to promote accessibility and inclusivity in Pakistan.

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آءِ بي اي ڪراچي ۽ ڪنيڪٽ هيٽر جي سهڪار سان معزور شاگردن لاءِ تقريبن

تقريب ۾ معذورن جي خاص ضرورتن ۾ مدد ڪرڻ ۽ پهچ ڪي هٿي ڏيڻ تي زور ڏنو ويو اسان جو مشن ڪنهن جي قابليت کي پرڪڻ سان گڏ هر ڪنهن لاءِ پهچ جا موقعا پيدا ڪرڻ آهي: ارحم اشتياق

ڪراچي (پ ن ا) بي اي ڪراچي ۽ ڪنيڪٽ هيٽر جي سهڪار سان معذور شاگردن لاءِ تقريبن هروا هڪ ڪيو ويو انسٽيٽيوٽ آف بزنس ايڊمنسٽريشن (آءِ بي اي) ڪراچي ۽ آفيس آف اسٽوڊنٽس افيئرس (OSA) جي نگراني هيٺ (ODAI)، ڪنيڪٽ هيٽر جي گڏيل سهڪار سان هڪ تقريبن منعقد ڪئي وئي. آءِ بي اي جي مين ڪيمپس ۾ ڪوٺاييل تقريبن ۾ ڪيريئر فيئر معذورن جي خاص ضرورتن جي مدد ڪرڻ ۽ ڪيمپس ۾ شموليت ۽ پهچ کي هٿي ڏيڻ تي زور ڏنو ويو. ڪنيڪٽ هيٽر هڪ سماجي ادارو آهي، جنهن جي اڳواڻي نوجوان ڪري رهيا آهن. ادارو پاڪستان ۾ بوليون جي اهميت ۽ ٻوڙ ماڻهن کي پيش ايندڙ ڏکيائين تي ڪم ڪري رهيو آهي. اداري جو مقصد خاص ماڻهن جي تعليمي ۽ ذاتي ڪاميابي کي فعال ڪرڻ لاءِ سکيا ۽ شموليت لاءِ خدمتون فراهم ڪندي معذورن ۽ شاگردن کي خاص ضرورتن ۾ مدد ۽ سهولت فراهم ڪرڻ آهي. اداري ڪنيڪٽ هيٽر جي سهڪار سان ايونت جي ميزباني ڪري ٻين يونيورسٽين جي شاگردن جي قائدي حاصل ڪرڻ لاءِ دروازا کولي ڇڏيا آهن.

تقريب ۾ 33 تنظيمون ۽ ست سوسائٽي ادارن کي شرڪت جي دعوت ڏني وئي ۽ انهن کي هڪ پليٽ فارم فراهم ڪيو ويو. ان جيئن هڪ مددگار ماحول ۾ ڪيريئر جا موقعا ڳولي سگهجن. ڪيترن ئي معزز مهسائين مختلف ائوز تي ڳالهائيندي پاڪستان ۾ پيش ايندڙ چيلنجز تي شعوري ليجر ڏنا ۽ ماحولياتي نظارن ۾ وڌيڪ بهتر ماحول پيدا ڪرڻ تي زور ڏنو ويو. ڪنيڪٽ هيٽر جي سي اي او ۽ پائي عظيم ڏانڊجي ۽ ڪوٺائي ارحم اشتياق مهسائين جو آڏو ڀاءُ ڪري آخر ۾ شرڪت ڪرڻ تي ٿورا مڃيا. ارحم اشتياق چيو ته ست سال اڳ هنن هڪ مشن شروع ڪيو ته جيئن هر ڪنهن جي قابليت کي پرڪڻ سان گڏ هر ڪنهن لاءِ پهچ جي جاءِ ٺاهي سگهجي. هن تقريبن ۾ شرڪت ڪندڙن کي معذورن ۽ شاگردن لاءِ وڌيڪ گڏيل ۽ بهتر مستقبل لاءِ زور ڏيڻ جي هدايت ڪئي. پاڪستان جي اڳوڻي خاتون اول ۽ مهسائين خاص شير عليو ڪنيڪٽ هيٽر ۽ چارٽر جي ڪم ڪري پاڪستان لاءِ هڪ اهم سماجي چيلينج قرار ڏيندي پنهنجا ويچار وٺندا آهن ماڻهن کي بااختيار بڻائڻ ۽ ادارن جي صحيح شموليت کي بهتر بڻائڻ جي

