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A GROUNDBREAKING PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN IBA KARACHI, STANFORD LIFE DESIGN LAB, AND BANK ALFALAH TO BRING THE POWER OF DESIGN THINKING TO PAKISTAN

IBA Karachi and Bank Alfalah, partnered to introduce the Design Thinking Program in Pakistan. In collaboration with Stanford Life Design Lab, this innovative initiative aims to equip management professionals and senior executives with the powerful tools and mindset of Design Thinking. The collaboration was officially launched at a curtain-raiser event held at the flagship Bank Alfalah Islamic Branch in Sky Tower, attended by key stakeholders from both organizations.



Design thinking is a methodology focused on understanding user needs, generating creative solutions, and developing prototypes, which has proven to be a catalyst for innovation and problem-solving. Organizations that embrace this methodology often witness significant improvements in revenue, customer satisfaction, and employee engagement.

Recognizing the transformative potential of Design Thinking, Bank Alfalah is spearheading this initiative by becoming the first organization in Pakistan to implement the program within its senior management. By partnering with IBA Karachi and leveraging Stanford Life Design Lab's expertise, Bank Alfalah aims to foster a culture of innovation and enhance its ability to deliver exceptional customer experiences.



This partnership between Bank Alfalah, IBA, and Stanford Life Design Lab marks a significant milestone in Pakistan's journey towards a knowledge-based economy. This collaboration will contribute to the country's economic growth and development by fostering a culture of innovation and creativity.

AUGUST AT A GLANCE

STRENGTHENING GLOBAL TIES FOR ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION (ADR) EXCELLENCE



To advance global collaborations and promote ADR education, a delegation from IBA Karachi, led by Dr. S Akbar Zaidi, Executive Director, IBA Karachi, along with Mr. Kamran Bilgrami, Director, IBA-CEE and Mr. Bulent Sohail, Head of Program and Partnerships, ADR International Center (IBA-ADRIC) participated in the Singapore Convention Week and celebrated the Singapore International Mediation Centre's (SIMC) 10th Anniversary.

The delegation also held high-level meetings at SIMC, the National University of Singapore, the Asian International Arbitration Centre, the Asian Institute of Alternative Dispute Resolution, the Malaysian International Mediation Centre, and the High Commissions of Pakistan in Singapore and Kuala Lumpur.

The discussions focused on regional cooperation and innovative ADR practices, setting the stage for joint research, co-mediation, and specialized training courses through IBA-ADRIC at IBA's Center for Executive Education.

These initiatives will empower Pakistani professionals and further integrate ADR practices into the country's legal and business landscapes.



AUGUST AT A GLANCE

IBA WELCOMES NEW STUDENTS AT THE ORIENTATION GALA 2024

The Office of Student Affairs (OSA) organized the 'IBA Orientation Gala 2024 (O-Gala'24)' to welcome the new incoming batch of 2024. The three-day orientation event was attended by around 2,500 people, including new students, their parents, faculty, and staff.

Welcoming the new students, the Dean of Student Affairs IBA, Ms. Maheen Ghauri introduced OSA and its various domains, including the IBA Student Government, clubs and societies; International Resource Centre (IRC); Office of Diversity, Accessibility, and Inclusivity (DAI); Health & Wellness Centre; student employment and volunteering; as well as leadership coaching and peer programs. She expressed that the IBA is a happening place, both academically and in co-curricular activities, encouraging students to participate in these opportunities while maintaining focus on their studies.

Registrar IBA, Dr. Mohammad Asad Ilyas, introduced the three schools, and student support services units. He highlighted the expanding hostel facilities, especially for female students. He further emphasized the importance of key services such as the program office, hostels, and transport services for the students. Dr. Ilyas also underscored the importance of discipline and upholding the Institute's values.



Orientation sessions were conducted by SBS on Day 1, and SMCS and SESS on Day 2. The Deans of all three schools: Dr. Abdullah Z. Sheikh (SBS), Dr. Shakeel Khoja (SMCS), and Dr. Asma Hyder (SESS), along with their respective chairpersons, briefed the students about their academic programs and courses.

A meet and greet session was organized by the OSA on Day 3, where the Deans, Chairpersons, Program Directors, and faculty interacted with new students and their parents.

