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# 'Karachi: The Way Forward' – Administrator Karachi in conversation with Executive Director IBA



November 12, 2021: The IBA Karachi organized a discourse on 'Karachi: The Way Forward' by the Administrator Karachi, Mr. Murtaza Wahab, at the city campus who was in conversation with the ED, IBA, Dr. S Akbar Zaidi.

Mr. Wahab, Barrister by profession, has been associated with the Government of Sindh (GoS) since 2015. He currently serves as Advisor to the Chief Minister Sindh on Law and as Administrator Karachi.

Dr. Zaidi welcomed Mr. Wahab to the IBA and quizzed him on his strategy for solving the many administrative and municipal affairs of the largest metropolis of Pakistan, Karachi.

Mr. Wahab briefed the audience about his educational background abroad and mentioned that he decided to come back and serve his city as he felt a sense of belonging and responsibility towards Karachi. As Advisor to the Chief Minister Sindh on Law, Mr. Wahab facilitated in passing some integral legislations, including a legislation for recording Hindu marriages in 2015-2016 (Sindh is the first province in Pakistan to introduce this Act) and in 2019, the Sindh Government passed a law to establish the basic rights for the prisoners. Furthermore, he played an instrumental role in developing the Sandspit road and Manora beach front.

Inquiring about Karachi's urban flooding, debilitating road infrastructure in times of monsoon rains every year and the overall deteriorating municipal management issues, including broken roads and lack of cleanliness in the city, Dr. Zaidi inquired how the GoS was planning to solve the problem. Elaborating the Sindh government's strategy on maintaining the administrative and municipal affairs of the metropolis, Mr. Wahab said that the GoS has developed urban spaces for the people of Karachi among other projects. But due to the political polarization of the city, where 17 different agencies have control of different administrative areas of Karachi, the Sindh Government's hands are tied as it doesn't have the sole control of the city's administration. Discussing the city's sanitation, Mr. Wahab said that garbage collection drives will be initiated in the 7 divisions of the city, and that the Sindh Government will be implementing a garbage plant to produce power and electricity from the city's waste.

Dr. Zaidi also inquired about the city's law and order situation and what the Sindh Government was doing before the elections to remedy the lawlessness of the city.

Mr. Wahab said that adequate measures were being taken to mitigate the situation and he also urged the audience and the citizens of the city to use the power of their vote wisely, to educate themselves of all the facts before making an informed decision to select the best candidate for the betterment of the city.

Following the conversation, an engaging Q&A session ensued between Mr. Wahab and the audience.

### In the News

#### World Bank's Chief Economist for South Asia visits IBA



November 18, 2021: A delegation led by Mr. Hans Timmer met the Dean, SESS, Dr. Asma Hyder, and faculty members of the School, and engaged with the students in an interactive session. The discussion focused on social development, trade, and other key areas that the World Bank is working on in Pakistan. The representatives from the World Bank also briefed the IBA community about their recent report that focuses on reviving exports in Pakistan to improve the trade performance.

#### Sekha Endowment Fund to support deserving Computer Science Students at IBA

**December, 2021:** Mr. Mudassir Sheikha, Co-founder and CEO of Careem, MENA's leading Super App that is based out of Dubai has partnered with the IBA to support 10 deserving students in posterity. The USD 250,000 collaboration to set up the Sekha Endowment Fund will ensure that quality graduates enter the talent pool of the country in the fields of artificial intelligence, big data, computer science, and related emerging fields.

#### IBA and TRDP sign an MoU for collaborative research



**November 9, 2021:** The IBA and Thardeep Rural Development Programme (TRDP) signed an MoU for collaborative research, training and learning which will help in bridging the existing gap in academia, development policy and practice, and stimulate cooperation for Pakistan's socioeconomic development.

# International Business Pakistan – A collaboration between IBA and Leipzig University

**November, 2021:** Students and faculty from the Leipzig University, Germany visited IBA on a 10-day visit for a research seminar and workshop. This activity was conducted under the International Business research project funded by DAAD which has a focus on SME internationalization. IBA students along with the students from Leipzig University presented their research in the seminar. This exchange program offers unique student and research exchange opportunities under the leadership of expert trainer Mr. Gunnar Kassberg, from Leipzig University, in coordination with Dr. Najam A. Anjum and Dr. Aadil Nakhoda from IBA.

#### International Business Development Training Workshop under IB German Pakistan Project

**November 5-7, 2021:** The SBS at IBA in collaboration with the Leipzig University, Germany organized an exports management training for SMEs. The trainer for the workshop was Mr. Gunnar Kassberg, an international business development expert from the International SEPT Competence Center, Leipzig University.





Oath Ceremony of IBA Students' Council and Student Societies



**November 1, 2021:** An oath ceremony of IBA Students' Council and Student Societies along with all the office bearers was arranged at the G&T Auditorium, main campus. The event commenced with the speech of Coordinator Students' Societies, Ms. Shehreena Amin followed by an address by the ED, IBA, Dr. S Akbar Zaidi, who then took the oath, along with the Patrons and students. Dr. Zaidi encouraged students to organize convivial events while focusing on curricular activities as well.

#### Public talk on 'Entscheidungsproblem and Limits of Computing'

**December 1, 2021:** The SMCS organized a public talk on the topic 'Entscheidunsproblem and Limits of Computing' at the main campus. Event's speaker and Chairperson, Department of Computer Science, Dr. Shahid Hussain, presented a talk on Alan Turing's ideas of computing machines in the context of Hilbert's famous questions and the limits of these computing machines.

#### SESS and FPCCI sign an agreement to strengthen ties

November 9, 2021: The SESS at IBA and the Policy Research Unit, Federation of Pakistan Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FPCCI) inked an MoU to further enhance their cooperation on several academic and industrial initiatives.



#### Shaam-e-Sukhan – A Mushaira celebrating the Urdu poetic tradition

**November 25, 2021:** The SESS organized a Mushaira titled 'Shaam-e-Sukhan', to honor the contributions of some of the finest Urdu language poets of our times. Twelve leading contemporary poets including, Afzaal Ahmed Syed, Khwaja Razi Haider, Farasat Rizvi, Fatima Hasan, Tanveer Anjum, Ahmed Navaid, Ajmal Siraaj, Iftikhar Shafi, Inaam Nadeem, Kashif Hussain Ghayar, and Touqeer Taqi, recited their mesmerizing poetry in the gathering. The Mushaira was presided by acclaimed poet, Anwar Shaoor, who also recited his poetry at the end. Syed Baqar Mehdi Rizvi, Lecturer SESS, hosted (Nizamat) the event which was attended by over 800 people, including the IBA students, faculty, and staff, along with their families. Guests from other universities including, University of Karachi, NED University of Engineering and Technology, Habib University and DOW University also attended the event.



