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IBA Karachi signed MoUs with multiple international institutions and organizations including Queen Mary University, Coventry University, University of Turku, Algoma University, The Corporation of the City of Brampton and Embassy of Spain in Pakistan.





International Delegations visited IBA

Over the year, numerous delegations, dignitaries, ambassadors and university representatives visited the IBA. Visitors included Mr. Alfred Grannas, German Ambassador to Pakistan; Mr. José Antonio de Ory, Spanish Ambassador to Pakistan; Dr. Rüdiger Lotz, Consul General of Germany in Karachi; Nesrine Abbad, International Recruitment Manager, EDHEC Business School; Léa Albrieux, International Development Manager, Sciences Po-Social Science School; Ms. Caroline Duval, Director, International Promotions, ESDES School of Business and Management; Mr. Mathew Verghis, Regional Director, World Bank; Mr. Tobias Haque, Lead Country Economist for Pakistan at the World Bank; Gonzalo Varela, Senior Economist, World Bank; Ms. Esther Pérez Ruiz, IMF's Resident Representative in Pakistan; and Phil Ramos, New York State Deputy Speaker.



Financial Assistance for students

IBA signed MoUs with renowned organizations for providing financial support to students, including Pakistan State Oil (PSO), Martin Dow Group, Abdullah Foundation, Pakistan-Kuwait Investment Company, Infaq Foundation, Oil & Gas Development Company Limited (OGDCL), and AAA Associates.





CEJ-IBA relaunched MS Journalism

The Centre for Excellence in Journalism (CEJ), IBA welcomed the fourth batch of the MS Journalism program after relaunching it for the Fall 2023 intake. The MSJ orientation was attended by officials from the U.S. Consulate Karachi including Public Affairs Officer, Lee McManis.

IBA joined the Consortium for University-Based Executive Education (UNICON) as an Associate Member

December 18: The Centre for Executive Education (CEE), IBA is now an Associate Member of The Consortium for University-Based Executive Education (UNICON).

UNICON is a Global Consortium of Business-School-Based Executive Education Organizations. It includes a global network of 115 University-Based Executive Education Centers in five continents, IBA being the 115th member. Through participation in UNICON, the leaders, managers, and team members of its member organizations gain new knowledge, perspective and a global network of colleagues.

Introduction of Italian and Spanish language courses at the IBA

The Institute introduced Italian and Spanish language courses in collaboration with the Consulate of Italy in Karachi and Embassy of Spain in Pakistan, for its undergraduate students.



IBA launched new offices in Islamabad and Sialkot

May 16 & August 08: IBA, in collaboration with the National Institute of Banking and Finance (NIBAF) Islamabad, has inaugurated a dedicated facility in the federal capital. The new office offers leadership and management development programs for family businesses, public sectors, state-owned enterprises, and corporations in the northern regions. This venture will help meet the increasing demands of today's business world.

IBA Karachi and University of Sialkot joined hands to enhance executive education, foster innovation, and establish an empowering platform in the region that will drive the growth and success of family-owned businesses through collaborative efforts in capacity building, consultancies, and research.



Winter School launched by IBA in collaboration with Centre for South Asian and Himalayan Studies in Paris

Topic: 'Environmental Change, Societies at Risk and Social Vulnerabilities in South Asia'

December 11-15: The second Social Sciences Winter School, jointly organized by IBA and the Centre for South Asian and Himalayan Studies in Paris (CESAH, CNRS-EHESS) was held at the City Campus. The school addressed issues at the interface of environmental change, societies at risk and social vulnerabilities with different thematic focus, scales of interpretation, theoretical questioning and methodological frameworks, and in interaction with various local and international stakeholders.



