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Editor's Note

I am delighted to share with you the 7th edition of Pakistan Chapter of The Talloires Network (PCTN) newsletter. The newsletter includes community service activities carried out by several of our member institutions all across Pakistan.

Included in this newsletter is an extraordinary achievement of one of our members Institute of Space Technology. IST secured 3rd position in Yousif Badri Civic Engagement International Prize 2016 for their community service program *Umeed*. It's an honor for all of PCTN that our members are regularly recognized at international forum for their community service work.

The Talloires Network is having its Leaders' Conference in Veracruz, Mexico from 21st to 23rd June 2017. Rectors, Vice Chancellors, faculty members and students working in this domain are encouraged to participate in the conference to highlight and share civic engagement activities of Pakistan's institutions of higher education.

As Manager Publications this is my last newsletter as i would be moving. Last three and half years were a great learning experience for me because of all of you. The various projects that university students all across Pakistan have carried out have been inspirational. These students prove every day that they are ready to share their blessings with communities around them. This is the spirit of volunteerism and lifting up those who are not as privileged as we are that is at the heart of our movement. I hope that the network will continue to grow and our students will continue to play their role in building communities.

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**Advocacy/
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ADVOCACY /
AWARENESS

SUIT organizes seminar on drug addiction

Sarhad University Peshawar's students and faculty in collaboration with Anti-Narcotics Force (ANF) organized one day seminar on November 26, 2016. The aim of this awareness seminar was to brief and guide the youth about the growing use of drugs in Pakistan especially at educational institutions and the way it destroys the life of an ordinary person in the society. Skits were presented by student teams which were based on true stories and were highly appreciated by the audience. The seminar was attended by students, guests from ANF and local community around the University.



'Say No to Corruption' walk by Character Building Society UOG

Character Building Society of University of Gujrat arranged series of activities in collaboration with National Accountability Bureau (NAB) for awareness and devise preventive measures against corruption. A walk was observed in the campus under the slogan 'Say no to corruption'.



An estimated 208 million people internationally consume illegal drugs. Every year, approximately 200,000 people worldwide die from drug abuse.

FACT

Anti-corruption day celebrated in SBBU Sheringal

Anti-corruption day was celebrated at Shaheed Benazir Bhutto University, Sheringal on December 02, 2016 as per the recommendations of Higher Education Commission and National Accountability Bureau Pakistan. More than ninety officials of the university, twenty members from the local community and about four hundred students of the university and University Public School were present at the occasion. The Vice Chancellor Professor Dr Khan Bhadar Marwat (SI) in his speech highlighted the importance of observing the day and asked the participants to play their role for making Pakistan a corruption-free state. The participants later on participated in a walk from university main gate to the guest house with placards highlighting the importance of this day.



Workshop on Women Action Forum conducted at Greenwich University

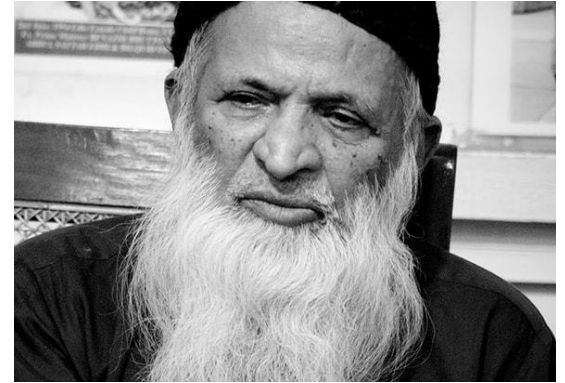
Greenwich University under the banner of Office of Research, Innovation and Commercialization conducted a workshop on Women Action Forum on November 5, 2016. The main aim behind conducting this workshop was to develop awareness among the students regarding the issues that women face in our society and how they can contribute positively to improve the conditions.

A number of guest speakers were invited from renowned or-

ganizations, who enlightened the students. They narrated that Women Action Forum has been active in Pakistan since 1981 and how it contributes towards empowering and strengthening women. The session was extremely interactive and the guest speakers encouraged students to ask questions. The workshop also helped to build public confidence in students. Greenwich University - ORIC looks forward in conducting seminars of similar nature in future as well.

Social Leadership Summit 'Abdul Sattar Edhi' at UoG

Student Services Center, University of Gujrat organized Social Leadership Summit to pay tribute to Abdul Sattar Edhi for his services to humanity. Musarat Misbah, Master Ayub and other renowned social activist were the participants of the summit. University of Gujrat donated Rs. 1 million to Edhi Foundation, collected by the students and faculty.



Virtual University, Karachi campus organizes an awareness seminar on road safety

An awareness seminar on 'Road Safety' was organized at Virtual University Karachi campus on February 2, 2017. The objective of this seminar was to ensure awareness regarding road safety to reduce accident rate in Pakistan. The resource person was Deputy Inspector General (DIG), National Highways and Motorway Police (NH&MP), Sindh. A huge number of staff, faculty members and students attended the seminar.

Road safety awareness session for Greenwich University students

A corporate social responsibility activity was organized by Office of Research, Innovation and Commercialization - Greenwich University on November 26, 2016. Students enrolled in Mass Communication and Media Studies degree program participated in the campaign, under the supervision of their instructor Ms. Tahira Tariq. The awareness drive was arranged at McDonald's Sea View in association with traffic police.

The aim of the campaign was to spread awareness particularly in youngsters, regarding the importance of traffic rules and the consequences which may arise due to not abiding to these rules. Large number of students enthusiastically participated in the activity, holding banners and posters creating awareness among the general public. According to Greenwich University Instructor, Ms. Tahira Tariq it will take more than just implementing fines to stop violation of traffic rules. She also added "Road safety can only be assured if people are well aware of traffic rules and regulations and they start following them voluntarily".

Senior police officials including Zeeshan Siddiqui (SSP Traffic South), Arshad Siddiqui (DSP Traffic Admin), Muhammad Idrees (DIG Traffic Pollice Officer) and Tahir Khan (DSP Traffic Clifton) actively joined the session.

Lecture on road safety arranged by HITEC

Team Renegades of HITEC University conducted a short awareness lecture delivered by Yamaha Motor Pakistan (YMP) officials on road safety at HITEC University Taxila on December 01, 2016. The purpose of this was to create awareness regarding road safety while driving, precautionary measure while riding and telling the feature of Yamaha YBR 125 bikes. After the session test rides were offered to the attendees.



Upcoming Conferences of The Talloires Network

May 2017

- » C2U Expo 2017. Surrey and Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada. 1-5 May, 2017.
- » Bringing Theory to Practice Project National Conference. Chicago, Illinois, USA. 24-26 May, 2017.
- » Global Peace Conference. Baar, Switzerland. 29-31 May, 2017.
- » APAIE 2017 – Conference and Exhibition. Kaohsiung, Taiwan. 20-23 March, 2017.