#### What makes Faiz a popular poet? What makes Faiz a great poet?

**November 18, 2021:** The SESS hosted renowned Urdu critic and poet, and former Director of the lqbal Academy Lahore, Mr. Ahmad Javaid who gave a virtual talk on the topic 'What makes Faiz a popular poet? What makes Faiz a great poet?'. The event marked the 37th death anniversary of Faiz Ahmad Faiz.

Mr. Javaid explored reasons for Faiz's personal popularity in the social, intellectual, and literary circles of his time, and remarked that with the exception of Pablo Neruda, no modern poet has achieved the same level of global fame as Faiz has. He highlighted how this very same fame means that Faiz's legend has become too great for people to typically pay enough close and critical attention to key aspects of his poetic craft. Announcing that the purpose of the talk was to try to address this gap, Mr. Javaid eloquently and masterfully demonstrated to IBA's rapt and engaged audience how Faiz's poetry has the striking ability to appeal to readers on multiple sensory levels simultaneously. He also discussed the deep impression of Iqbal's poetry on Faiz's craft, and talked about how Faiz's poetry, and his ideological gaps or contradictions could not be used as a poetic criticisms.

Moderated by faculty member, Ms. Zahra Sabri, the event was attended by IBA students and faculty as well as literary enthusiasts from outside the IBA.



#### How do Pakistani Millennials Acquire Urdu?



**October 28, 2021:** The Department of Social Sciences and Liberal Arts organized a panel titled 'How do Pakistani Millennials Acquire Urdu?' to discuss how younger generations of Pakistanis aspire to achieve mastery in Urdu in an educational environment increasingly inundated with English words and phrases. The event, held at the main campus featured a free-ranging conversation between three millennial Urdu scholars/translators – an engineering student, Mr. Muhammad Ibrahim from Peshawar; a software engineer and Urdu journal/website editor, Mr. Hassan Rehman from Lahore, and IBA's faculty member Ms. Zahra Sabri from Karachi.

The speakers emphasized how the state of our academic environment, with its mixed and sometimes confused language policies, meant that even as Urdu remained the most widely understood and used language in the country, the acquisition of 'good' Urdu depended more and more on personal effort and investment rather than the resources offered by our current

educational system. The event was attended by IBA students and faculty members, as well as by journalists and prominent educationists, including prominent veteran journalist Mrs. Zubeida Mustafa.

The conversation was moderated by Ms. Sabri, and the welcome note of the event was delivered by prominent educationist and IBA faculty member, Dr. Syed Jaffar Ahmed, who remarked that in an era of unprecedented in-country migration, the tendency and desirability for multilingualism had increased all over the country, and even the wider region, as proven by the fact that there are significant numbers of formal Urdu learners at universities in present-day Bangladesh.

# MBA Executive Department organizes a yoga session to encourage a healthy lifestyle

**November 28, 2021:** A yoga session was arranged by the MBA Executive Department. The session highlighted the importance and impact of a healthy lifestyle among the IBA community and was led by Mr. Avais Shuja, who articulately expressed the concept of yoga and demonstrated warm up exercises and postures.



#### CEO Red Bull shares leadership lessons

**November 30, 2021:** Visiting Faculty, SBS, Mr. Adnan Ahmed, organized a guest speaker session for Sales Management MBA students. CEO, Red Bull, Mr. Taimour Afaq was the guest speaker, who shared his selling experiences with the students. Mr. Afaq has an 18-year association with leading organizations including, ICI, Pepsi, Mondelez and Kraft Heinz.

Shedding light on the qualities of an effective sales leader, Mr. Afaq highlighted that a sales leader needs to have the ability to inspire and motivate his team. He shared his own leadership mantra and spoke about his leadership principles: inspire, empathize, park your ego at home, be coachable and be here now. Additionally, he underscored the emerging and untapped rural market of Pakistan which can't be ignored in terms of their sales potential.



#### Training session on EIU Viewpoint

**November 1, 2021:** The IBA library team arranged an interactive hour-long training session on EIU to help the users make the best use of the content and support for EIU Viewpoint Country Analysis. The interactive demo session was held by Audrey Lee and Jillian Lew from The Economist Intelligence Unit and was attended by the faculty and researchers with a keen interest in Economics. EIU Viewpoint is now accessible as one of the library's subscribed resources.

#### Wellness Session for IBA-NTHP students

**October 26, 2021:** The IBA organized a wellness session for its National Talent Hunt Program students. Wellness Counselor and Clinical Psychologist at IBA, Dr. Ahmad Ali, conducted the session to help students understand and effectively deal with issues pertaining to mental wellness, including but not limited to stress, anxiety, depression, substance abuse and sleep disorders. Students were also made aware of positive coping skills and strategies to healthily transition through financial, academic or personal life problems while also developing mental resilience and keeping their mental wellbeing in-check.

#### Computer Science Society conducts workshop on game development

**November 27, 2021:** A game development workshop was held at the IBA by Assistant Professor SMCS and Patron Computer Science Society, Dr. Umair Azfar Khan. The aim of the workshop was to show how easy it is to create a basic game in Unity, which has become one of the most popular game development engines in the game development industry.



# Renowned economists explore the reasons behind Pakistan's rising trade deficit

**December 2, 2021:** Assistant Professor and Research Fellow at CBER, SESS, Dr. Aadil Nakhoda, organized a guest speaker session for the Development Economics II students. Mr. Gonzalo Varela, Senior Economist in the Macroeconomics, Trade and Investment Global Practice of the World Bank and Mr. Javed Hassan who is serving as Chairperson, National Vocational and Technical Training Commission and Economic Advisory Group were invited as guest speakers.

The session revolved around the underlying reasons for Pakistan's trade deficit. Mr. Varela conferred some of the leading factors of high trade deficit and he shed light on how increasing exports is more vital for the economy than simply reducing imports. Furthermore, presenting the new Vision for Economic Transformation, Mr. Hassan focused on how the lack of export sophistication of Pakistan has adversely impacted growth. He also discussed Pakistan's export profile and provided solutions to make the country's exports more competitive.

#### NTHP team completes first phase of outreach drive

**December, 2021:** The team members of the National Talent Hunt Program (NTHP) completed the first phase of the Talent Hunt drive. The team visited 30 schools and educational institutions in over 23 cities across Pakistan during a four week-long outreach drive. The ED, IBA, Dr. S Akbar Zaidi, along with the Director, NTHP, Dr. Junaid Alam Khan visited schools and colleges in districts of KP.