The O-Gala'24 concluded with a movie screening, leaving IBA students, staff, and faculty with an engaging and diverse experience as they look forward to their future at IBA.

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USAID HESSA VICE CHANCELLORS' MEETING

IBA Karachi was honored to host the Vice Chancellors' Meeting under USAID's Higher Education System Strengthening Activity!

Dr. S Akbar Zaidi, Executive Director, IBA, extended a warm welcome to the esteemed Vice Chancellors and the USAID-HESSA delegation at the Main Campus.



IBA-ADRIC HOSTS A SEMINAR ON 'PAKISTAN'S ADR RENAISSANCE'



IBA-ADRIC's seminar on 'Pakistan's ADR Renaissance' featured welcome addresses by Director IBA-CEE and SIMI Accredited Mediator, Mr. Kamran Bilgrami, and Head of Program & Partnerships, IBA-ADRIC and SIMI Trained Mediator, Mr. Bulent Sohail. The seminar was hosted by IBA-ADRIC, in collaboration with the Commercial Law Development Program (CLDP), U.S. Department of Commerce.

Secretary of Law and Justice Commission, Pakistan, Ms. Riffat Inam presented a special address where she emphasized the practices that Pakistan is adopting for the promotion of ADR in Pakistan. It was discussed that the Supreme Court has formed an active ADR task force the members of which are working diligently in promulgating a legal framework for mediation and ADR in Pakistan.

In his keynote address, Hon'ble Justice, Lahore High Court, Jawad Hassan highlighted that Pakistan is on the right track in adopting ADR practices.

Hon'ble Senior Puisne Justice, Supreme Court of Pakistan, Syed Mansoor Ali Shah commented on the ADR Renaissance theme and enlightened that various industries can be deduced under ADR for effective dispute resolution. He expressed that Pakistan should focus on keeping ADR as a desired dispute resolution mechanism.

Justice Attique Shah informed the audience about the significance of ADR and its effective impact on reducing the caseload of the judiciary. He also emphasized the legal provisions of the ADR Act and their significance.

Hon'ble Chief Justice, Sindh High Court, Muhammad Shafi Siddique stressed the importance of focusing on all forms of ADR, not just mediation, especially given Pakistan's significant case backlog.

The seminar concluded with closing remarks that reiterated the importance of ADR in Pakistan's legal landscape.

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SMCS HOSTS ACADEMICS FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF LISBON FOSTERING ACADEMIC EXCHANGE



SMCS had the privilege of hosting Professor Rui Marinheiro, Director of the Telecommunications and Computer Engineering Department at ISCTE, and Professor Olinda Coelho Monteiro from the Universidade de Lisboa. Their visit sparked insightful discussions with SMCS faculty, paving the way for groundbreaking collaborations in research, student exchanges, and curriculum enhancement.

A highlight of the visit was Professor Marinheiro's engaging session on the Internet of Things (IoT) with our BS(CS) students, which ignited vibrant discussions and innovative ideas. The visit also featured a highly productive focus group on IoT and climate change, attended by IBA faculty and PhD students, including Dr. Faisal Iradat, Waseem Arain, Asma Touqir, Muhammad Zain Uddin, and Adil Tanveer. This session explored collaborative opportunities between IBA and ISCTE, focusing on joint research grants, leveraging advanced facilities at ISCTE, and interdisciplinary research in areas such as SDN, Data Science, and Climate Change.

Discussions underscored the commitment of both institutions to address global challenges through innovative research in sustainability and green development. We are grateful to Dr. Shakeel Khoja, Dean of SMCS IBA, and Dr. Shahid Hussain, Chairperson, Department of Computer Science, for their invaluable support in facilitating this significant collaboration.

The visit concluded on an optimistic note, with several concrete plans for collaboration, paving the way for a strong partnership between IBA and ISCTE. Together, we look forward to a future of shared knowledge and mutual growth.



SBS, PIONEERING THE FUTURE OF SPORTS THROUGH ACADEMIA

The first seminar on 'Building a Sport Ecosystem: The Critical Role of Academia' brought industry leaders and sports enthusiasts together to explore innovative strategies for a sustainable sports future. Hosted by Dr. Abdullah Zafar Sheikh, Dean, SBS and Chairperson of the Marketing Department, Dr. Nida Aslam, the event highlighted the growing importance of sports marketing, with inspiring insights from keynote speaker Professor Joseph Cooper, Dr. J. Keith Motley Endowed Chair of Sport Leadership and Administration, at UMass Boston. The seminar featured two enlightening panel discussions on building a sports ecosystem, and how academia can play a vital role in it, featuring esteemed panellists.