Public Talk on 'Central Asia in the Modern Age: Patterns of Transformation'

December 08: IBA organized a public talk on 'Central Asia in the Modern Age: Patterns of Transformation' featuring Professor Adeb Khalid, Jane and Raphael Bernstein Professor of Asian Studies and History and Chair of Department of History, Carleton College. As an eminent historian, Professor Khalid brings a wealth of expertise to unravel the complex tapestry of change in Central Asia. His talk revolved around the intricate historical patterns that have molded Central Asia over the years.

Executive Director IBA visited Chitral as part of NTHP's Outreach activities

November 20-24: Dr. S Akbar Zaidi, Executive Director, IBA Karachi, visited Lower Chitral (Susum, Royee, Garamchashma) and Upper Chitral (Kuragh, Booni, Parwak, Chapali) regions, as part of National Talent Hunt Program (NTHP) to invite potential candidates to apply for the IBA NTHP - Batch 2024, which is a fully funded scholarship program. The THP team, along with Dr. Zaidi, toured various schools and colleges and met with students from multiple institutions.



Green initiatives at IBA

IBA is dedicated to reducing the institution's carbon footprint through sustainable initiatives. Our noteworthy accomplishments include the implementation of the Reverse Osmosis (RO) Plant, known as 'H2GO,' and the successful completion of On-Grid Solar Energy projects.

The 'H2GO' RO Plant at the Main Campus has a capacity of producing 5000 gallons of treated drinking water daily. This vital resource is distributed strategically across the campus and hostels, resulting in significant carbon savings and responsibly meeting the hydration needs of our community.

Simultaneously, our completed 826 kWp On-Grid Solar Energy Project at the Main Campus, achieves a 15% annual reduction in electricity bills. The synergy with the 100 kWp On-Grid Solar Energy Project at the Girls Hostels results in a total capacity of 926 kWp, estimated to generate 1.235 million units of electricity annually. These achievements underscore IBA's unwavering dedication to sustainable practices.

The institution is consistently identifying new locations for solar panels to expand energy generation capacity. This initiative aligns with our goal to significantly reduce dependence on conventional energy sources, thereby minimizing our overall carbon footprint.



IBA Convocation 2023 - 1,184 degrees conferred

First cohort of MS Finance Program graduated

December 02: IBA held its convocation for the Class of 2023 at the Main Campus. It marked a momentous occasion as 1,184 graduates were conferred degrees in several disciplines. The graduating batch included 776 graduates from six undergraduate programs, 403 graduates from ten postgraduate programs, and five graduates from 3 PhD programs. The Chief Guest of the ceremony was Caretaker Chief Minister of Sindh and Patron IBA, Justice (Retd.) Maqbool Baqar. Dr. Azra Raza, Chan Soon-Shiong Professor of Medicine and Clinical Director, Edward P. Evans Foundation MDS Center, Columbia University in New York attended as Guest of Honor.



IBA hosted its first ever four-day Orientation Gala 2023

August 16-19: The Office of Student Affairs (OSA), IBA organized a four-day orientation week to welcome the new incoming batch of 2023. Around 1,600 people including new students and their parents, faculty, staff, and alumni attended the event. OGala'23 comprised orientation sessions, campus tours, meet and greet with the faculty and a range of fun-filled activities.

School of Business Studies (SBS)

Alumni Connect

October 13: SBS hosted an alumnus gathering 'SBS-IBA Alumni Connect' to bring together a community of over 120 esteemed alumni and faculty members for a night of reflection, camaraderie, and inspiration.



Bloomberg Terminal installed at SBS Finance Lab

October 13: SBS hosted a training session on the Bloomberg terminal in its Finance Lab. The session was conducted by the Bloomberg team and attended by faculty members from all three schools. SBS is among the selected few business schools in Pakistan with access to the Bloomberg terminal.



Mentor AACSB, Dr. Mohamed Madi visited IBA

August 28-29: Dr. Mohamed Madi, Mentor, AACSB, paid a two-day visit to the IBA to provide his valuable guidance as the SBS prepares the second AACSB progress report.



