

## New year, new beginnings

**January 1, 2021:** With the start of the new year, the IBA Karachi has entered a new era as the institute officially launched the three new schools namely, the School of Business Studies (SBS), the School of Economics and Social Sciences (SESS) and the School of Mathematics and Computer Science (SMCS).

Separate academic and advisory councils, namely The Strategic Academic Council for SBS, The SMCS Advisory Council and The SESS Academic Council, have been constituted to look after the overall strategic direction of each school. The Academic Council of the IBA has also been reconstituted, which includes the Deans of the new schools.

Committees have also been constituted under the ambit of each school. The AACSB Review and Execution Committee of the SBS will be responsible for overall conceptualization and implementation of the AACSB process whereas the Innovation & Corporate Research Committee will devise the venture development policies for the school. Similarly, the Performance Review Committee will evaluate the quality of research and collective activities of the SESS.

More details about each school can be read [here](#).



## In The News

### CEIF launches Country Report on NBF and Modaraba sector

**January 26, 2021:** In collaboration with the NBF and Modaraba Association, the CEIF prepared and launched the Country Report on NBF and Modaraba sector at a ceremony held at the city campus.

The Advisor to the PM on Institutional Reforms & Austerity, Dr. Ishrat Husain, was the chief guest of the event. Addressing the audience, Dr. Husain congratulated the authors for producing the report and shared several measures that can be taken by the NBF & Modaraba Sector for its development and growth.

Chairman, NBF and Modaraba Association, Mr. Basheer A. Chowdry, presented the report to the ED, Dr. S Akbar Zaidi. Appreciating the coordination between the two organizations, Dr. Zaidi expressed his hope of seeing a series of such reports in the future for awareness of the sector.



### KUL gets featured in global report as a key player in urban governance

**January 28, 2021:** The Karachi Urban Lab (KUL) was recently featured in the Comparative Review of Urban Observatories published by the Connected Cities Lab at the University of Melbourne, in collaboration with the University College London and the United Nations.

The KUL has been featured as a key player in the urban governance/data production landscape. The comparative review looks at how urban labs in the global north and south produce/leverage data on cities and how such labs bridge/navigate a complex terrain of data production.

Read the complete review here:

<https://sites.research.unimelb.edu.au/connected-cities/projects/urban-observatories>

### Oxfam and IBA partner to deal with harassment in HEI

**January 15, 2021:** A series of anti-harassment awareness sessions was inaugurated for the staff, faculty and students, in collaboration with Oxfam Pakistan. The first session was conducted for the staff members, which provided necessary information and awareness related to laws against harassment, workplace ethics, etiquettes and identification of various types of harassment. Gender Specialist at Oxfam Pakistan, Mr. Sartaj Abbasi, provided the participants with a detailed insight on the topic.



### Session held on urban development for informal settlements

**January 11, 2021:** The KUL organized a meeting with the representatives of various communities that are under threat of displacement across Karachi due to multiple infrastructure projects. The key objective of the meeting was to share KUL's latest research on land displacement and encourage discussions on anti-displacement/anti-eviction strategies, mapping and community assessment surveys. The meeting included residents of informal settlements located in various parts of the city.

### Establishment of National Centre for Food and Agro-trade Support

**January 1, 2021:** The IBA added another feather in its cap with the formation of the National Centre for Food and Agro-trade Support (NCFAS). Assistant Professor, Dr. Nasir A. Afghan, was appointed as the director of the new centre, whereas an Advisory Board was also formed under the ambit of NCFAS.

### Webinar held under Economics Research Seminar Series

**January 22, 2021:** As part of the Economics Research Seminar Series, the Department of Economics held a webinar with Dr. Sajjad Akhtar as the speaker, who presented his research on 'Home-based workers: profiles and short-term trends'. Dr. Akhtar has 20 years of varied research and teaching experience in the field of economics. This was the 14th session held by the Department of Economics under the Economics Research Seminar Series.