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AREC HOSTS AOL WORKSHOP TO ENHANCE FACULTY UNDERSTANDING AND IMPROVE ASSESSMENT TOOLS

The AACSB Review and Execution Committee (AREC) hosted a dynamic faculty engagement session to strengthen our commitment to Assurance of Learning (AoL).

Led by Dr. Sana Tauseef, Chair of AREC, the workshop covered crucial updates on AoL for Fall 2024-Spring 2025 and guided the faculty in developing assessment tools and rubrics.

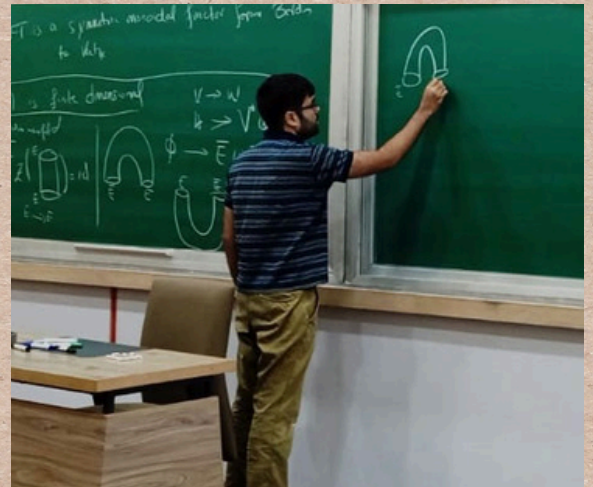
With collaborative group activities and a fun interactive session organized by Ms. Kanza Sohail and Ms. Zaira Anees, our faculty is all set to elevate IBA-SBS programs through continuous improvement!



SMCS HOSTS SEMINAR ON 'AN INTRODUCTION TO TOPOLOGICAL QUANTUM FIELD THEORY (TQFT) - PART ONE'

SMCS hosted a seminar as part of the Basic Notions Seminar Series titled 'An Introduction to Topological Quantum Field Theory (TQFT) - Part One'. The talk featured Dr. Azeem Hassan, Assistant Professor, SMCS, who presented an engaging dialogue on TQFT.

The session provided a comprehensive overview of TQFTs, which are essential in the exploration of quantum field theories that can be fully axiomatized. Dr. Azeem discussed the significance of TQFTs in classifying low-dimensional theories, their application in geometry for discovering manifold invariants, and their crucial role in physics, particularly in describing the low-energy limits of quantum field theories. Additionally, the talk delved into the generalizations of Atiyah's axioms, offering deep insights into both the mathematical and physical aspects of TQFTs.



CLIMATE CRISIS AND IMPACT ON LABOR AND PEASANT LIVELIHOOD - A PANEL BY SBS

SBS hosted a thought-provoking panel discussion on the 'Climate Crisis and Impact on Labor and Peasant Livelihood' to address the escalating climate crisis, which is profoundly affecting communities worldwide, with laborers and peasants among the most vulnerable.

Panelists at the session included Nasir A. Mansoor, General Secretary, National Trade Union Federation, Pakistan; Abdul Majeed Motani, Founding Member Pakistan Fisherfolk Forum; Dr. Azra Talat Sayeed, Executive Director, Roots for Equity; with Dr. Saqib Sharif, Associate Professor, SBS and Editor, Business Review, as the moderator.

The discussion focused on the multifaceted impacts of climate change and explored ways to mitigate these effects and adapt to the changing environment.



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WORKSHOP ON THE 'STRUCTURE OF UNDERGRADUATE EDUCATION'

Bringing together esteemed faculty from leading universities across Pakistan, SESS, in collaboration with the Aga Khan University Institute for Educational Development (AKU-IED), hosted the first workshop on the 'Structure of Undergraduate Education,' igniting a vital dialogue on reshaping undergraduate education to align with the rapidly evolving global landscape.

The session, led by Deans Dr. Asma Hyder from SESS and Dr. Farid Panjwani from AKU-IED, highlighted the crucial role of universities in nurturing the idealism and creativity of undergraduate students.