Second International Conference on ‘Sustainability: Global and Local Challenges’

May 26-27: SBS organized an International Conference 2023 on ‘Sustainability: Global and Local Challenges’ with esteemed local and international academicians, researchers, practitioners, students, and speakers as participants. Numerous panel discussions, keynote addresses and parallel technical sessions addressed different facets of sustainability, climate change and environmental issues.



‘Pakistan’s Financial Turmoil Affecting Industry and Business’ - Panel discussion organized by SBS

January 26: SBS organized a panel discussion on ‘Pakistan’s Financial Turmoil Affecting Industry and Business’ featuring Dr. S Akbar Zaidi, Executive Director, IBA; Dr. Miftah Ismail, former Finance Minister; Dr. Ishrat Hussain, Professor Emeritus & Chairman CEIF, IBA & former Advisor to the Prime Minister on Institutional Reforms and Austerity; and Ms. Maheen Rahman, CEO, InfraZamin Pakistan. The session was moderated by Dr. Lalarkh Ejaz, Assistant Professor and Director, CED, IBA.



School of Economics and Social Sciences (SESS)

A talk on 'The Divine by Any Other Name: Multilingual Vocabularies and Sufi Romances' - By Dr. Walter N. Hakala

December 06: The department of Social Sciences and Liberal Arts, SESS hosted a talk titled 'The Divine by Any Other Name: Multilingual Vocabularies and Sufi Romances', by Dr. Walter N. Hakala, Associate Professor and Director of Undergraduate Studies, Department of English, University at Buffalo, SUNY, USA. The talk revolved around his current project, which surveys Urdu epigraphy, as well as his inspiration for studying Urdu-Hindi in general, and the history of dictionary-making in Urdu in particular. The engaging talk was organized by Dr. Anum Tariq Dada, Assistant Professor of English Literature, SESS.



3rd Annual International Conference on 'Challenging Linearity'

November 16-18: SESS in collaboration with Centre for Business and Economic Research (CBER), hosted the 3rd Annual International Conference titled, 'Challenging Linearity' featuring panel discussions, keynote speeches, technical sessions and much more.

Chief Economist, South Asia Region, World Bank, Franziska Ohnsorge, presented a keynote address on 'Towards Faster, Cleaner Growth', and emphasized various facets of the economic outlook of South Asia.

While, Governor, State Bank of Pakistan (SBP), Mr. Jameel Ahmad, delivered a keynote speech, addressing 'Macroeconomic Challenges and the Way Forward.'



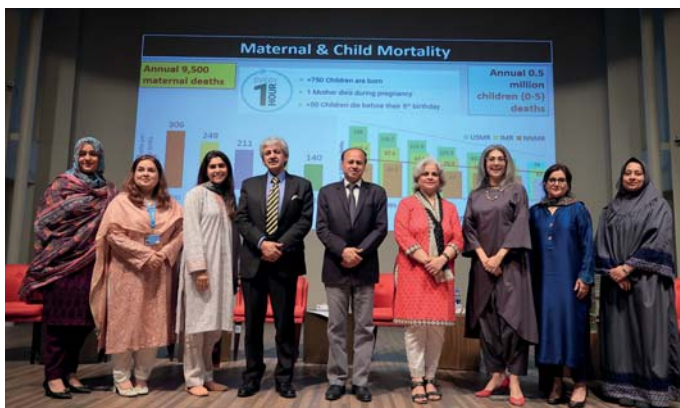
SESS launched a report on 'The State of Pakistan's Economy 2023-24'

July 18: SESS launched its report titled 'The State of Pakistan's Economy 2023-24 | Trials and Turmoil: Navigating the Interconnected Challenges of Politics, Economy, and Climate Change' authored by esteemed faculty members of the Department of Economics, SESS. The comprehensive report provides a critical analysis of the persistent issues faced by Pakistan and offers valuable recommendations for sustainable economic growth and societal well-being.



