

Tamasha 2011 festival held at FAST-NU, Islamabad Campus

A three-day multidimensional event 'Tamasha 2011' was held at FAST-NU Islamabad Campus. Aiming to 'break the silence' of the youth, Tamasha provided 1,700 students from 70 educational institutes of the country an opportunity to express their talent.

The participants were invited to take part in various competitions this year, comprising theatre, painting, writing, visage canvas, sketching, declamations, cultural fusion, photography, calligraphy, sufi music, movie competition, t-shirt designing, sports and muqadama bazi.

Tamasha officially started when Dr. Amir Muhammed, Rector FAST-NU and Renowned TV Anchorperson, Talat Hussain cut the ribbon and set the pigeons free as symbol of peace and freedom.

On the final day of the event, students of various universities performed on the stage in the segment called 'Rebuilding of Pakistan'. Through their performance, the university students told the audience that it was time to 'whitewash the blood-stained walls of our country'.

The crowded hall of the university generously applauded the performance of their colleagues, who were



Dr. Amir Muhammed, Rector, FAST-NU is giving shield to renowned T.V Anchorperson Talat Hussain at Tamasha 2011.

giving a message of hope. "It is time to hold hands, it is time to start afresh," said a participant.

The students of Gomal University presented the dream of a bright future for the country.

The female students of Lahore Grammar School performed in the guise of males. They exposed dual faces of rulers who compromised on principles for their vested interests

while putting poor people at risk.

The students of FAST-NU Peshawar Campus, Punjab University Lahore and Gujrat University also highlighted the importance of bringing the country into the list of developed and civilized countries.

University of the Punjab was declared winner of the festival while the Gujrat University remained the runner up.

Hardwork, discipline bring positive changes among students



Dr. Amir Muhammed, Rector, FAST-NU said that the basic purpose of higher education should not prepare only skilled technicians but to produce hardworking and disciplined human beings.

The hardwork and discipline can bring positive changes in the lives of students and they can achieve success

by creating these two qualities among them. He made these remarks in a panel interview and message for 'Golden Jubilee Number' of Quarterly Zarii Digest of the University of Agriculture, Faisalabad at the auspicious occasion of its golden jubilee celebrations.

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Open Day at Electrical Engineering Department, Karachi Campus

The Electrical Engineering Department, FAST-NU Karachi Campus organized an Open Day for the students of seventh semester on

enjoyed the machine flying in the premises of the University. The variety of the projects and the effort involved to complete them were truly



Students of Electrical Engineering Department of FAST-NU Karachi Campus are displaying Unmanned Aerial Vehicle (UAV) at Open Day.

January 6, 2011. The projects of Final Year students were displayed and judged by the faculty and industry professionals.

Among other projects, students and visitors were specially thrilled by the project supervised by Project Advisor, Yasir Amir, 'Design and Fabrication of Quadrotor UAV (Unmanned Aerial Vehicle).' They

amazing. With these projects on display, the labs of the Electrical Engineering department gave the look of an exhibition fair.

The Director and the Head of the Department praised the effort of the students and their project Advisors and congratulated them for completing some of these projects well ahead of time.

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Dr. Amir Muhammed opined that learning of international language is imperative for the students studying for higher education. We should stress on writing, reading and speaking to learn any language.

About economic revival of the country, he said in next 20 years, agriculture can save Pakistan as our industry cannot compete with the world owing to shortage of energy.

"We have to adopt modern techniques alongside the traditional agriculture to enhance the production and meet food requirements of the growing population," he added.

He also threw light on his personal life and achievements and shared experiences in the field of agriculture research.

Later, the delegation of the Agriculture University, Faisalabad presented a book to the Rector.