June 2017

- » Talloires Network Leaders Conference, 21-23 June, 2017 – TNLC conference website
- » 14th Association of African Universities General Conference. Accra, Ghana. 5-8 June, 2017.
- » ARNA (Action Research Network of the Americas) Conference 2017, "Participation and Democratization of Knowledge: New Convergences for Reconciliation". Cartagena de Indias, Colombia. 12-16 June 2017.
- » 7th International Symposium on Service Learning. Galway, Ireland. 14-16 June, 2017.

July 2017

- » 14th International Conference of Engaged Scholars and Practitioners. Adelaide, South Australia, Australia. 20-21 July, 2017.

August 2017

- » IV Service-Learning Research Symposium. Buenos Aires, Argentina. 23 August 2017.

September 2017

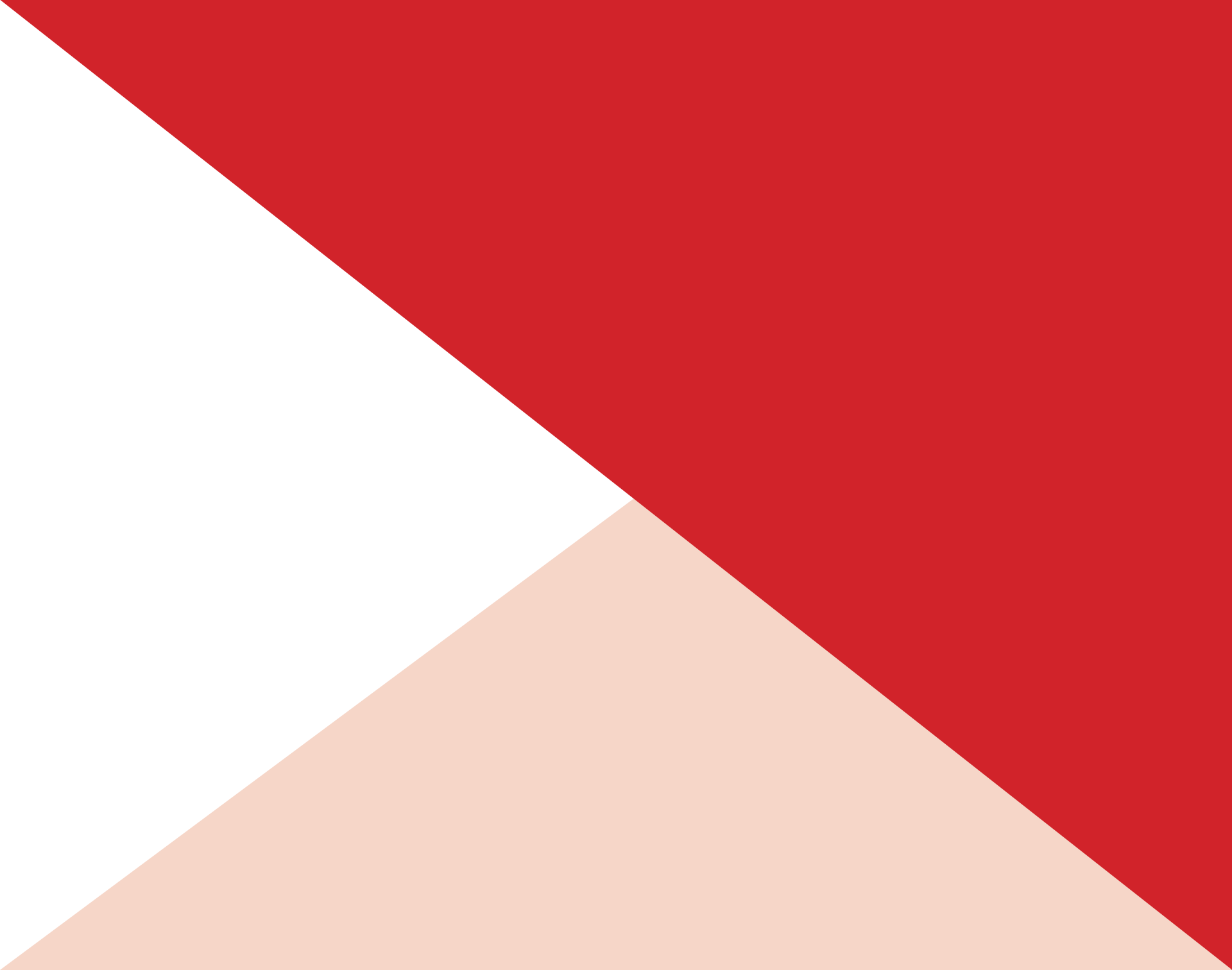
- » 2017 IARSLCE Annual Conference. Galway, Ireland. 14-16 September, 2017.
- » Global Youth Economic Opportunities Summit 2017. Washington D.C., USA. 27-29 September 2017.

October 2017

- » Coalition of Urban and Metropolitan Universities (CUMU) Annual Conference. Denver, USA. 8-11 October 2017
- » 2017 Global Engagement and Social Responsibility: Higher Education's Role in Addressing Global Crises. New Orleans, United States. 12-14 October 2017.

November 2017

- » 2nd World Congress on Global Access to Postsecondary Education: Working Together for a Democratized Postsecondary Education. São Paulo, Brazil. 2-4 November 2017.





Health

HEALTH

NUST students and faculty donate 280 pints of blood

NUST Community Service Club (NCSC) conducted its annual quarter blood donation drive in collaboration with the Armed Forces Institute of Transfusion (AFIT) at the NUST Medical Centre from November 15 to 17, 2016. The main aim of this drive was to engage the students and faculty of NUST in serving the ill. A blood sample was taken from each visitor and tested to determine his or her blood type and hemoglobin level,

amongst other aspects and see if they are fit to donate.

Visitors were highly encouraged to save up to three lives with a single donation. They were provided with free snack to re-energize after donating and had their photographs taken at a photo booth outside. Even if visitors were not keen on donating blood, they were encouraged to contribute monetarily towards paying the screening fees for those

who urgently require blood but cannot afford the 2600 rupees up-front, with a minimum donation of 50 rupees. In this manner, everyone was involved in saving lives in one way or another.

The drive concluded at 3 p.m on the November 17, 2017 with an astounding 280 pints of blood collected.



Around 108 million units of donated blood are collected globally every year. 50% of this is collected from the high-income countries house to only 20% of the world population.

FACT

Riphah holds free medical camps in collaboration with its partners

Riphah Social Welfare Department organized several free medical and eye camps with the collaboration of Riphah International Hospital, Al-Shifa Trust Eye Hospital and Pakistan National Heart Association (PANAHA). Some of these camps include a free eye camp held at Sihala on February 17, 2017 in collaboration with Al-Shifa trust eye hospital which catered to 105 patients; free medical and eye camp held at Pindi Ghaib on February 19, 2017 catering to 385 patients; another free medical camp held on February 22, 2017 in collaboration with PANAHA and catered to 300 patients; and a free medical and eye camp held on February 25, 2017 at Sparkling Future school Rawat which catered to 510 patients. RSWD has come together with its partners and provided people with multiple specialities in one camp.