'Emerging Demographic Challenges' a conference organized by PRC

March 20: The Population Research Centre (PRC), IBA organized its first research conference on 'Emerging Demographic Challenges', in collaboration with the SESS. The inaugural session was presided over by the First Lady Begum Samina Arif Alvi. The conference featured various panel discussions and technical sessions on fertility behavior/fertility planning, maternal and child health, food insecurity, climate change and population, identity, ethnicity and social inclusion.



School of Mathematics and Computer Science (SMCS)

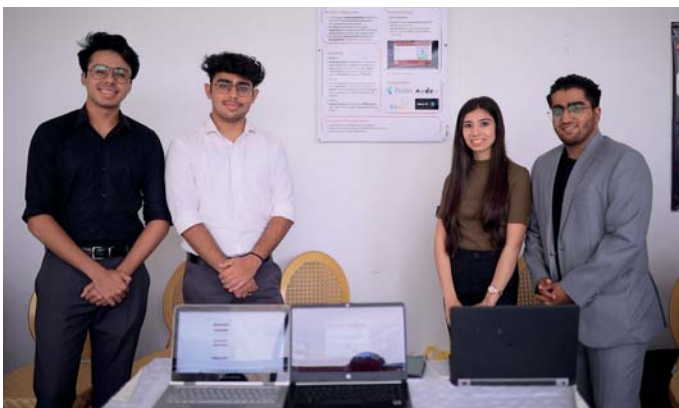
Game Jam 2023

September 22-24: SMCS organized the second session of its Game Fest series in collaboration with Mindstorm Studios. The three-day Game Jam hosted more than 200 BS Computer Science freshmen students who created 48 games.



Final Year Project Exhibition

May 26: SMCS organized a final year project exhibition where students of the Department of Computer Science, displayed 40 projects. The projects were evaluated by professors from the Higher Education Institutions including IBA, NUCES-FAST, KIET, industry experts, and alumni from the National Bank of Pakistan, Engro Corporation, Meezan Bank Limited, Cloud Junction, Systems Limited, and Bagallery.



SMCS hosted its first Alumni Dinner

March 15: More than 120 alumni and faculty came together for the first reunion hosted by SMCS. The evening commenced with welcome addresses by Dean SMCS, Dr. Shakeel Khoja; Executive Director IBA, Dr. S Akbar Zaidi; and Guest of Honor and Alumni Representative on the BoG, IBA, Muhammad Sohail. The aim was to create opportunities in the form of an alumni mentorship program for the alumni to give back to their alma mater.



Game Fest 2023

January 28-29: SMCS in collaboration with Mindstorm Studios, Raptr Games and IGN Pakistan, hosted the two-day Game Fest where 90+ high school students created 22 games without using code, digital art or technology.



Centers and Departments

Grand Alumni Reunion 2023

December 28: IBA hosted a grand reunion where alumni immersed themselves in festivities, celebrated shared memories and weaved new stories. The event was elevated by the melodies of Qawwali. This nostalgic night marked enduring connections, and a profound sense of community among the alumni, encapsulating the spirit of IBA's vibrant legacy.



CEJ-IBA hosted 7th ICRC Humanitarian Reporting Awards

November 15: CEJ-IBA in collaboration with the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC), conferred awards upon eight journalists for their outstanding contributions to the field of humanitarian reporting at the 'Humanitarian Reporting Awards 2023'. The awards were conferred in four categories: Mainstream Broadcast (Urdu & Regional languages), Mainstream Print (Urdu & Regional languages), Mainstream Print (English), Online (English, Urdu & Regional languages). These awards were organized to highlight and promote ethical, accurate and responsible reporting on humanitarian issues.



IBA-CED celebrated Global Entrepreneurship Week (GEW) 2023

November 13-16: The Centre for Entrepreneurial Development (CED), IBA in collaboration with Global Entrepreneurship Network (GEN) Pakistan hosted GEW 2023 to celebrate entrepreneurship, innovation, and economic vitality. The week featured a workshop by esteemed trainers from the University of Turku, sessions, panel discussions, student-led startup showcase, and a startup pitch competition.