With thought-provoking discussions on sub-themes like AI's impact, the balance between skills and theoretical learning, and the importance of interdisciplinary approaches, this workshop set the stage for future sessions to design a robust and relevant framework for undergraduate education in Pakistan.

Participating institutions included IBA, AKU, LUMS, Habib University, NED University of Engineering & Technology, and other public sector universities.



LAUNCH OF DISTRICT EDUCATION PERFORMANCE INDEX REPORT 2023

SESS recently hosted the launch of the District Education Performance Index (DEPIx) Report 2023, led by Mr. Rafiullah Kakar, a Social Sector & Devolution member at the Planning Commission. The discussion was moderated by Dr. Asma Hyder, Dean of SESS, with Ms. Shereen Narejo, Secretary of Planning and Development, Government of Sindh, and Dr. Muhammad Nasir, Chairperson of the Department of Economics, as key discussants. The launch sparked insightful discussions between faculty and students on how data-driven reforms can shape future education policy.

The complexity, breadth, and fragmentation of education data have often made it challenging for policymakers and stakeholders to use it effectively in decision-making. To address this issue, the Planning Commission has integrated various school education indicators into composite scorecards. The objective is to make data available in a form that can be easily understood and utilized by policymakers and other stakeholders to inform advocacy, policy planning, and resource allocation in school education. DEPIx is a comprehensive tool that measures the performance of education systems at the district level, focusing on key outcomes such as access, learning, and equity, processes such as governance, and inputs like public financing and infrastructure.



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REVISITING NARRATIVES: NATIONHOOD, PUBLIC MEMORY, URBANITY AND LABOURING LIVES - IBA-SSLA ORGANIZED 1ST DEPARTMENTAL CONFERENCE



The Department of Social Sciences and Liberal Arts (SSLA), at SESS, in collaboration with IBA-CBER, organized its first departmental conference titled 'Revisiting Narratives: Nationhood, Public Memory, Urbanity and Labouring Lives' at the Main Campus.

The conference brought together seasoned and emerging scholars, field practitioners, government representatives, and university students to initiate a dialogue on revisiting global and local narratives that shape our lives today. Panellists and participants were invited from across Pakistan and around the world.

Chairperson SSLA, Dr. Laila Sohail Farooq, welcomed the guests and attendees to the conference. Dr. Ravi Ahuja, Scholar of Modern Indian History based at Georg-August University Gottingen, delivered the keynote lecture titled 'Labour as a Political Category: Twentieth Century Trajectories in South Asia', in which he traced the evolution of the conceptual category of 'labour' and examined its potential as a political category in India and elsewhere in South Asia. He emphasized the need to expand the concept considering current socio-political and economic realities to reach and affect labouring lives both ideologically and materially.

A highlight of the conference was the showcase of student work in the IBA Alumni Students' Centre. The showcase included research and practice-based projects carried out by SSLA students in their courses: 'Critical Media Practice', 'Visual Methods in Urban Research', and 'Calligraphy', in addition to final year students' theses. Executive Director IBA, Dr. S Akbar Zaidi, appreciated student effort and encouraged all guests in attendance to pay a visit.

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BOOK LAUNCH OF THE POLITICAL CHESS KING

The Department of Social Sciences and Liberal Arts (SSLA) at SESS proudly hosted the launch of *The Political Chess King*, a book by our faculty member, Dr. Nadya Chishty Mujahid, Associate Professor at SSLA, IBA. The event featured an engaging conversation between Dr. Chishty and Ms. Zunaira Nadeem, Lecturer at SSLA, offering the audience an insightful look into the book's themes and ideas.



CREATION OF THE BIBI SHAHEED MOHTARMA BENAZIR BHUTTO ENDOWMENT FUND

IBA Karachi is proud to announce the establishment of the Shaheed Mohtarma Benazir Bhutto Endowed Scholarships for Women Leaders at the IBA. The first tranche for this endowment has been received by the Sindh Government to support 10 deserving female scholars at the IBA who possess leadership traits despite financial limitations and hindrances. These scholars will enable a new generation of youth activism and leadership and fulfil the Sindh Government's vision of greater women representation and leadership in positions of power.