Oral health and hygiene awareness session by BUMDC



The department of Community Dentistry of Bahria University Medical and Dental Section under guidance of Dr. Kulsoom Fatima Rizvi HOD Community & Preventive Dentistry, conducted an oral health and hygiene awareness session at Guards Public School on November 30, 2016. The audience was young school children between the ages of 3-6. The lecture was delivered by Dr. Raima Bashir in which she tried to reach the young minds and educate them about the importance of oral cavity, its health and the effects of proper maintenance of oral hygiene. The session was interactive and assisted by pictorial power point presentation and video demonstration as well as live demonstration of proper brushing techniques on models. The students were very interactive throughout the session and responded very well to each question. At the end of the session a few students were also called on stage to demonstrate the proper brushing techniques that had been taught to them during the lecture. The session concluded with distribution of oral hygiene kits sponsored by Colgate and oral health related activities developed by the lecturers for developing interest in students regarding oral health. The Principal of the School appreciated the efforts of the department and Bahria University with kind words of appreciation and insisted that BUMDC visits again.

Oral health education session at central prison for women, Karachi, arranged by Bahria University

The department of Community Dentistry carried out another oral health education session at Central prison for women Karachi on February 6, 2017. The CSP team was welcomed by Mrs. Sheebah Shah, Senior Superintendent. The vicinity of the jail compound was very tidy and well-disciplined. The team was then guided towards the women barracks and allocated a hall where all the prisoners were gathered. The session was started by Dr. Nazish Zafar with a lecture on oral diseases, its impact on the oral health and risk factors associated with it. It was followed by an interactive talk by Dr. Raima Bashir who highlighted the importance of regular oral hygiene practices for prevention of oral diseases. The audience was very enthusiastic and responded well during the question answer session. The queries of the participants were addressed and they were very happy on gaining important oral hygiene knowledge. Oral examination was also carried out and free consultation was provided on spot. The session concluded with distribution of oral hygiene kits.

Another such oral health education session was arranged at Multinet Company, a renowned It based multinational company on February 20, 2017 by the department of Community Dentistry. Around 80 participants comprising of managerial staff, office

staff, and domestic staff members, took active part in the awareness session. Dr. Kulsoom Rizvi, started the session with a lecture on oral diseases, their etiology and the possible preventive measures of oral diseases. Videos were demonstrated to the participants on tooth brushing and flossing techniques. Great emphasis was placed on oral hygiene maintenance. The lecture ended with question/answer session, in which all the queries were addressed by Dr. Kulsoom Fatima. After the educational session, fruits were served to the participants to signify the importance of maintaining Oral health and promoting healthy eating habits. Oral health examination and free consultations were carried out by the CSP team to facilitate the participants. A display booth consisting of oral hygiene products were arranged by Roomi Enterprises Pvt. Ltd. Oral hygiene kits were distributed among the participants by the Protect (Roomi Enterprises Pvt. Ltd.) team members to highlight the significance of oral hygiene. The session was wrapped up by Mr. Essa Jan Alla Wala (Head of HR Dept. Multinet Company) with his speech of appreciation on the efforts of Community Support team of dental section- BUMDC, on successful conduction of oral health education session. As a token of appreciation he presented a shield and a flower bouquet to Dr. Kulsoom Fatima Rizvi

and requested the team for arranging similar sessions in future.



Faculty and staff of VUP donate blood to Sundas Foundation

A blood donation camp was organized by Virtual University of Pakistan (VUP) in collaboration with the Sundas Foundation at Lawrence Road office, Lahore. The basic purpose of organizing the camp was to collect blood for children suffering from Thalassemia and Hemophilia.

All VUP faculty members responded to this call of donation very positively and within a few hours, more than 50 bags were collected. Earlier, Major (R) Tariq Maqbool (Director, Sundas Foundation) addressed the faculty and emphasized that the young generation should actively participate for the noble cause of blood donation. He said blood donors were saving thousands of lives in the world on a daily basis and this was one of the best practices human beings were rendering to serve humanity. He thanked the faculty and staff of VU for their support in organizing the blood camp.



150 pints of blood collected at GIKI

Bi-annual blood camps are organized in GIK Institute, one in each academic semester. In October 2016, the blood camp for the semester of fall 2016 was organized whereby more than 150 students generously donated blood in a one-day blood camp.



IST holds Blood donation camp

The blood donation drive has been a great platform for ISTians to play their part in saving lives. The blood donation camps are set up by professionals from the Armed Forces Institute of Transfusion (AFIT). Humanity - the Blood Donors Club, in collaboration with Umeed and IST management organized this year's Blood camp on December 28, 2016. The response of this year's camp was impressive and 150+ selfless students participated with full zeal.



Blood donation seminar and camp at UOG campus

'Hayatian' blood donation society, University of Gujrat in collaboration with Sundas Foundation arranged a seminar under the title 'Blood Donation Awareness Campaign'. Students also donated 100+ bottles of blood to Thalassemia patients registered with Sundas Foundation.



NCSC and Al-Shifa Trust set up free eye camp in Chakwal

A free eye camp was organized by NUST Community Service Club in collaboration with Al-Shifa Eye Hospital on November 26, 2016 in a village about 40 minutes from Chakwal.

The ability to see clearly is a precious ability but one that many people lose as time passes. In the village visited, there were people suffering from issues such as long/short-sightedness, and cataracts. A group of doctors was present to check the eye-sight and diagnose the problems. Based on that, the villagers were given spectacles and medicines free of cost.

NCSC volunteers played their part in organizing the camp. They made sure that despite the long queues, the process ran smoothly and justly.

Around 450 men, women and children came to the camp and many were treated on the spot while some were referred to Al-Shifa Trust clinic.



Riphah University and Pakistan Railway Hospital organized free Cleft Lip and Palate camp

A free Cleft Lip & Palate camp was held on February 23, 2017 at PRH. Prof. Dr. Ajmal HoD ENT, Holy family Hospital Rawalpindi provided his services for the patients. Dr Ajmal is the head of cleft lip welfare society of Pakistan, Rawalpindi and had done more than 800 surgeries.

In the camp 30 patients were checked. Treatment of cleft lip was



Awareness session on tobacco smoking by Bahria University

The Community Support Program team from dental section of Bahria University Medical and Dental College headed by Dr Kulsoom Fatima organized a lecture for on different modes of tobacco smoking, its hazardous effects on oral and general health and ways to break the addictive habit. One hundred students of Coast Guard Public College at-

tended this lecture on August 19,2016. Students also participated actively by sharing their views on the topic and suggested practical tips on quitting smoking. The lecture was well designed and catered well to the young audience. The Principal and faculty of the college appreciated efforts made by the dental team.