Plant a tree to reduce global warming 

## Marketing team participates in EdTour Spring 2021

**January 28, 2021:** The marketing team took part in the EdTour Spring 2021 – Virtual Edition, for the undergraduate session and delivered a presentation that encompassed different aspect of the undergraduate experience at the IBA. All 6 undergraduate programs were discussed at length during the session, where information was provided to the potential students from Pakistan and around the world about the aptitude test preparation, core courses, electives, financial assistance and future employability prospects.

## Giving back

### MBA Class of 1991 to fund studies of BBA student

**January 28, 2021:** The MBA Class of 1991 held a virtual roundtable discussion with the ED and pledged to support a BBA student at the IBA. During the meeting, as a tribute to their friends and faculty from their days at the IBA, the alumni shared a slideshow of photographs reminiscing their time at the institute.

### Scholarship fund setup by a family

**January 28, 2021:** Mr. Faizan Ghori, along with his siblings, joined hands with the IBA to setup a scholarship fund to support the education of deserving students. The ED thanked Mr. Ghori and his family for the generous gesture at the cheque presentation ceremony.

### Vicky Noon Educational Foundation pledge support for students

**January 19, 2021:** Lady Viqarun Nisa Noon and Feroze Khan Noon Trust for Education signed an agreement with the IBA to support its deserving students. The endowment scholarship, worth PKR 10 million and established in the name of Lady Viqarun Nisa Noon, will create an everlasting impact in the lives of many deserving students. Ms. Malahat Awan, Director, Alumni and Corporate Relations, offered gratitude on behalf of the IBA to Ms. Syeda Abida Hussain, Chairperson, Lady Viqarun Nisa Noon Trust, for this generous gesture.



## Achievements

### Student, faculty and alumni achievements

The IBA takes great pride in the achievements of its students, faculty and alumni. Read on the links below about how the IBA community is excelling and contributing to the society:

**Students** <https://www.iba.edu.pk/students-achievements.php>

**Faculty** <https://www.iba.edu.pk/faculty-achievements.php>

**Alumni** <https://www.iba.edu.pk/alumni-achievements.php>

## CED: Inspiring entrepreneurs

### Teenagers learn about entrepreneurship at camp

**January 18-22, 2021:** An online Winter Entrepreneurship Camp for Teens 2021 was held, consisting of fun-filled activities and effectual learning. The camp brought together teenagers from across Pakistan and Saudi Arabia. The camp offered the participants the opportunity to explore their entrepreneurial ideas, develop an entrepreneurial mindset and learn core values.

### Program launched for development of startups in Balochistan

**January 9, 2021:** The CED launched Entrepreneurship Development Program for micro, small and medium enterprises, and startups in Balochistan. In this regard, Program Director, CED, Dr. Shahid Qureshi conducted a series of meetings with provincial government officials, including the Governor of Balochistan, to apprise them about this program. The CED also signed MoUs with the University of Baluchistan, Mir Chakar Rind University Sibi and University of Loralai, regarding the program.

### International Winter Entrepreneurship Camp concludes

**January, 2021:** Thirty participants successfully completed the 10-day virtual International Entrepreneurship Winter School (IEWs)-2020/21. The program was designed to help the participants understand entrepreneurship from a broader South Asian perspective. Renowned names from the academia shared their insights and experience with the participants as the guest speakers of the sessions.



### Strengthening entrepreneurial skills through trainings

**January 16-30, 2021:** The CED, in collaboration with the Oxfam Pakistan, launched a series of extensive trainings, which were conducted under their ongoing Startup Competitions Program. The training sessions were held in Karachi, Layyah and Islamabad, where different frameworks of entrepreneurship and case studies were discussed along with experiential exercises.