Dr. Zaidi delivered a segment of the THP information session at the Agha Khan Higher Secondary School, Kuragh and FazleHaq College, Mardan. During his visit, Dr. Zaidi also announced setting up a test center in partnership with the Aga Khan Education Services, Pakistan in the district, to facilitate prospective candidates for the THP assessment in their hometown.



# KUL Updates



#### **IRS Workshop**

**October 17, 2021:** KUL hosted their colleagues at Leibniz Institute for Research on Society and Space (IRS) for a workshop at IBA. They shared the preliminary findings from their ongoing project 'Conquering (with) Concrete: German Construction Companies as Global Players in Local Contexts' and discussed how parallels could be drawn in cross-country contexts, particularly considering ongoing research at KUL on the impacts of climate change and heat in cities.

#### **KUL at COP26**

#### The Smartification of Everything

**November 12, 2021:** KUL showcased one of three films as part of the pilot project '24-Hours Urban Risk: Gendered Perspectives on Non-Conflict Violence & Climate Change Impacts in Cities' at COP26, alongside colleagues from Colombo and Nairobi, and in collaboration with the University of Nottingham, UK.

**November, 2021:** A graphical abstract by KUL researchers Soha Macktoom and Aqdas Fatima has been selected for an event to be hosted by the University of Ottawa titled 'The Smartification of Everything: A symposium and exhibition connecting diverse fields and media' in March 2022. The symposium seeks to put into dialogue scholars, art- and design-inclined researchers, and artists to explore what are the social, political, cultural, and environmental implications of the smartification of the city, the rural, and beyond.

#### 5th International Conference on Urban and Regional Planning

**December 5, 2021:** KUL researchers Adam Abdullah, Soha Macktoom, and Aqdas Fatima presented a paper titled 'Intersections of heat and densities in the post-pandemic urbans of the Global South' at the 5th International Conference on Urban and Regional Planning hosted by the Department of Architecture and Planning, NED University of Engineering and Technology. The theme of the conference was 'Perspectives on Pandemic: Impact on Urban Pedagogies, Research and Practice'.

### **Marketing Activities**

#### Information sessions held in Karachi and Hyderabad

**November, 2021:** The Marketing Department conducted several outreach sessions to raise awareness about the six undergraduate programs offered at the IBA. A total of four sessions were conducted in the month – two in Karachi and two in Hyderabad. The Marketing team visited Credo College and Habib Public School in Karachi and Beaconhouse and City School in Hyderabad. More than 400 students participated in these sessions, which proved to be beneficial for everyone in attendance. Many queries were answered pertaining to course rigour and classroom experiences, while there were some that concerned preparing for the IBA aptitude test and how to avail financial assistance.

#### Campus tours showcase state-of-the-art campus facilities

**November – December, 2021:** Campus tours are part of the IBA experience and provide a good advertisement for the facilities available to potential students at the Institute. Four campus tours were conducted in November to maximize engagement with potential applicants for the upcoming Fall 2022 semester. The Karachi and Hyderabad campuses of Pak-Turk Maarif Schools and Colleges visited the main campus followed by Highbrow College and City School North Nazimabad Campus. More than 150 students had the joy of seeing a forward-looking institute, and were mesmerized by the state-of-the-art sports ground, computer labs, classrooms and library.

In December, IBA conducted five campus tours hosting pupils from the Alpha College, The City School - Gulshan Campus, Titan College, Habib Girls School and The Citizens Foundation for the National Talent Hunt Program. Over the span of these five campus tours, an audience of 450+ was catered to and they got the opportunity to not just visit the main campus and enjoy a campus tour, but also participate in an informative session on undergraduate programs, financial assistance, campus life and admissions at the Institute.

Gani & Tayub (G&T) Auditorium

# Marketing team participates in university fairs to strengthen bonds with potential applicants

**November - December, 2021:** The Marketing Department represented the institute at three university fairs. Stalls at Sceptre College, Credo College and Whales College were set up which garnered a significant amount of traffic. The purpose of such events is to promote higher education and maximize awareness about the academic offerings available to students after completing their A Levels. Representatives from the Marketing Department engaged with 500+ students and spoke about the admissions process, undergraduate programs, financial assistance and much more.



### Sports and Community Engagement

#### 7th IBA Staff Cricket Championship

October 21, 2021: The IBA hosted its 7th Annual Staff and Faculty Cricket Tournament comprising of 10 teams. 23 matches were played in the month of September and October. The tournament ended with the final between the IBA Faculty and ICT Warriors. The IBA Faculty defended their title with a comfortable win and Dr. Moiz Khan was awarded the Man of the Match. Muhammad Fahad Hanif was adjudged the Player of the tournament.



#### **IBA Olympic Games 2021**

**November, 2021:** The IBA Sports and Community Engagement Department hosted its 8th edition of the Olympic Games comprising of 14 sports including football, cricket, basketball, tennis, handball, netball, volleyball, throwball, athletics, badminton, table tennis, snooker, foosball and chess. Around 700 male and female students participated in the games.



#### Participation of student teams in All Pakistan HEC Intervarsity Tournaments

**November, 2021:** The IBA Men's and Women's archers participated in the HEC Archery Tournament held in Peshawar. Team of 10 archers represented IBA in respective categories. The Men's team secured a place in the last 4 amongst teams from all across Pakistan with an overall score of 845 points.

A 72-member student contingent travelled to Islamabad for the HEC Prime Minister Kamyaab Jawaan Sports Gala for participation in athletics, tennis, football and handball events. The IBA Handball Girls team managed to reach the Pre-Quarter Finals while tennis player, Moiz Bhatti, secured the Quarter Final berth in the single's event.

#### Coaching initiatives to develop new sports at the IBA

**November**, 2021: The IBA has arranged the National Coaching Center for the IBA Athletics Team for their practice sessions. Two sessions per week have been organized for the athletes under the supervision of a coach to train and develop their fitness and prepare them for medal-winning performances in the tournaments.

Furthermore, a temporary archery range has been developed at the main campus behind Martin Dow to encourage archers, and promote the interest of students in this emerging sports. Weekly coaching sessions are conducted for men and women archers.

## **ED** engagements

#### Team International Monetary Fund meets the Executive Director IBA

**November 19, 2021:** Ms. Esther Perez Ruiz, the newly appointed Resident Representative of the International Monetary Fund (IMF) to Pakistan, and the former Resident Representative, Ms. Teresa Daban Sanchez visited the main campus for a discussion on the economic conditions in Pakistan.