IBA students express solidarity with Palestinians

November 01: IBA students held a peaceful demonstration to express solidarity with the people of Palestine on account of the recent Israeli atrocities and war crimes being committed against the vulnerable Palestinian civilians including children, women, elderly and the ailing. The event was attended by Executive Director IBA, Dr. S Akbar Zaidi, Registrar IBA, Dr. Asad Ilyas, IBA, faculty, staff and students.



Breast Cancer Awareness Program

October 31: IBA, Karachi in collaboration with Himmel Pharmaceuticals (Pvt.) Ltd organized a Breast Cancer Awareness Program 'HERtober'. October is globally recognized as Breast Cancer Awareness month to raise awareness and understanding of this prevalent disease. Breast cancer affects numerous lives and knowledge is pivotal in its prevention, early diagnosis and treatment.



CBER, KIU, and Ministry of Planning, Development and Special Initiatives organized a conference on 'Tourism Sustainability in the Global South'

May 04 - 06: A two-day national conference on 'Tourism Sustainability in the Global South', was jointly organized by CBER; Karakoram International University (KIU); and Ministry of Planning, Development and Special Initiatives, to encourage tourism at the local level and ensure a discourse on the issues that hinder its growth, backed by reliable and valid research. An MoU was also signed between IBA and KIU to extend partnership on avenues of mutual interest, including research activities, conferences, faculty and student exchange programs.



'Tabeer' – a joint initiative to foster compassion and tolerance launched by IBA and Synapse

April 28 & September 22: IBA and Synapse, Pakistan Neuroscience Institute launched Tabeer – a program for the students, staff and faculty of IBA, aiming to foster a culture of compassion, effective communications, and creative leadership (3Cs).

The first large assembly featured Dr. Arfa Sayeda Zehra, Educationist, Human Rights Activist and Social Nationalist as the Chief Guest, and Mr. Adeel Azhar, IBA alumnus and Radio Presenter, who participated in a fireside chat with Dr. Ayesha Mian, Founder and CEO, Synapse.

The second large assembly held in September, emphasized on the impact of effective communication on mental well-being, on an individual and organizational level, featuring Mr. Shahrukh Hasan, Group Managing Director, Jang Group and IBA alumnus; and Ms. Khushbakht Jillani, Advocate, High Court of Sindh.



Alumni Excellence Awards 2023

March 10: IBA honored 13 members of its alumni community from a wide range of professional fields including entrepreneurship, environment, governance, diversity and inclusion, arts and media, philanthropy, and sports for their professional achievements and service to the community.



IBA Career Fair 2023

February 08: IBA held its Annual Career Fair featuring 170+ companies and more than 60 career and academic counselors. The companies in attendance were from a variety of industries including consumer goods, banking, e-commerce, software development, food, and textile. The Career Fair helps align corporate companies and emerging ventures to engage with the student body.



International Conference on 'Alexander in the Indus Valley'

February 22: The International Conference on 'Alexander in the Indus Valley' was organized by the Endowment Fund Trust for Preservation of the Heritage of Sindh (EFT). Dr. S Akbar Zaidi, Executive Director, IBA and Mr. Jahangir Siddiqui, Chairman, EFT welcomed Syed Murad Ali Shah, the Honorable Chief Minister of Sindh, and Patron, IBA, who delivered the opening remarks at the three-day conference. The conference featured various panel discussions by leading historians, writers and anthropologists.



'The Future of Pakistan's Economy' - Forum hosted by IBA organized by Daily Jang

January 16: IBA hosted a Jang Forum titled 'The Future of Pakistan's Economy', organized by Daily Jang. The speakers included Dr. S Akbar Zaidi, Executive Director, IBA; Mr. Arif Habib, Chairman, Arif Habib Limited; and Mr. Amin Hashwani, Businessman, Social Scientist and Analyst.







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