LEADERSHIP FROM SILICON VALLEY: A FIRESIDE CHAT ON INNOVATION, MENTORSHIP, AND BEYOND FEATURING MR. ZAIN JEEWANJEE

The Alumni, Resource Mobilization, and Corporate Relations (ARC) Department at IBA Karachi had the privilege of hosting Mr. Zain Jeewanjee, Serial Entrepreneur & Founder Insure123, for an inspiring fireside chat on Innovation, Mentorship, and Beyond. His journey, marked by grit, determination, and an unwavering commitment to excellence, is a powerful reminder that true success is found in the relentless pursuit of greatness.

Mr. Jeewanjee's insights on the transformative power of artificial intelligence show us that every challenge is a chance to innovate and excel. His words urge us to embrace the future with courage and strive for excellence in all we do.



IBA PRESENCE AT AMCOB IN DUBAI

Entrepreneurs and corporate executives from the US, Saudi Arabia, UAE, and Pakistan gathered in Dubai for AMCOB's inaugural dinner mixer in the region. AMCOB, founded by IBA Alum Mr. Kashif Zubair (MBA '97), hosted the event as a platform for forging new relationships and discussing collaborative initiatives across various industries. Ms. Malahat Awan, Director, Alumni Affairs, Resource Mobilization & Corporate Relations addressed the attendees sharing the contribution that IBA Karachi has made towards the business intelligentsia in the region and offered avenues of collaborations to the assembled businesses.



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IBA-STANFORD LIFE DESIGN LAB - AN EXCITING COLLABORATION

Ms. Malahat Awan, Director, Alumni Affairs, Resource Mobilization & Corporate Relations at the IBA, was a guest on Chai, Toast aur Host on Dawn News on July 30, 2024. She spoke about IBA's focus on excellence be it towards the transparent merit-based admission process, the amazing alumni network and creative new initiatives at IBA Karachi. She also announced IBA's upcoming collaboration with Stanford University's Life Design Lab at the d.school and the goal to establish a design lab at IBA to impart problem-solving and creative solution building processes for our students, faculty, alumni, and corporate partners.



ANNOUNCEMENT OF WINNERS FOR ALUMNI EXCELLENCE AWARDS

We are thrilled to honour the remarkable achievements of our distinguished alumni at the IBA Alumni Excellence Awards 2024.

IBA Distinction Awards – Towards Excellence in Leadership and Support to IBA:

Sardar Abdul Rahim (MBA Class of 1978), Founder, Bar. B.Q Tonight

Shahid Hashmi (MBA Class of 1971), Managing Partner, Pure Foods Management, USA

Mohsin Ali Nathani (MBA Class of 1987), Regional CEO, Habib Bank AG Zurich

Hafsa Shamsie (MBA Class of 1992), Managing Director, Roche



IBA Alumni Excellence Awards 2024:

Mr. Ali Allawala (BBA Class of 2007), Co-founder & Director at Karachi Down Syndrome Program, for his impactful contributions to society and philanthropy

Mr. Amir Paracha (MBA Class of 1996), CEO Unilever Pakistan Limited, for his significant contributions to Pakistan's economy, diversity, inclusion, and corporate excellence

Mr. Muhammad Ali (MBA Class of 1990), CEO, MAGM Ventures (Pvt.) Ltd. and Special Assistant to the Prime Minister on Power, for his exceptional leadership in governance through political and economic challenges

Mr. Tabish Ahmed Hashmi (MBA Class of 2012), Standup Comedian, Digital Media Influencer & Host, for his outstanding contributions to Pakistan's performing arts and media

Ms. Farkhanda Jabeen (MS Class of 2014), National Sports Director, Special Olympics Pakistan (SOP), for her dedication to promoting diversity, equity, inclusion, and sports in Pakistan

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CEJ-IBA AND BANK ALFALAH ANNOUNCE SCHOLARSHIPS FOR JOURNALISM AND CAPACITY BUILDING IN FINANCIAL LITERACY

CEJ-IBA and Bank Alfalah announce scholarships for the MS in Journalism (MSJ) program and capacity building of online content creators in financial literacy.

Through a Memorandum of Agreement, Bank Alfalah will provide funding for scholarships to five students pursuing the MSJ degree at the IBA for the year 2024-25 and workshops for 12 content creators on creating awareness about financial literacy.