The ED, IBA, Dr. S Akbar Zaidi, Team IMF, and faculty members of the Economics Department engaged in a vibrant debate over Pakistan's economic performance, its adherence to the terms and conditions of the IMF loans, and the effectiveness of these loans. The Team IMF promised to participate in any capacity it can to aid IBA in forming knowledge partnerships with international stakeholders.



#### 'Diplomatic ties between the United States and Pakistan: The history of a rich relationship' featuring Consul General of U.S. in Karachi, Mr. Mark Stroh

**November 29, 2021:** The IRC held a session with Mr. Mark Stroh, the Consul General (CG) of the United States in Karachi. The talk was hosted by the ED, IBA, Dr. S Akbar Zaidi, at the main campus. Mr. Stroh conversed on the topic, 'Diplomatic ties between the United States and Pakistan: The history of a rich relationship'. He engaged with the audience to deliberate the Pakistan-US relations, history, and diplomacy.

Shedding light on the diplomatic ties between the US and Pakistan, the CG said that he was amazed by the depth and resilience of this relationship. He spoke about the various international exchange programs including the Fulbright Scholarship program and stated that it was heartening that many IBA students participate in this exchange program.

The CG said that the US and Pakistan both want to play an active role in ensuring a peaceful and sovereign South Asia. He said that he firmly believed in the bilateral relations between the US and Pakistan. Mr. Stroh said that together both the countries must work on numerous avenues to stabilize this region.

Addressing the decades-long collaboration on the health front, the CG said that these ties had further strengthened amid Covid-19, where the US was one of the biggest provisioner of Covid-19 vaccines to Pakistan.

Speaking on the projects for a better climate, Mr. Stroh appreciated the IBA's green and serene campus and said that the US and Pakistan were working together on many clean energy projects.

The CG said that the CEJ was close to his heart as he was a journalist himself and he hopes to promote free and impartial journalism in the region through the CEJ and looked forward to working further in this regard along with Dr. Zaidi.



#### Book launch of 'Leadership in Changing Times'

December 30, 2021: The IBA organized a book launch of 'Leadership in Changing Times' at the city campus. The author of the book is Mr. Tariq Khan, Founder and CEO, Global Diversity Marketing and faculty at New York University. The ED, IBA, Dr. S Akbar Zaidi was a speaker at the event.

# Student, faculty, alumni and staff achievements

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



# CICT: Learning about tech

#### Project Symposium – PM's Kamyab Jawan National Youth Development Program

**December 22, 2021:** The CICT conducted a project symposium to showcase the projects carried out by its students as part of the Prime Minister's Kamyab Jawan National Youth Development Program. Projects on big data analytics, cybersecurity, digital marketing, web software, mobile application development and internet of things were exhibited.

Director General, National Vocational and Technical Training Commission (NAVTTC), Ms. Nabila Umer graced the occasion and motivated the students for their future endeavors. Attendees included, Head of CICT, Dr. Faisal Iradat, Mr. Azizullah Chandio, Mr. Bharat Kumar, Mr. Shafey Ali Shah and Mr. Abdul Qadeer Sahoo.

# **CED** journal

#### Guest speaker session on Exploring Social Entrepreneurship

**November 4, 2021:** CED organized a guest speaker session on 'Exploring Social Entrepreneurship' at the city campus. Ms. Fiza Farhan, a leading Global Strategic Development Advisor, and a postgraduate from Warwick Business School was the guest speaker who shared her experiences and challenges in becoming an entrepreneur. She outlined various strategies that help in growing a startup internationally such as CAGE framework, transfer of skills, contingency plans, working speed, negotiation skills, capital adequacy, and scenario planning.



#### Fitness session for entrepreneurs

**November 6, 2021:** An invigorating exercise session was organized by the CED with aspiring and veteran entrepreneurs under its Entrepreneurship Development Program. The session was followed by a nutritious breakfast. Two professors from the National University of Science and Technology (NUST), including Brigadier Junaid and Colonel Bill joined the audience and shared their thoughts about the entrepreneurship program. Principal instructor and Program Director, CED, Dr. Shahid Qureshi imparted lessons about the effectuation theory by Dr. Saras Sarasvathy.



#### Launch of CED's start-up 'Boltay Huroof' by President of Pakistan

**November 13, 2021:** CED incubatee, 'Boltay Huroof', hosted its soft launch ceremony at the Governor House, Karachi. The President of Pakistan H.E. Dr. Arif Alvi was the Chief Guest of the ceremony, whereas First Lady, Ms. Samina Alvi, and the Governor State Bank of Pakistan Dr. Reza Baqir attended as Guests of Honor. CEO, Boltay Huroof, Mr. Umer Farooq thanked the board members, supporting partners and sponsors for aiding the startup's progress.

Board member of Boltay Huroof, Assistant Professor, University of Karachi, Dr. Muhammad Saeed also visited IBA to meet the ED, IBA, Dr. S Akbar Zaidi and briefed him about the start-up mission and appreciated his efforts in facilitating the CED.



#### Veteran Pakistani cricketer delivers guest lecture

**November 13, 2021:** Veteran Pakistani spinner, Mr. Mushtaq Ahmed, who represented Pakistan in ODIs and Test matches was invited as a guest speaker in Batch XI of CED's Entrepreneurship Development Program. While addressing the participants, Mr. Ahmed emphasized on the eschatological pursuits to be included in business models and shared his life's journey in becoming a world class spin king, despite facing innumerable challenges.

#### Delegations from JFF-UGI, HBT, KNOW and World Federation visit IBA

**November 27-28, 2021:** Delegations from JFF-UGI, Karachi Needy Orphan Women Foundation (KNOW), Haydari Benevolent Trust and KPISJ visited the IBA campuses. During their visit they observed the spectrum of the 11th Batch of CIE which is a joint effort of CED and JFF- UGI, and also visited the CED Incubation Center and viewed the facilities provided to the entrepreneurs to make their entrepreneurial journey a success

The delegation included Ex- President World Federation, Dr. Hasnain Walji; Chairman JFF-UGI, Mr. Takki Jaffer; Trustee JFF-UGI, Mr. Sadique Jaffer; General Secretary KNOW, Mr. Ali Asad Hemani; Trustees HBT, Mr. Ghulam Abbas Badami and Mr. Muslim Rawjani; and Pak Representative World Federation, Mr. M. Mustafa Hemani.