CPR workshop held at Ghulam Ishaq Khan Institute of Engineering Sciences and Technology

A CPR workshop was organized by Project Topi in collaboration with IET GIKI chapter in November, 2016. The workshop was delivered by a health officer from the Pakistan Red Crescent. The purpose of this workshop was to give the participants a basic overview of first aid training to be implemented in case of an emergency.



Medical and financial assistance for the underprivileged arranged by students at GIKI

GIKI students put lot of efforts in helping the people living around GIK Institute. Monthly stipend and medical expenditure is provided to the marginalized people of the area. The fund allocation is done through an easy form based application procedure. These cases are funded from the Project Topi account and door to door fund collection from GIK student body is done. Currently, 17 families are being taken care of by the bi monthly stipends. Project Topi also finances costly surgical procedures or other treatments for people who cannot bear their medical expenses. These assistances are provided whenever a case comes to the executive council of Project Topi and funded through fundraising organized by the Project Topi volunteers and members.

Between 30-50% of cancers are preventable. Tobacco use is the single largest preventable cause of cancer in the world, and is responsible for approximately 22% of all cancer-related deaths.

FACT

Kinnaird students provide free medicine to the needy

A group of students from Political Science department conducted a Social Action Project named as 'Aizaz-al-Hayat', on health issues, under the platform of Active Citizenship Program by British Council, Lahore. The main idea of this project was to provide free of costs medicines to the poor and needy to facilitate them. The girls went door to door at different localities of Lahore to collect medicine from people which is of no use to them. They got the medicines verified by Pakistan Pharmacy, DHA. All the collected and verified medicines were given to Sahara For Life Trust, who further donated the medicines to Sughra Shaffi Medical Complex. The project developed a sense of empathy in the students for those who are not as fortunate as them.



Students from Kinnaird conduct a Health and hygiene awareness session for women

Considering the lack of awareness of health issues in the female population, the main goal of this project was to equip the lower class with enough information to change their basic health and hygiene conditions. Common ailments such as diabetes, high/low blood pressure, bone and joint pain, breathing problems and mal nutrition, gastronomical issues and gynaecology were targeted. In order to create awareness, multiple sessions were held along with medical camps that were arranged with qualified doctors of various specialities. Health conditions of 35 women from deprived areas of Lahore was monitored through free medical camps.



Pink Ribbon awareness drive at SUIT

Students ,faculty and staff of Sarhad University of Science and IT, Peshawar showed support, wore pink ribbons and arranged a fund raising desk to donate generously for the cause of Breast Cancer awareness from November 22 to 24, 2016. Apart from students and faculty people from the local community around the university were also invited to be part of this campaign. The Pink Ribbon Campaign is an international symbol of support for breast cancer awareness which is the most common cancer amongst women.





Education

EDUCATION

IST installed Reverse-Osmosis water filtration and cooling plants

Community development projects have become a considerable focus of Institute of Space Technology (IST), Islamabad. In this regard, the biggest problem that UMEED noticed in areas it works in, is the lack of clean drinking water. Children are left with no choice but to jeopardize their health and consequently their studies by drinking unsafe water. Realizing the intensity of this issue, UMEED, in collaboration with Higher Education Commission of Pakistan (HEC), initiated water filtration plant project last year when 10 schools were provided with water filtration plants. This year, the second phase of this project was completed with 18 water filtration plants installed in different schools of UMEED. The plant consists of Reverse-osmosis Water filtration plant and a cooling plant to energize kids in the hot summer.



Tuition and IT outreach program by students of GIKI

One of the main focus activities of Project Topi at Ghulam Ishaq Khan Institute of Engineering Sciences and Technology is providing tuition to students in different schools of Topi through volunteers from student body of GIKI. Currently tuition is being provided in Government Primary School Hamlet, Government High School Topi and GIK School catering up to 500 students.

Similarly there is an IT Outreach Program aimed at setting up of computer labs in various government high schools in the surrounding areas of GIKI, and also providing basic computing training to the students. The first laboratory, equipped with 12 desktop computers, was set up at Government High School Hamlet.

The program is being extended to other schools in Topi as well and efforts are being made to set up a computer lab at Topi school.



Greenwich arranges workshop for school teachers

Office of Research, Innovation & Commercialization - Greenwich University organized an activity 'Explore strategies and tools to inspire learning and teaching'; workshops for the teachers and educational leaders of elementary and secondary grade level of Karachi, Pakistan in collaboration with Rise Welfare Association on Saturday, December 17, 2016. About 250 teachers and educational leaders from different educational organiza-

tions attended this event.

Rise Welfare Association is a venture initiated by the student of Greenwich University, Mr. Shehzad Akram. It is a non-profit educational and healthcare organization that seeks to provide high quality educational opportunities and healthcare facilities for children all over Pakistan.

Mr. Sadiq Merchant, teacher/owner at Sadiq Merchant's Institute and Ms. Aisha Bela

Malik, Head - Centre of Creative Learning Linkage, Greenwich University conducted spellbinding and constructive workshops on multiple intelligence and positive mindset respectively.

Greenwich University, on this remarkable day announced 25- 50% scholarships of Education degree programs to different teachers who attended the workshops.

Wall Graffiti at Jori Project of HITEC University

HITEC Community Service Club (TEC-HITEC), 'Sponsor a Child Program' started in February and is progressing with further admission of local village children in the school. Twenty-eight more students were added in September 2016 to reap the benefit of education. Community club along with university students also had a wall graffiti session in the school to make the environment colorful and pleasant for the children.



IST organizes Color Us Happy

UMEED, a social welfare project of Institute of Space Technology (IST) along with Arts society of IST, ARTIST, organized the first version of its annual event “Color Us Happy” in 2015, which proved to be a great success with everyone. Success from previous year, managements of both societies decided to hold a similar event this year. Color Us Happy 2.0 was carried out on December 24, 2016 in Government Primary School, Aban Chak. The objective was to decorate the school by engaging the team of artists and volunteers in different activities. With its improved aesthetics and numerous stimulating artworks around the school, the students learning abilities and interest in studies would grow. The talented volunteer team consisted of Umeed and ArtIST members, IST alumni and faculty. All participants delivered their input in decorating the school with quotations, posters, paintings, Quranic verses etc. The final outcome, as expected, was a colorful learning environment conducive to learning.



Career Counseling Session for under-privileged students at IST

Pakistan is a country where a large proportion of the population is devoid of adequate information regarding even the most serious of issues. UMEED, working primarily in the education sector, identified the problem of a lack of career counseling in public schools.