The program aims to develop a new generation of journalists equipped with the skills to investigate and report on financial issues while empowering individuals.



IBA DELEGATION VISITS AKHSS TO PROVIDE SKILLS DEVELOPMENT TRAINING SESSIONS TO STUDENTS

A delegation from the IBA, led by Ms. Maheen Ghauri, Dean, Office of Student Affairs, visited the Aga Khan Higher Secondary School (AKHSS) campuses in Gilgit, Hunza, Gahkuch and Sherqilla to provide skills development training sessions to students to equip them with essential soft skills.

From personal grooming and effective communication to mental well-being and financial assistance, these sessions were attended by over 380 students.



ORIC ORGANIZES A GRANT WRITING WORKSHOP TO FOSTER RESEARCH AND INNOVATION

IBA-ORIC recently hosted a Grant Writing Workshop for the faculty, led by Dr. Nausheen H. Anwar, Founder & Director of the Karachi Urban Lab and Professor at SESS.

The workshop, attended by over 50 faculty members, researchers, and professionals, focused on enhancing research through grants, collaboration, and faculty development.



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IBA RECEIVES 'THE READ JAPAN PROJECT 2024 AWARD'

The IBA has been awarded The Read Japan Project 2024 Award!

The IBA Library hosted the Gratis Books Handing Over Ceremony, and welcomed the Consul General of Japan in Karachi, H.E. Hattori Masaru, and Vice Consul General, Mr. Kengo Horie, at the Main Campus.

The Read Japan Project, launched by The Nippon Foundation, seeks to deepen the world's understanding of Japan by donating a carefully curated selection of English-language books about Japanese culture, history, economy, and society to universities and libraries around the globe.

This award not only enriches the library's collection but also fosters new avenues for study, research, and innovation, strengthening the bond between our nations.



THE SOCIETAL IMPACT CONNECT

The CDC team hosted the Societal Impact Connect event to foster partnerships with organizations offering social internships, where best practices were shared while exploring opportunities for future collaborations.



TRANSFORMING THE GRAD SCHOOL PATHWAY (IBA & USEFP WORKSHOP)

The workshop, organized by the CDC, equipped educators with key strategies to help students navigate the US grad school application process. It covered everything from crafting standout applications to acing interviews.



GRAD SCHOOL ADVISORY SESSION WITH THE UNIVERSITY OF MANCHESTER

The CDC successfully hosted a Grad School Advisory Session with Mr. Tom Williams, an International Officer from the University of Manchester. Students had the chance to engage with Mr. Williams one-on-one, gaining valuable insights into the University's programs, admissions process, scholarships, visa requirements, and living costs.



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THE SAYLANI BUSINESS SCHOOL & IBA-CED SIGN AN MOU

The Saylani Business School and IBA-CED solidified their commitment to youth empowerment by signing a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) at the IBA City Campus. The MoU was signed by Syed Abu Faisal, Board Member of SBIL, and Dr. Lalarukh Ejaz, Director of IBA-CED, marking the beginning of a long-term partnership. This collaboration underscores the commitment to creating a lasting impact by empowering the youth with the tools and knowledge necessary for success in both their professional and personal lives.



IBA-CED AT THE O'GALA 2024



IBA-CED collaborated with the Office of Student Affairs (OSA) to deliver an impactful event during the O'Gala 2024. The first two days featured an engaging orientation session, where IBA-CED set up a kiosk at the Alumni Students' Center, offering students exciting giveaways and discount vouchers for the I-BAZAAR.

On the first day, VLEKTRA Electric Motorcycles, a winner of the IBA-CED startup competition, showcased its innovative setup. Additionally, two startups, Fudge & Frost and Hot Plate, launched their offerings at the Gatorade area, providing exclusive discounts for IBA students.

The O'Gala also featured the I-BAZAAR, a distinguished entrepreneurship festival showcasing the talents of IBA students and alumni. The I-BAZAAR included 62 innovative displays across five categories: Crafty Corner, Apparel & Bags, Beautify Bazaar, Pro-Solutions, and Taste Treasures.

INDUCTION PITCHES FOR I-INCUBATE PROGRAM COHORT 1

The induction pitches for the first cohort of the I-INCUBATE Program featured startup ideas from IBA students, alumni, and aspiring entrepreneurs across the city. These innovative concepts were presented to a panel of esteemed judges.