### Batch 10 of Entrepreneurship Development Program graduates

**January 8, 2021:** The graduation ceremony of the Batch 10 of the Entrepreneurship Development Program was held at the main campus. The ED was the chief guest of ceremony while Director, DFL Corporation (Pvt.) Ltd., Mr. M. Rabbani was the guest of honour.



## Donate books to IBA



## CEE: Developing key skills

### Working professionals learn about procurement management

**January 18 - 22, 2021:** A five-day certificate program on procurement management and public procurement framework and regulations in Sindh was held at the city campus. The program equipped procurement managers, officers and interested professionals with a solid understanding of 'Procurement Management under SPPRA Rules' through examples and case studies.



### Masterclass on improving presentation flairs

**January 14 - 15, 2021:** A two-day workshop was organized where the participants learned and enhanced their public speaking and presentation skills. The workshop was attended by participants from private and public organizations. The training was conducted by the visiting faculty member, Ms. Nadia Sayeed.



### Teaching 'Law to Non-lawyers'

**January 26 & 27, 2021:** The two-day workshop on 'Law for Non-lawyers' provided the participants with essential legal knowledge and skills required in every day social and business environment. The workshop was conducted by Mohammad Sohaib Saleem, an experienced corporate lawyer. The training was aimed at mid-level and senior managers from technical and semi-technical backgrounds, who are now involved in dealing with legal departments.



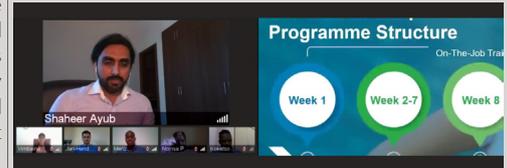
### Workshop held on wealth management

**January 27, 2021:** The CEE Family Managed Business Program organized a workshop on 'Wealth Management for Family Owned Businesses'. The workshop was conducted by Masood Aijazi, who has over 35 years of experience in finance, investment banking, and portfolio management. The participants learned to master the science and art of wealth management in family owned business.



## CDC roundup

### Recruitment activities continue virtually



**January, 2021:** The recruitment drive continued virtually in full swing throughout the month. The organizations which carried out online recruitment activities for the graduate apprentices include Astera Software, TPL Coffee Chats, 10 Pearls, Softech Worldwide, Standard Chartered, ArbiSoft, SkyElectric Pvt. Ltd. and Schneider Electric.



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## CEIF: Teaching Islamic Finance

### Learning about the Islamic fintech

**January 17, 2021:** CEIF, in collaboration with Alif Technologies, conducted a webinar on 'Introduction to Islamic Fintech' by Co-Founder/Managing Director, Alif Technologies, Dubai, Dr. Farrukh Habib and Co-Founder, Ethicsnet and RSQ Labs, Mr. Anish Mohammed. Director, CEIF, Mr. Ahmed Ali Siddiqui, moderated the session.



### CEIF to extend collaborative work under new MoU

**January 13, 2021:** An MoU was signed between CEIF and the Institute of Business Management & Administrative Sciences, the Islamia University of Bahawalpur (IUB). The agreement was signed by Director, CEIF and Vice Chancellor, IUB, Engr. Professor Dr. Ather Mahboob for collaboration in the various areas of interests, including student exchange programs for course work, joint curriculum development and collaborative research activities.

## CEJ: Nurturing journalists

**January 26, 2021:** The CEJ hosted senior editors, bureau chiefs and decision-makers for a roundtable discussion ahead of its 'Journalism Training Program'. News outlets representing all forms of media took part in the discussion, which involved incorporating their input in module development, as trainers prepared the agenda for training participants. This was a true reflection of industry-academia linkage and helped in making the training program, more inclusive and comprehensive.



**January 6, 2021:** The ED addressed the participants of the CEJ workshop on 'How to read annual reports and financial statements', where he highlighted the challenges faced by the media industry and ways to improve economic and business reporting. The workshop was part of the CEJ's Business and Economic Reporting training and saw the participation of over 20 journalists from across Pakistan.