#### CED incubation team arranges investors meetup

**December 23, 2021:** The CED incubation team organized an investors meetup with potential angel investors who are interested in investing in the Center's start-ups. The panel of investors included: Mr. Noaman Abdul Majid, CEO, WiXeman Global and Board member Seylani Welfare Trust; Syed Abu Afzal, Vice President, Mazik Global; and Dr. Zeeshan Zia, CEO, Retrocausal.

The following CED-incubated start-ups presented their business models before the esteemed spanel.

1) Valeem, CEO & IBA Alumnus, Mr. Ali Rehan

2) Trawell, Co-founders & IBA Alumni, Mr. Usman and Syed Zohaib 3) Efinansi, run by Mr. Asif who is an experienced fintech executive

# IBA-UNDP Youth Entrepreneurship Program for Balochistan 2021 concludes

**December 4, 2021:** The graduation ceremony of IBA-UNDP Youth Entrepreneurship Program for Balochistan 2021 was conducted at Alhamd Islamic University, Quetta. Around 120 students were awarded certificates for successfully completing the two-month entrepreneurship training program. The participants hailed from 15 districts and 10 universities/ institutes of Balochistan. Dr. Shahid Qureshi Professor and Program Director, CED, thanked the UNDP Pakistan for launching this initiative to train and empower the youth of Balochistan. Almost all the participants started a small business during the course and earned a good revenue within a short span of time. The Chief Guest of the ceremony was Mr. Arif Hussain Shah, Chief of Section (SDGs/Federal Projects) Planning and Development Department, Government of Balochistan, while the Guest of Honor was Mr. Zulfiqar Durrani, Head of Office, UNDP Sub-office, Balochistan.



#### Global Mothers' Entrepreneurship Camp 2021 Mompreneurship Meetup

**December 18, 2021:** CED organized a Global Mothers' Entrepreneurship Camp (G-MEC) Mompreneurship Meetup. The 3-day program focuses on inculcating an entrepreneurial spirit in the participants and unleashing their creativity and was organized to facilitate Pakistani mompreneurs, who are looking after their families and simultaneously managing their start-ups. Around 200 individuals participated in the event.

This event provided mompreneurs a space to interact with guest speakers, network with like-minded women, and reflect on their learnings. Guests at the event included: Ms. Aliya Sarim, Vice President, Sarim Burney Trust; Ms. Shamsa Jabeen Jawed Ahmed, Convener CSR Central Standing Committee FPCCI; and Ms. Zehra Siddiqua, Working Women Welfare Trust. Dr. Shahid Qureshi, Professor and Program Director, CED, highlighted the role of a mother in nation building and family development.



#### Love for Data wins Merit Award at the Asia Pacific ICT Alliance Awards 2021

December 22, 2021: An IBA incubatee company, Love for Data (LFD), co-founded by IBA alumnus, Mr. Noman Khalid and his partners has won the Merit Award in Consumer Banking Technology at the Asia Pacific ICT Alliance Awards 2021.

Through this technology, LFD enables banks to issue a loan of up to USD 500 without meeting the customer. This is done using state-of-the-art AI technology that gathers data from mobile phones and provides a credit rating in less than two minutes. This enables banks to disburse a loan to someone living in a far-flung area having no access to a bank. This enables financial inclusion and access to credit for everyone.

LFD won this award while competing with 15 other member countries of APICTA, namely, Australia, Bangladesh, Brunei, China, Chinese Taipei, Hong Kong, Indonesia, Japan, Macau, Malaysia, Myanmar, Singapore, Sri Lanka, Thailand and Vietnam. LFD, representing Pakistan, stood amongst the top 3. We would like to extend our heartfelt congratulations to LFD, its partners, its employees, and Mr. Khalid for this wonderful achievement.

Earlier this year, LFD also won 2 awards from the Pakistan Software House Association in their annual P@SHA ICT Awards.

#### CED and FPCCI ink MOU

#### **CED signs MOU with DPSF**

(FPCCI) - Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) Central Standing Committee and CED.

Convener and Deputy Convener, CSR Central Standing Committee, Ms. Shamsa Jabeen Jawad Ahmed and Ms. Seema Shahbaz visited the city campus to collaborate for G-MEC 2022 Season - 7.

December 28, 2021: An MOU signing ceremony was held between December 17, 2021: CED signed an MOU with Delhi Punjabi Saudagran Foundation (DPSF) to the Federation of Pakistan Chambers of Commerce & Industry conduct the IBA-Saudagran Entrepreneurship Program (ISEP) for the DPS Community.

> The MOU was signed by Dr. Shahid Qureshi, Program Director, CED and Mr. Saeed Allahwala, Chairman, DPSF and CEO, ATCO Laboratories. The CED will support their community by conducting the entrepreneurial mindset training for the DPSF Management Board, faculty members from various educational institutes managed by DPSF, and the community members at large.



#### Developing an entrepreneurial mindset – A training at the Pak-Swiss Training Centre Karachi

November 23, 2021: Assistant Manager, Incubation, CED, Mohammad Talha represented the Center at the Pak-Swiss Training Centre (PSTC) Karachi. He delivered a talk on how to develop an entrepreneurial mindset, business skills and life skills to a cohort of around 50 students of PSTC NAVTTC Prime Minister Kamyab Jawan Program. The CED continues to promote the message of entrepreneurship locally, nationally, and globally.

### CEE roundup

#### Workshops and Trainings

Effective HR Audit: CEE hosted a two-day workshop which provided participants with a thorough understanding of audits and how to run an HR audit. The workshop was conducted by Mr. Muhammad Farhan.

Managing the Maintenance Department: The objective of this two-day workshop was to provide progressive organizations with the insights on the latest productivity tools used in Maintenance Management. The workshop was conducted by Mr. Nasir Mahmood.



**Contract Management Principles and Practices:** The two-day customized workshop enabled the participants to build on the necessary skills needed to manage contracts effectively and successfully. The workshop provided an in-depth understanding of contract management principles and processes, which will subsequently help the attendees in building successful relationships in business and implementing contracts effectively.



Workshop on Managing the Maintenance Department November 22 & 23, 2021



Leadership and Team Management Skills: A customized training program was hosted by the CEE for officers of Grades 17 to 19 belonging to various departments of the Government of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa. This program was specifically designed to help participants learn the art and science of high-performance leadership and make them a more effective leader; one who can drive results by applying an array of managerial and interpersonal skills.



Financial Modeling & Business Valuation: CEE conducted a three-day workshop which provided a comprehensive overview of the latest analytical tools used by financial advisors and industry consultants for developing financial statements, while applying globally accepted best practices. The workshop was conducted by Mr. Saad Usman.