Acting upon this observation, the society leadership decided to initiate a career counseling project in its schools so the neglected youngsters of our country can be nurtured for a better future, and to encourage them to be better citizens of Pakistan. The event date was set to be December 16, 2017 which coincided with that of the APS Peshawar Attack. The essence was to pay homage to the martyrs lost that day by spending time with children of the same age.

A team of dedicated volunteers held the session for grade 9 and 10 students of GHS Baga Sangriaal. Each class was provided the necessary guidance needed to pursue their professional careers and further education. The volunteers also introduced them to a number of new career options that were previously unknown to the concerned students. The lively discussions were interactive and full of queries from the children, which were graciously answered by the volunteers. Umeed realized that career counseling is necessary in its areas of operation and it left the children in high spirits. Next phases of this project will be frequently held by the society in different schools so this immense need can be fulfilled.



NCSC distributes bags at EDH trust school F-12 Islamabad

NUST Community Service Club (NCSC) distributed school bags and school supplies in EDH (Educational, Development and Health) Trust school at Meharbadi, F-12 sector, Islamabad on October 28, 2016. As the NCSC students ventured through the broken roads, there was a slum area opposite street 18, F-12. Submerged in poverty, the team saw many shanties and huts. Finally, the team reached the school building which was cemented but looked quite dated. It had two classrooms which were sadly in poor shape.



They could not accommodate all the students and some of them had their classes outside. Still, the effort of EDH to have a school in such an area has to be appreciated. Both poverty and hope was depicted from the faces of the children there. Most of them did not even have bags. The students interacted with NCSC volunteers and showed their progress by recitation, Naat and singing some poems. The team then distributed 35 bags, filled with books and stationery, among the needy students. The students were quite thankful and their kind gestures further increased NCSC's motivation to do more for them in the future!

NUST successfully completes Community Service Learning course-Fall 2016

Community Service Learning course for the Fall 2016 semester was successfully conducted for various NUST schools. A series of six workshops were held for course participants followed by completion of two field assignments. Various topics were covered including Disaster Management and Response, First Aid and Fire fighting, and Social Entrepreneurship. A motivational talk by founder of model city, Rashidabad, Air Cdre (R) Shabbir A Khan was also given to the students. The second phase of the course saw various projects conceived and organized by the course participants. The projects were service-focused and development/empowerment-focused. Students visited orphanages and hospitals; they conducted clean water and hygiene awareness campaigns and conducted free tutoring in underprivileged schools. Having a mandatory course in Community Service for all UG students leads to a lot of work for communities being done by NUST students.







**Environment
Protection**

ENVIRONMENT
PROTECTION

Clean Green Drive at Khanpur Dam by HITEC students

Acting on the hadith “Cleanliness is Half Faith” HITEC university’s Adventure and Social Welfare Society conducted Clean Green Drive 2016 on December 1, 2016 at Khanpur Dam. The purpose of this drive was to build civic sense amongst the student to care for the environment. Khanpur Dam is a tourist resort which is visited by thousands of tourists every day. Students and faculty members actively participated in this drive.



SUIT students initiate project ‘Green Peshawar’

Students and faculty of Department of Management Sciences, SUIT initiated a project ‘Green Peshawar’ in February 2017 which aims to promote awareness for clean and green environment. Under the project volunteers have distributed 5000 fruit trees in in two phases in seven villages of Peshawar. The fruit trees included Peach, Apricot and Loquat and were distributed among the residents of the Tekhkal Bala, Bahadar kaley, Ghari Malizai, Musa Zai, Landi Akhun and Sorizai villages. Planting trees is very useful to overcome pollution, which is a huge issue of Peshawar.



Kinnaird students teach primary students to protect the environment

A group of 7 students from Environmental Sciences department conducted an awareness based project on environment for primary students of Government APS Shuhda Memorial Girls High School, Model Town, under the platform of Active Citizenship Program by British Council, Lahore. A presentation regarding protection of our environment was given to the students. With the help of short clips and tutorials the kids were taught different techniques of recycling. An exhibition of recycled products made by the students was also arranged in the school. A seminar was also conducted with the help of Lahore Solid Waste Management (LWMC) in the school which included awareness lecture and quizzes. Installation of 3 bin system in association with LWMC was also done.



Green Day observed at SBBU, Sheringal

Green Day was observed at Shaheed Benazir Bhutto University (SBBU) on February 9, 2017. Eighty university officials and thirty people from the community were present at the occasion. The registrar Mr Badshah Hussain during his speech highlighted the importance of plantation. Mr Murad Hussain, Additional Registrar made an appeal to the community to preserve the greenery of the land not only by planting new trees but also to stop ruthless deforestation in the area. Later on all the participants planted new trees and prayed for the prosperity of the country. They also pledged to spread the message of preserving trees to others.



UMSIT and Royal Biological Society organize Biological Week

Himalayan Mountains have become fragile for biological heritage. There are certain animals endangered and quite a few plant species have become very less in number. The climate change has further worsened the situation. Considering the threats to Himalayan ecosystems, Department of Biotechnology, University of Management Sciences & IT, Kotli, AJK in October 2016 organized the Biological Week in connection with Royal Biology Society with the core theme of 'Threats to Biological Heritage in Himalayas'.

The minister for revenue and rehabilitation Azad Jammu and Kashmir along with Vice Chancellor of UMSIT, Kotli, Dr. Ghulam Ghous inaugurated the Biological Week with Bird Liberation ceremony. A large number of University students were mobilized for the ceremony. Pigeons were liberated from the cage and Biology Week was open for an array of colorful and thematic activities.

Models were exhibited by the students. Dr. Asad Shah (Chairman Department of Biotechnology) talked about 'The Climate Change and impact on Life in Himalayas'. Dr. Simab Kanwal from Thailand presented



her talk on 'Endangered Species of Jammu and Kashmir'. In his speech Sardar Farooq Sikandar, Minister for Revenue Azad Jammu and Kashmir congratulated the department of Biotechnology for organising Biology Week and pledged for the provision of funds to conduct research on endangered species in lower Himalayan Range of AJK. The Vice Chancellor thanked the participants and expressed his satisfaction on the activities of Biological week. The academic staff and students then had a walk with the banners

and slogans to highlight the significance of biological heritage in city. The Zoologists and Botanists presented their finding and concerns on threats to biological heritage in their presentations. Dr. Tanveer, Dr. Javed and Dr. Nasir were the eminent scholars who talked about threats to life in Himalayan ecosystems. The activities of Biology Week 2016 were terminated with the commitment to celebrate this activity each year with more zeal and zest in accordance to the guidelines of Royal Biology Society.

A large study has found that up to one half of all plants and animals species on dry land could face extinction by the year 2050 due to global warming. According to the World Resources Institute, 100 species die each day due to tropical deforestation.