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I-TALK SERIES - INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY & STARTUPS

An engaging session under the I-Talk Series was held at the City Campus, featuring Dr. Owais Hameed Shaikh, a distinguished international IP expert with a Doctorate from Ludwig Maximilians University, Germany. Dr. Shaikh conducted an insightful session on "Intellectual Property and Startups: How to Succeed in an Intangible World." The event was a resounding success, attracting students, incubatees, and the broader community.



ONE-ON-ONE MENTORING CIE BATCH-15

The unwavering commitment of expert mentors Syed Azfar Hussain, Project Director NIC Karachi; Nadia Patel Gangjee, Founder & CEO of Fempro; and Muhammad Ghayas Uddin, Co-Founder of Valeem Online, has significantly influenced the entrepreneurial journeys of CIE Batch 15 participants. These distinguished entrepreneurs and industry leaders provided invaluable insights and guidance, generously sharing their deep knowledge and experience with the next generation of innovators. IBA-CED extends sincere gratitude to these mentors for their dedication, as their contributions are pivotal in shaping the future of entrepreneurship and leaving a legacy within the community.



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WORKSHOP ON DATA TOOLS TRAINING FOR WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION EMPLOYEES

IBA-CICT concluded an intensive, one-week training workshop on data tools for employees of the World Health Organization (WHO). The workshop, held in two batches, was led by renowned industry experts Mr. Sayied Shahab and Mr. Sohail Imran, both visiting faculty members at the IBA.

Participants honed their skills in Power BI, dashboard creation, data visualization, reporting, and advanced Excel techniques, enabling them to make data-driven decisions for their projects. Attendees hailed from various regions across Pakistan, ensuring a rich exchange of insights and experiences.

This workshop empowered WHO employees with valuable tools to enhance their work in data management and analysis, contributing to more informed decision-making in the health sector.



SUMMER SCHOOL 3.0: A FUN-FILLED JOURNEY INTO IT, ROBOTICS & INNOVATION



IBA CICT proudly hosted Summer School 3.0, offering kids and young learners an exciting chance to explore the world of technology, robotics, and social media marketing. The program blended hands-on learning with creative exploration, sparking curiosity and innovation. Throughout the course, students designed and presented their own IoT projects, gaining valuable skills in tech innovation.

The program culminated with an adventurous field trip to TDF, where learning and fun went hand in hand, creating a memorable final day. This year's Summer School wasn't just about tech—it was about personal growth, creativity, and building unforgettable memories!

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HR ACTIVITIES

August was a vibrant month for HR at the IBA, marked by engaging events that fostered unity, recognition, and learning across the institution.

Independence Day Celebration:

This year's August 14th celebrations at the IBA were a vibrant display of national pride and unity centered around the theme "Hara Bhara Pakistan." Faculty and employees gathered to sing the national anthem, creating a powerful sense of togetherness. Dressed in green and white, participants visited stalls to collect badges and flags, adding to the festive spirit.



Effective Fire Safety & Emergency Preparedness at IBA

IBA hosted an essential session on fire safety and emergency preparedness, led by Muhammad Ghayas Khan, a certified trainer from Dangote Petroleum Refinery. The workshop provided participants with valuable insights on the proper use of fire extinguishers, understanding different classes of fires, and effective emergency response strategies. This training emphasized the critical importance of safety at the workplace, equipping attendees with practical knowledge to handle potential risks.



Faculty Meet & Greet: Fostering Connections and Collaboration

The HR Department recently hosted a warm and engaging meet-and-greet for the Deans, Registrar, Chairpersons, and newly inducted faculty members. The event, held over a delightful lunch with Dr. S Akbar Zaidi, Executive Director, IBA, provided an excellent opportunity for the faculty to connect, share experiences, and build meaningful relationships with the leadership.



Pehchan Reward Ceremony

The inaugural Pehchan Reward Ceremony recognized the exceptional performance of the IBA staff. Employees who made significant contributions to the institution were honoured by Dr. S Akbar Zaidi, Executive Director, IBA, celebrating their dedication and hard work. These Awards are poised to become a cornerstone of appreciation at the IBA, recognizing excellence and inspiring continued growth.



Trainings@IBA

The training calendar for August 2024 was successfully executed by training 35 staff members as per their training needs.