> Workshop on Financial Modeling & Business Valuation November 15 to 17, 2021



Project Management and Corporate Governance: A six-day customized training program was hosted by the CEE for the trainee officers of the first Mid-Career Management Course (MCMC) organized by the Training Management & Research Wing, SGA&CD, Government of Sindh (GoS). The training was attended by Grade 18 officers belonging to various departments of the GoS. The program focused on the different aspects of project management and governance in the public sector, and was customized with a comprehensive Diagnostics Study before the program.



Basics of Sales, Marketing, and Business Management: SDP conducted three half-day workshops for the mid-level executives of 1LINK at the city campus. The workshop was conducted by Dr. Saima Husain, Director QEC and Assistant Professor, Department of Marketing.



**Art of Managing Inventories:** SDP is conducting a 12 hours' online program with an on-campus complimentary session. The program is facilitated by Mr. Mudasser Ali Khan, a Certified Supply Chain Professional from APICS, Certified Supply Chain Analyst from ISCEA, and a holder of Post Graduate Diploma in Supply Chain from the IBA.

**Excellence in Customer Services for Frontlines for 1LINK:** The workshop focused on promotion of customer retention and loyalty, practices of world-class customer service providers, engaging customers of different personalities, managing emotions, interpersonal skills, feedback process, continuous improvement, and conflict resolution. **Effective Business Writing:** SDP is conducting an on-campus 30 hours comprehensive training with articipants including officers from the Dubai Islamic Bank, OPRCT Microfinance, Pak Qatar, and Pakistan Stock Exchange. The training aims to provide participants with the right skills to improve their communication and write in a clear, concise, and effective manner.

**Effective Communication Skills:** SDP conducted a workshop for the 3rd Batch of junior level executives from 1LINK at the city campus. Trainers were Mr. Farhan Uddin Raja and Mr. Syed Sajid Siraj.

**Excellent Supporting Staff:** SDP conducted a day-long workshop for the domestic staff of 1LINK at the city campus. The topics included personal hygiene, how to greet and serve guests, dining etiquettes, and workplace ethics. The workshop was conducted by Mr. Subhan Sharif.

#### PGD-SCM participants visited PIFFA Training Institute

**November 21, 2021:** PGD-SCM participants visited the Pakistan International Freight Forwarders Association (PIFFA) Training Institute for a day-long workshop on Transport Industry Practices'. The workshop was part of the Globalization and Import-Export Policy (GIMPEX) course instructed by Mr. Faisal Jalal, Visiting Faculty at the IBA, that mainly focused on: the International Trade concept, mode of transportation, freight forwarding, transport documentation, risk management, and customs. The session encouraged participants to establish themselves strongly into the freight forwarding industry. Mr. Ahsan Ulhaq Siddiqui (Principal, PIFFA), Mr. M. Arif Qadeer, Mr. Abdul Wahab Butt, Mr. Riaz Iqbal, and Mr. Ghazanfar Ali Khan were the workshop facilitators. The IBA was represented by Mr. Moiz Ahmed Tamimi, Coordinator, PGD.

#### Award Ceremony for Postgraduate Diploma Programs for Batches 2018, 2019 & 2020

**November 14, 2021:** The CEE commemorated the fourth PGD Awarding Ceremony for its Postgraduate Diploma Programs in Supply Chain Management, Human Resource Management, Healthcare Management and Project Management at the city campus. The audience for this ceremony included PGD graduates, their families, faculty members, and other distinguished guests including Chief Guest, Founder and CEO of Indus Hospital, Dr. Abdul Bari; Guest of Honor, Managing Director, Pharm Evo & Shield, Mr. Haroon Qassim; Dean, SBS, IBA, Dr. Wajid Rizvi; Director, CEE, Dr. Rameez Khalid; and Dean, IBHM, Dow University of Health Sciences, Dr. Izhar Hussain.

#### CEE signs MOU with Mines and Minerals Development Department, Government of Balochistan

**November 9, 2021:** CEE signed an MOU with Mines and Minerals Development Department (MMDD), Government of Balochistan at the Secretariat Office DG Mines, Quetta. The CEE will conduct short- and long-term capacity building trainings for the officers of the department. CEE was represented by Senior Manager, SDP, Ms. Sumera Muhammad and Executive, CEE, Mirza Irshad Ali Baig, and Director General, Mr. Abdullah Shahwani and Deputy Director, Mr. Akmal Ahmed Khan from the MMDD signed the MOU.

### **CEIF: Promoting Islamic Finance**

#### Trainings

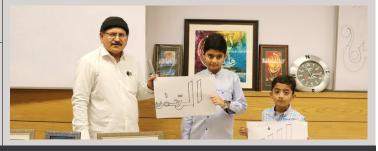
**Introduction to Islamic Fintech:** CEIF in collaboration with Alif Technologies conducted a certificate course on the rapidly evolving landscape of the financial industry, be it Islamic or conventional, and the role fintech is playing in it. The program offered a basic level of understanding of shariah principles and Islamic finance and how they are related with fintech.

**Shari'ah Audit (CSA) – Batch 2:** CEIF in collaboration with Meezan Bank Ltd. started a month-long certificate course. This course will equip the participants with concepts of Audit & Shari'ah Audit, AAOIFI's Auditing Standards, Shari'ah Governance Framework, Audit of deposit related and financing branches as well as External Shari'ah audit.

**Shari'ah Compliant Business Solutions for Corporate Customers:** In collaboration with Meezan Bank Limited, CEIF conducted a day-long Executive Learning course in Lahore. The course provided insights to the participants about Islamic financial and banking solutions, and covered the basic parameters of Shari'ah framework and its modern-day applications in Islamic banking and capital markets. Senior Finance Managers, CFOs, CEOs and other senior officials from leading corporate and business houses from Lahore participated in the course.

**Islamic Finance for Ulama & Shari'ah Scholars:** The 4th and 5th batches of the online course were conducted by CEIF to provide understanding of Islamic Financing, Economics and Banking concepts and the related Shari'ah principles governing Islamic Finance. The attendees participated from different countries.

**Workshop on 'Arabic Calligraphy':** CEIF conducted a two-day workshop for the faculty, staff and their children. The training was conducted by Mr. Hamid Nasir, who is a seasoned artist with more than 30 years of calligraphy experience.



#### **Certificate Distribution Ceremony of ACSS**

**November 20, 2021:** A certificate distribution ceremony was held for the successful candidates of Batch 8 of the Advanced Certificate in AAOIFI Shari'ah Standards, a six-month online course at the city campus.