1st National Climate Change Poster Presentation Conference at UMSIT

Climate change does not respect borders, it does not respect who you are - rich and poor, small and big. It is a global challenge, which require collective action to solve. The Department of English hosted the 1st National Climate Change Poster Presentation Conference 2016 on Dec20, 2016 at the University of Management Sciences and Information Technology Kotli to understand, promote awareness and engage the youth to meet the future challenges of climate change. In the conference more than 300 students of UMSIT, Kotli displayed their posters on various themes including global warming, pollution, de-forestation, natural habitat etc. Eminent key note speakers including Dr Raja Muhammad Aurangzeb Khan (DG Climate Change Unit A.K) and Dr. Muhammad Idrees (Associate Professor GCU Faisalabad) presented papers on Climate Change. The Worthy Vice Chancellor Prof. Dr. Ghulam Ghous, chaired the event. The poster contest was won by the students of Education Department (Urooj Shafait and Fameeda Iqbal) . Dr Ghous appreciated the department of arranging the conference on such a relevant theme.



Insect Awareness Day at UoG

Insect awareness day was organized in the Department of Zoology at University of Gujrat on January 19, 2017. The main purpose of the event was to create awareness about the importance of insects in our environment. It was held with a motto to save insects for a stable ecosystem. Dr. Sumera Afsheen and Dr Mubashar Hussain and students of BS 7th and MSc 3rd Zoology jointly organized this event.

The basic event was display of models, charts and live specimens by students but a walk through university preceded the display. All the participant students along with faculty joined the walk. The walk started at 10:00 am. Banners, charts and pana-flexes displayed the importance of insects. The slogan 'save insects-save the universe' was raised during the walk. Chief guest Prof Dr Muhammad Faheem Malik, Dean, Faculty of Science, inaugurated the exhibition. After the walk everyone headed to department of Zoology where the actual event was held.

Students were divided in to groups of six to seven members and every group focused to highlight the ecological role of certain group of insects.



Virtual University and WWF Pakistan organize an awareness workshop for students

Students of Virtual University, Shahrah-e-Faisal, Karachi Campus attended 'Adventure Camp' workshop at WWF Pakistan's Wetland Center (Turtle Beach) on Monday, February 20, 2017. The camp was a five-hour long activity consisting of various concrete environmental challenges. Students were briefed about the significance of conservation of environment and the ways in which we can maintain wildlife and ecosystem on our planet. The workshop began with Green Fix activity in which students were taken for mangroves plantation. The workshop ended with a beach cleaning activity.



Spring plantation drive at Virtual University of Pakistan

Virtual University of Pakistan, keeping up with its annual tradition, embarked on a massive tree plantation drive at Kala Shah Kaku (KSK) campus. The main objective of the plantation drive was to create awareness about community engagement and social responsibility among the VU students. Rector Virtual University of Pakistan accompanied with principal officers visited KSK campus and formally inaugurated the tree plantation drive by planting a sapling.





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IST secured 3rd position in Yousif Badri Civic Engagement International Prize 2016

Umeed, the educational awareness and community building society run by the students of Institute of Space Technology (IST), was awarded third prize at the 2016 Yousif Badri Civic Engagement International Competition organized by Ahfad University for Women – Sudan. The competition aims at rewarding universities from across the globe for their civic engagement activities. Umeed provides continuous material support to about fifty rural area government schools and to students of these schools. It has undertaken various welfare projects in these schools since its inception in year 2007. Umeed has also managed to set up clean drinking water facilities in 15 schools.

Speaking about Umeed's recent success, life-long President and Vice Chancellor IST, Mr Imran Rahman said that it is a great honor for the society and its volunteers to gain some

much-deserved recognition for the hard work they have done in the last few years.

"It is a great honor to be given so much recognition at such a prestigious platform. It is a great reward for all those who have worked diligently for many years to do their bit for community development. I'm sure that this (award) will open up many opportunities for us as we seek to further our outreach and help as many people and areas as we can," said Mr. Rahman.

First prize was won by Pretoria University for their work on "Law Clinics" and second prize was won by American University of Beirut for their work on Syrian refugees living in Lebanon. Prize distribution ceremony was held on December 12, 2016 at Ahfad University for Women. The event was attended by notables of Khartoum. Deputy Head of Mission, Embassy of Pakistan Khartoum, Mr. Ali Ah-



mad Chaudhary, was invited by the University to attend the occasion and received the award certificate and cash prize of UD\$ 2000 on behalf of IST. Mr. Chaudhary in his message to IST praised the work and said that it was a great honor for Pakistan as well as IST that its program had been recognized at international level.

Between 150 and 400 cases of acid attacks are reported in Pakistan every year. As many as 80 per cent of the victims are women, and almost 70 per cent are below 18. Such attacks are not used to kill the victim but to cause disfigurement and mental pain.

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Kinnaird students impart skills to underprivileged women

A group of students from Fine Arts department conducted a project named as Art To Earn, on Women Empowerment at Mehtab Dastkari School. It is an institution where underprivileged women come to learn sewing free of cost. It was decided to volunteer to teach these women some crafty skills that could perhaps increase their income. The women were taught painted terracotta pots, copper wire jewelry, hand painted shirts, handmade clutches and wall painting. The project started in September and ended in December.

Another group of students from Business administration department conducted a project named Be a Weed. Each group member brought two deserving/ poor ladies or house maids with them and taught them how to make flowers, jewelry and decoration pieces from Italian dough so that they can earn a living by themselves. It was a 4 week project conducted in October 2016, and total 14 women benefited from this skill as they are now making things at their own home, selling them and earning a respectable living for the families.

Another group of students imparted cooking skills to needy women of Kotha Pind (a slum area near Faisal Town), so that they may help themselves to live a better life and fulfill their daily requirements by doing their own cooking business. Six students of International Relations department taught their house helpers basic reading, writing and math skills which will make day to day activities easy for them.



Acid burn women empowered by Kinnaird students

A group of 8 students from Political Science department conducted a Social Action Project named as 'Heal the Burn'. The main theme was to empower acid attack victims by raising funds through a concert and establishing a business opportunity for an acid attack victim to help strengthen her belief in life. Through the help of the funds collected she got training at the Depilex salon followed by a small set up of her own beauty salon at her residence. She is now able to support her family in a greater way and her daughter have started going to school.



SUIT provides two months free basic computer training to youth

SUIT under its flagship project E-Peshawar had initiated a two months free basic Computer course from December 2016 to January 2017 for the youth around the university in village Landi Akhun Ahmad Peshawar. This two months free course was carried out by ten student volunteers and faculty on weekends and the course includes basic use of computers, MS Word, MS Power Point, internet and social media. The youth enrolled in this course greatly appreciated the volunteer efforts of students for the cause of promoting the use and implementation of ICTs in rural areas of Peshawar. Fifty youth of the village benefitted from this course.



IST volunteers provide warm clothing to underprivileged children

Umeed, a project of Institute of Space Technology (IST), strives to address issues that young children face related to education and environment. The program Sweater 4 Better, provides warm clothing to kids who cannot afford it. Team *Umeed* conducted its annual Sweater4Better'17, and distributed over 500 sweaters among under-privileged children studying in schools from all sectors of Umeed.

Due to final examinations clashing with the start of the winter season this year, most of the manpower was wholeheartedly provided by *Umeed* alumni and Center of Aviation members at IST. The volunteers, as always were passionate about being part of the change and positivity this project had the potential of. The schoolchildren and management also welcomed the team with open arms and were grateful for their generosity.



UVAS students volunteer at Cattle Market Management Company, Lahore and Pakistan cattle show, Sheikhpura

In March, 2017 Civic engagement Programme of UVAS arranged a visit of Post graduate students under supervision of Prof. Dr. Aneela Zameer Durrani to volunteer at cattle markets. Students performed examination of animals at arrival, first aid, tagging, services in market, disease diagnosis and as well as the judging at Pakistan Cattle Show. They also guided farmers about FMD, represented UVAS stall at Pakistan Cattle Show, guided farmers about the UVAS services for farmers and animal owners. Dr. Husnain Ali give the presentation on the awareness of FMD for the farmers in Pakistan Cattle Show and gave the answers of farmers about FMD.



Farmer Training at Nagar Parkar by UVAS

A three days farmer training was organized for the participants of Parkar Foundation by the World Wild Fund (WWF-Pakistan) at Nagar Parkar (Tharparkar) by Civic engagement programme of UVAS. Post graduate student, Mehboob Ali conducted the training under the supervision of Dr Aneela Durrani . WWF-Pakistan is working on "Vulture Safe Zone Project" at Nagar Parkar. 22 farmers participated in this session. Lack of education and awareness, limited sources of information, less income and inadequate training are some of the factors faced by the farmers in livestock management activities. They rely on their indigenous knowledge for livestock keeping and management. They have traditional ways and orthodox attitude towards recent advances which results in low livestock production resulting in lower income. By such trainings farmers can overcome these challenges and increase their incomes.



NCSC organizes a play with special children

NUST Community Service Club (NCSC) organized a play which was enacted by special children on 13th January 2016 at the National Center for Special children, H-8, Islamabad from 1100-1300 hours.

It all started off with national anthem by little angels of grade 2 or 3 who sang and expressed it by their special sign language. Following the anthem, the stage was glamorized with a dance performance by children of grade 4 on a famous national song Dil Dil Pakistan. Finally, an interesting play titled 'Price of everything' was enacted by children of various age groups. The story narration was about a greedy and clever merchant who deliberately occupies all the possessions of an honest shoemaker. However, the day was saved by shoemaker's wise son who retains his father's merchandise back to him using the same trick played by the merchant. The play ended with a loud applause and clapping heard from the audience side.

Before the event came to an end, Dr. M. Safdar, faculty sponsor of NCSC appreciated the efforts of the team and the participants to make the occasion enjoyable. The Principal of the school and Dr. Safdar both emphasized on the need to further this collaboration. Thereafter certificates were handed over to participating students. The event ended with the team heading back from the school with flying colors and waving hands from the children bidding a goodbye to the team.



NCSC joins SOS children for Smile for a while project

NCSC attended on the children of SOS Children Village for a 1-time meal under the 'Smile for a while' project on December 24, 2016 at SOS village, Islamabad. The concept of this project is to fund a meal of the orphans on the event by purchasing a ticket worth Rs. 100.

Open-mic talks, candid insights by children and gigs were part of this fall's bonfire party. The fireworks at last filled every child with fervor and happiness and our bid to cheer them up was on a roll then.

The 'Smile for a while '17' was all in all an occasion that promoted a sense of fulfillment among the youth.



NCSC continues with 'Orphans Know More' project

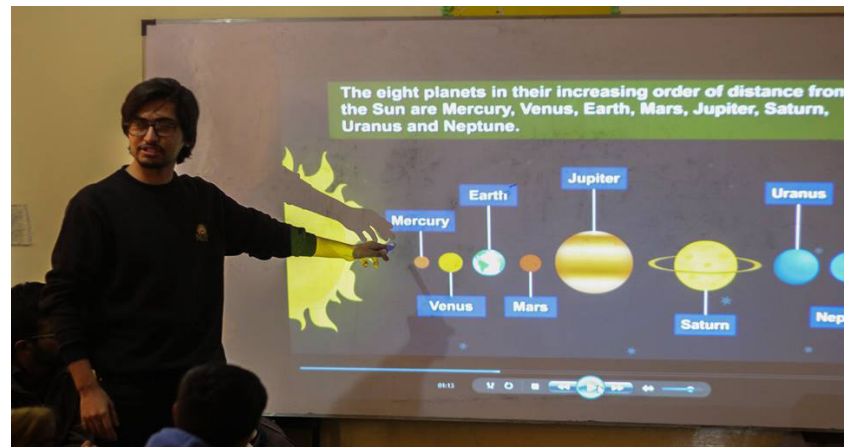
NUST Community Service Club (NCSC) team of Orphans Know More (OKM) comprising 5 event heads and 21 participants, visited Aghosh Orphanage on January 7, 2017.

54 little ones lined the balcony facing the main road in anticipation of the guests. There were a great number of activities planned by OKM's enthusiastic team this time. The day kicked off with an energetic jive, serving as a warm-up session of sorts. Next, the kids were divided into 4 groups according to their age group; 2 groups for the elder lot and 2 for the younger of the bunch. Each of the different activities were catered for the different age groups. A galactic presentation, featuring images of our majestic solar system, enticed the more grown-up children. What quickly followed was a session where the children were encouraged to come forward to tell audience what they had learned from the presentation; an attempt at pushing the kids out of their comfort zone and helping them get over the fear of speaking to large audiences. For the younger ones, there was a demonstration on the transfer of germs, highlighting the importance of personal hygiene in hopes that it would increase their chances at being protected from various common diseases.

Next in line was an activity concerned with a New Year's resolution.



The little ones were encouraged to come up with practical goals that they wanted to achieve during the year 2017, teaching them the importance of self-improvement. The children's New Year's resolutions were colorfully recorded on vibrant chart papers, and displayed in their bedrooms to serve as a reminder. The day came to an end with a cake cutting ceremony in celebration of the year 2017, followed by a gift distribution by Ideas foundation.



Rs 7 million donated to UoG Endowment Fund



Millions of rupees were donated to University of Gujrat (UoG) Endowment Fund at a ceremony which was aimed at bolstering the fund for needy students as well as various research and development projects here at Hafiz Hayat campus.

Donations and pledges kept pouring in till they touched the figure of Rs7 million at the 'Endowment Fund Meet Up' which was attended by the members of the civil society and various social and welfare organizations as well as industrialists and businessmen.