Certificates were distributed by Mufti Muhammad Hassaan Kaleem, Member Shari'ah Board, Dubai Islamic Bank and Mr. Naveed Malik, Group Head, Consumer Banking, Dubai Islamic Bank.

#### CEIF, Mettis Global ink MOU for research and data sharing

**November 12, 2021:** To strengthen the link between industry and academia in the field of Islamic Finance and Economics, CEIF and Mettis Global Pvt. Ltd, a leading financial data provider, have agreed to join hands. The MOU was signed by Director, CEIF, Mr. Ahmed Ali Siddiqui, and Director, Mettis Global Pvt. Ltd., Mr. Faisal Abdullah at the city campus.

As per the MoU, Mettis Global will develop an Islamic window and CEIF would be the knowledge partner for the development of the said window. Meanwhile, Mettis Global will provide free access to faculty members and students of IBA to its financial portal viz 'MG Link'. Additionally, Mettis would also offer internships to the IBA students to let them gain experience of the financial sector under a thriving atmosphere.

At the MOU signing ceremony, Mettis Global was represented by Head of Sales, Mr. Muhammad Noman; Assistant Manager, Digital Marketing, Ms. Urooj Farooq; and Senior Program Manager, CEIF Mr. Zia Khalid.

#### 10th Annual Islamic Finance Expo & Conference

**November 30, 2021:** The 10th Annual Islamic Finance Expo and Conference (IFEC) was organized by the Professionals Network and CEIF as knowledge partners at a local hotel in Karachi. Mr. Shaukat Tarin, Advisor to the Prime Minister on Finance and Revenue was the Chief Guest. His Excellency Dr. Mahathir Bin Mohamad, Former Prime Minister of Malaysia was the Guest of Honor and Keynote Speaker. Ms. Sima Kamil, Deputy Governor, State Bank of Pakistan; Mr. Irfan Siddiqui, President and CEO, Meezan Bank Limited; Syed Amir Ali, President and CEO of BankIslami Limited; and Mr. Yousaf Hussain, President and CEO, Faysal Bank were the keynote speakers in the inaugural session.

Prominent speakers at the event were:

- Ghulam Muhammad Abbasi, Director, Islamic Banking Department, SBP
- Dr. Mufti M. Imran Ashraf Usmani, Group Head & Vice Chairman Shari'ah Supervisory Board, Meezan Bank Ltd.
- Mr. Ahmed Ali Siddiqui, Director, IBA CEIF and SEVP & Group Head, Shari'ah Compliance Department, Meezan Bank Ltd.
- Dr. Irum Saba, Program Director, MS Islamic Banking & Finance and Associate Professor, Department of Finance, IBA Karachi
- Mr. Basheer A. Chowdry, Managing Director, Trust Modaraba
- Mr. Mohammad Shoaib, CFA, Chief Executive Officer, Al Meezan Investment Management
- Mr. Raheel Q. Ahmad, Chairman, NBFI & Modaraba Association of Pakistan
- Mr. Rizwan Hussain, Managing Director, Takaful Pakistan Ltd.
- Mr. Shahzad Shahid, Group CEO, TPS Worldwide
- Mr. Siraj Uddin Aziz, CEO, Group Financial Institution, Habib Bank AG Zurich
- Syed Sitwat Rizvi, Head, Shari'ah Compliance Department & Secretary Shari'ah Board, Dubai Islamic Bank
- Mr. Mehmood Tareen, CEO, TPN
- Mr. Muhammad Raza, Group Head Customer Support Services, Meezan Bank Ltd.



#### **CEIF holds the CIPA Online Exam**

December 6-8, 2021: The CEIF conducted the CIPA Online Exam of (AAOIFI-Bahrain) at the city campus. CIPA is a notable international certification in Islamic Finance, which is coveted by industry professionals all over the world.

# Alumni Activities

# Alumni dinner with the Consul General of Pakistan in Chicago

**October 28, 2021:** The IBA Alumni in the US hosted a dinner meeting in which His Excellency Mr. Tariq Karim, Consul General of Pakistan in Chicago was the Guest of Honor. The dinner was attended by 12 persons from the Mid-West Chapter. Mr. Karim presented some thoughts on how the Chapter can be more focused and constructive, and expressed his will to extend all possible support.



#### Class of 1994 meets the Executive Director

**November 11, 2021:** The IBA hosted the Class of 1994 at the main campus. The Class celebrated and revived their bond of 27 years that they shared with their alma mater. They met the ED, IBA, Dr. S Akbar Zaidi, who gave a brief presentation on the significant progress the IBA has made in the last two decades, and also presented the way forward envisaged for the Institute.

The Class of 1994 has set up an Endowment Fund in the memory of their late classmates, Mr. Abbas Anjarwala and Mr. Sameer Yaqoob Ali. The Class of '94 has generously donated PKR 14 million to the fund and have plans to further increase this fund to financially assist another student on need-based criteria.



#### **Director Corporate Relations meets Chairman KPT**

**November 26, 2021:** Director, Corporate Relations, IBA, Ms. Malahat Awan called upon Mr. Nadir Mumtaz Warraich, Chairman, Karachi Port Trust (KPT), at the KPT Head Office. She also visited KPT Staff College, Lalazar. Areas of discussion included collaboration in establishing the Center of Maritime Excellence.



#### Ms. Maria Memon sets up an annual scholarship for female empowerment - Dr Salma Memon Scholarship Program

**November 10, 2021:** We are pleased to announce the establishment of 'Dr Salma Memon Scholarship Program' at the IBA by enowned journalist, Ms. Maria Memon, in the loving memory of her late mother. The scholarship will fund the education of a female student at the IBA.



### **CDC news bytes**

#### Study tour to PSX

**November 18, 2021:** The CDC organized a study tour to the Pakistan Stock Exchange (PSX) for the students. The main objective of this excursion was to guide students on the capital market and provide them with a practical experience in stock market operations. A detailed Q&A segment was also held between PSX experts and students.

#### Session on Preparing for Management Consulting Interviews

**November 10, 2021:** The IBA Consulting Society, in collaboration with the CDC, organized a workshop titled 'Preparing for Management Consulting Interviews' at the G&T auditorium. Resume building for McKinsey & Company, breaking down a case interview, and the art of managing the recruiter's expectations were some of the main highlights of the session.

### **Recruitment Activities**

**November - December, 2021:** CDC facilitated the following recruitment activities during the two months: 10Pearls' Fast Track Recruitment process, McKinsey & Company Young Leaders Program and P&G CEO Challenge 2022, CDC Group, L'Oréal Virtual SAPMENA Day, Facebook Rise Program, Engro Energy Limited's Enable All - PWD Internship drive, Bagallery Campus Ambassador Drive, Unilever Sparks Program, Daewoo Adda Internship Program, and Careem Tech Talk. A virtual orientation session with the CDC Group, a top-notch international investment firm, for its Summer Internship Program 2022 was also held for the students.

#### Corporate Meetups

**November - December, 2021:** The CDC team along with the Dean, School of Mathematics and Computer Summer Internship Program 2022 was also held for Science, Dr. Shakeel Khoja met the representatives of 10Pearls Pakistan to discuss possible collaboration the students. between the two organizations.

Moreover, Manager, CDC, Mr. Danish Imtiaz Gangani, hosted Manager Industrial and Academia Linkages, Systems Limited, Mr. Adeel Ahmed Chatha to discuss areas of mutual interest to strengthen cooperation on several academic and industrial initiatives.

Team CDC also visited Karachi Port Trust and met Brig. Tariq Bashir TI(M), General Manager Port Administration and Mr. Nadir Mumtaz Warraich, Chairman, Karachi Port Trust. HR and Talent Acquisition Team of Feroze1888 Mills Limited including General Manager, Human Resource Department, Ms. Saira Halai and Senior HR Manager, and Ms. Quratullain Arsalan met the CDC team at IBA.

#### **Corporate Connect Series**

**November, 2021:** Guest speaker sessions were organized in collaboration with the faculty members. Managing Director, Mr. Ali Ahmed Khan and Director HR, Mr. Muhammad Shoaib from FrieslandCampina Engro Pakistan Limited; Head of Consumer Business, TCS, Syed Adeel Azhar, Manager Operations and Country OHS Representative, DHL, Mr. Saad Kamal; Retired Wing Commander, Mr. Arif Najmi; E2E Supply Chain & RnD Consultant, Mentor and SC Management Trainer at PSTD, Mr. Noman Amjad Lutfi; and GM-Head Digital Customer Experience, HBL, Ms. Shar Bano were invited to speak to the students. Head, Financial Reporting, HBL, Mr. Imran Ahmed and Manager Financial Reporting, HBL, Syed Muhammad Mohsin, also conducted insightful sessions for the students.







#### Session on Erasmus+ Scholarships

November 18, 2021: Mr. Ghulam Shabbir, an Erasmus+ representative and an advocate by profession, visited the main campus to hold an Information session on the Erasmus+ Scholarship program. The session was aimed to guide the students regarding the application procedure, and the courses offered.



#### Study-UK Week

November 15-19, 2021: The British Council hosted a 'Study-UK Week' at the IBA where students got an exclusive opportunity to learn about the British culture, student life, and what top colleges have to offer. The week was celebrated across Pakistan at multiple host campuses, and the British Council, as a valued partner collaborated with the IBA to host the Study-UK Week in Karachi. For this purpose, five students from the Institute served as event ambassadors.



#### Webinar session with the University of Manchester

November 22, 2021: An information session was conducted by the Country Manager for Pakistan at the University of Manchester, Mr. Chris Gibson in which he described the available programmes and gave a virtual tour of the University. The session concluded with one-on-one counseling sessions for students interested in continuing their study in the United Kingdom.



#### **Employers Federation of Pakistan Breakthrough Challenge 2021**

December 4, 2021: Team IBA secured the runner-up position with a close margin of 0.8 points in the Pakistan Employee Federation's Breakthrough Challenge 2021. The vision of the challenge is to build confidence in the corporate sector that undergraduate students of business schools in Pakistan are more than capable of delivering critical analysis over a strategic problem. Pakistan Petroleum Limited, Dubai Islamic Bank Pakistan Limited and Foodpanda prepared different cases from their industries and had asked questions that are critical for making strategic management decisions. Each case study had a set of questions for the participants. On the event day, the participating teams were required to give a five to seven minutes presentation on the findings of the case study and provide solutions.



#### **IBA hosts French delegation**

December 1, 2021: Delegates from the Embassy of France in Pakistan visited the main campus. Mr. Dylan Gelard, Cooperation and Cultural Action Attaché, Mr. Mounir Slimani, Counsellor for Cooperation and Cultural Services, and Mr. Shabahat Asghar, Head of Campus France Pakistan met Ms. Shehreena Amin, Senior Manager, External Linkages and Ms. Arsia Jabeen from IBA's IRC and External Linkages Department. The discussion focused on potential avenues of collaboration in areas including joint seminars, conferences, and exchanges between IBA and French institutes of higher education.



#### Session on SUSI Student Leaders -Comparative Public Policymaking Program 2022

December 2, 2021: An IBA student, Mr. Syed Saad Zafar, who was selected for the SUSI Student Leaders - Comparative Public Policymaking Program in 2020-21 conducted a session where he advised the students on the SUSI application process, statement of purpose, essay questions and other application requirements.

#### Orientation Session for Semester Exchange Students - Spring 2022

December 8, 2021: A formal orientation session was arranged for the students who are selected for Semester Exchange Programme for Spring 2022. Ms. Shehreena Amin, Senior Manager, External Linkages, IRC, discussed further steps regarding visa, courses and other important elements in the session. She further quided the students on how they should volunteer their time and efforts efficiently while representing IBA at an international level. Seventeen IBA students have been selected for semester exchange, out of which four were selected for the UGRAD Programme.

#### Announcement of national and international scholarships, internships and competitions

- Chinese Government Scholarships
- 2022 CERN Openlab Summer Student Programme (Fully funded) internship in Switzerland)
- Global Youth Engagement Program | Initiative of Pennsylvania
- State University, US and Club of Rome, Switzerland
- Swedish Institute Scholarships for Global Professionals
- Eiffel Scholarship Program of Excellence 2022 Global Next Leaders Forum 2022 | Tokyo, Japan
- December, 2021: A number of international opportunities were shared with the students and alumni by the IRC, including:
  - Innovator Seed Fund
  - Türkiye Scholarships 2022
  - PhD Scholarships under US Pak Knowledge Corridor-Phase -1
  - Focused Group Discussions Future of International Tertiary Education by the British Council
  - Warwick Summer School 2022 at University of Warwick, UK | July 17, 2022 August 6, 2022
  - Helmholtz Zentrum Berlin International Summer Student Programme 2022
  - Interim Placement of Fresh PhDs (IPFP) Phase-II Batch-III HEC
  - One Young World 2022 Tokyo Summit