The UoG Endowment Fund was established to help finance the studies of deserving and

needy students.

"The contributions will be invested to gain maximum profits and the proceeds will also be used for the construction and maintenance of buildings, sports activities, and for achieving the targets of academic and research excellence," Vice Chancellor Prof. Dr Zia Ul-Qayyum told the participants.

The participants vowed to continue to support the fund. It was decided at the meeting that chambers of commerce in Gujranwala, Gujrat and Sialkot as well as members of various traders' unions in the Golden Triangle cities and overseas Pakistanis will also be

requested to further strengthen the fund.

Registrar Dr Tahir Aqil said that the UoG is one of the fastest growing institutions of higher education in the public sector. The university has achieved a number of milestones by strengthening its industry-academia linkages as well as through various community development projects.

Director Media Sheikh Abdul Rashid opined that education institutions are regarded as sacred as places of worship in the Islamic culture. "A buoyant endowment fund will go a long way in achieving our national targets on the education front".

About 15% of the world's population lives with some form of disability, of whom 2-4% experience significant difficulties in functioning.

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Workshop on institutionalization of Gender Sensitization and Gender Training held at UoG

Workshop on 'Institutionalization of Gender Sensitization and Gender Training Material in Public Sector Universities' was held by the department of Sociology, University of Gujrat under the Gender Equity Program (GEP) of Aurat Foundation and by the support of the American People through the United States Agency for International Development (USAID).



Youth Mobilization Campaign - exposure visit of selected students of universities of Balochistan to NUST

On September 29, 2016, an exposure visit to NUST was arranged for university students from all over Baluchistan as part of the Youth Mobilization Program by NUST Community Service Club. A massive contingent of 176 students and 11 faculty members from educational institutions such as the University of Baluchistan, BUITEMS, Lasbela University, Sardar Bahadur Khan Women's University, Loralai Engineering University, the University of Turbat and the University of Khuzdar arrived at the Jinnah Auditorium at 12:15 pm

where they were welcomed by NCSC executives. The chief guest of the event was the Minister of State for Petroleum and Natural Resources, Jam Kamal Khan, Rector NUST, and the CEO of Devote, Salma Muhammad Hassani.

The session then formally began with a recitation of the Holy Quran and the national anthem. A documentary showcasing the educational facilities at NUST and students' views of the university was played. Afterwards, an in-depth question-and-answer

session was conducted where the Rector NUST settled any qualms the students had regarding higher educational opportunities available to Balochistan. Later, the guests and students were served lunch and were taken on a tour of the main departments of NUST, including mechanical, civil and electrical, where they were shown the state-of-the-art laboratories and classrooms. The visit ended with a road tour of the other departments housed around the Indus Loop.

Workshop on 'Engaged Community Learning in Universities' held at SUIT

Sarhad University of Science ICT Affairs, and student volunteers in collaboration with Pakistan Institute of ICTs for Development (PIID), Islamabad organized one day workshop on August 27, 2016 themed 'Engaged Community Learning (ECL) in Universities'. The student volunteers and faculty members from different departments participated in this important workshop. ECL is a concept where higher education university students are engaged in community through student projects for community uplift/development and learn by implementing project for the economic uplift of any community.



The scale of illiteracy among youth also represents an enormous challenge; an estimated 122 million youth globally are illiterate, of which young women represent 60.7%. The children who are out of school are likely to encounter great difficulties in the future, as deficient or non-existent basic education is the root cause of illiteracy.

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PCTN Member Universities

Currently, the following universities are members of Pakistan Chapter of the Talloires Network:

1. National University of Sciences and Technology
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3. Aga Khan University
4. Bahria University
5. Beaconhouse National University
6. Balochistan University of Engineering and Technology
7. Balochistan University of Information Technology, Engineering & Management Sciences
8. COMSATS Institute of Information Technology
9. DHA Suffa University
10. Dow University of Health Sciences
11. Dawood University of Engineering and Technology, Karachi
12. Fatima Jinnah Women University
13. Federal Urdu University of Arts, Science & Technology
14. Foundation University
15. Ghulam Ishaq Khan Institute of Engineering Sciences & Technology
16. Gomal University
17. Government College Women University, Sialkot
18. Govt. College University, Faisalabad
19. Greenwich University
20. HITECH University
21. Indus University
22. Indus Valley School of Art and Architecture
23. Institute of Business & Technology
24. Institute of Space Technology
25. International Islamic University
26. Iqra University
27. Islamia University of Bahawalpur
28. Karakoram International University
29. KASBIT
30. Khawaja Fareed University of Engineering & Information Technology
31. Khyber Medical University
32. Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Agricultural University, Peshawar
33. King Edwards Medical University
34. Kinnaird College for Women
35. Lahore College for Women University
36. Lahore University of Management Sciences
37. Lasbela University of Agriculture, Water & Marine Sciences
38. Mirpur University of Science and Technology
39. National Textile University
40. National University of Modern Languages
41. National University of Computer & Emerging Sciences
42. NED University Of Engineering and Technology
43. NWFP University of Engineering and Technology
44. Pir Mehr Ali Shah Arid Agriculture University Rawalpindi
45. Quaid.e.Azam University
46. Riphah International University
47. Sarhad University of Science and Information Technology
48. Shah Abdul Latif University
49. Shaheed Benazir Bhutto Women University, Peshawar
50. Shaheed Benazir Bhutto University, Upper Dir
51. Shaheed Zulfiqar Ali Bhutto Institute of Science and Technology
52. Shifa Tameer-e-Millat University
53. Sindh Agriculture University
54. Sindh Madressatul Islam University
55. Sukkur Institute of Business Administration
56. University of Agriculture, Faisalabad
57. University of Azad Jammu & Kashmir
58. University of Faisalabad
59. University of Haripur
60. University of Health Sciences, Lahore
61. University of Gujrat
62. University Of Lahore
63. University of Management Sciences and Information Technology, Kotli
64. University of Sargodha
65. University of Sindh
66. University of the Punjab
67. University of Veterinary and Animal Sciences
68. Virtual University of Pakistan
69. Ziauddin University

How to join PCTN

In order to join the network, the university needs to send two letters of commitment signed by the President, Rector, or Vice-Chancellor. The first letter should be addressed to Chair PCTN, Lieutenant General Naweed Zaman, HI (M), (Retired) (Rector, National University of Sciences and Technology, Islamabad) and can be e-mailed to pctn@nust.edu.pk.

Another letter should be sent to Anthony Monaco, Chair of The Talloires Network Steering Committee and be e-mailed at talloiresnetwork@tufts.edu.

Sample letters can be seen on our website. Along with the letters include a brief overview of your civic engagement activities. The university must also designate a focal person who would be the point of contact for all community service related activities. Once the membership is approved, the university will get a confirmation from both PCTN and The Talloires Network.

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