A view of Sham-e-Charaghhaan at Tamasha 2011 Festival

Best practices - FAST Business Club organizes seminar on entrepreneurship at Lahore

Best Practices - FAST Business Club organized a seminar on entrepreneurship at Lahore campus on Saturday, January 29, 2011. The objective of this event was to foster entrepreneurial spirit among students and help them explore entrepreneurship as a career path. Speakers included Mr. Farhan Masood, Founder and CEO of

SoloSmart, Inc. Mr. Khurram Zafar, CTO Lahore Stock Exchange and a serial entrepreneur with vast experience of entrepreneurial ventures in Silicon Valley. Besides these experienced entrepreneurs, the event featured presentations by young entrepreneurs who have started their startups in recent years. All speakers shared their experiences as

entrepreneurs in Pakistan and abroad and also highlighted opportunities and challenges faced by entrepreneurs in Pakistan. Having a diverse lineup of experienced and young entrepreneurs, helped making the event a rich experience for participants who found it to be highly engaging. This helped clear some misconceptions about entrepreneurship.

Paper accepted in an ISI Journal

A paper titled 'On Symmetries of Power Digraphs' by S.M.Husnine, Uzma Ahmad and Lawrence Somer has been accepted for publication in UTILITAS MATHEMATICA, an ISI Journal with positive impact factor. Uzma Ahmad is a PhD scholar under the supervision of Dr S M Husnine. The co-author Dr Lawrence Somer is a Professor at the Catholic University of America, Washington DC. USA.



FAST-NU team excels at IEEE Electronics Olympiad 2011

Teams from FAST-NU Islamabad Campus participated in IEEE Electronics Olympiad 2011 GIKI' held at Ghulam Ishaq Khan Institute, Topi from 4-6 February, 2011. The performance of the teams was found extraordinary.

It was a national level event which was contested by various universities across the country. The FAST-NU teams managed to win two events and the two teams remained runner up in the competitions.

Taimoor Naveed and Zubair Ajmad were declared winner of Micro-Controller Interface Challenge while Asad Liaqat, Ali Bin Tariq and Omar Naeem won the Robothon.

Atif Javed and Awais Aslam remained runner up in Micro-Controller Interface Challenge while Taimoor Naveed, Zubair Amjad, Atif Javed and Awais Aslam were runner up in Brain Wave Quiz competition.

Sanwal Munir, Abubakar Younis won the RoboRace.

Faryal Nawaz of Islamabad Campus wins Debating Championship

Faryal Nawaz of FAST-NU Islamabad Campus was declared the 3rd Best Speaker at the Islamabad Debating Championship 2011, hosted by ASAS International from January 14 to 16, 2011. The event was keenly contested by teams from Islamabad and Lahore. FAST Debating Society

team comprised of Faryal Nawaz, Obaidullah Baheer, Mahvash Waqar and Nida Hussain. The performance of the team was commendable throughout the competition winning the preliminaries and quarters unanimously, before making it all the way to the semis.



Students at Islamabad Debating Championship 2011

FAST-NU Scholar secures second position at World Conference

The PhD (Mathematics) Scholar of FAST-NU, Lahore Campus, M. Javaid won a cash prize of Rs.15,000 by securing second position in the '5th World Conference on 21st Century Mathematics 2011.' The Conference was jointly organized by Abdus Salam School of Mathematical Sciences in collaboration with ICTP (Italy), International Mathematics Union (IMU) and Higher Education Commission (HEC).

There were thirteen presenters from FAST-NU, Lahore Campus, out of 137 in the Conference. World renowned Mathematicians and young researchers from Pakistan and all over the world delivered their talks.

A panel of foreign experts after reviewing the presentations decided the awards. It is for the first time that a graduate student of Mathematics from FAST-NU Lahore won the cash prize.

The title of the talk was Super-Edge Magic Total Labeling of Aman Trees.

The paper on 'Super-Edge Magic Total Labeling of Aman Tree' by M.Javaid, A.A.Bhatti and M.Hussain has already been submitted for its publication in an ISI Journal.

98% of scholars return to Pakistan: Chairperson HEC

Only 2% of scholars have not returned to Pakistan after completing their degrees. While the rest are not only coming back, but also serving in various institutions from the day they landed in the country, said Higher Education Commission (HEC) Chairperson, Dr. Javed Laghari.

There was a misconception that the scholars were not coming back.

However, in reality, they were bound to come back under the Bond they signed with the Higher Education Commission.

Xpressions '11 by The Literary Club



This month, FAST-NU Karachi campus became host to Xpressions '11 organized by The Literary Club (TLC). Xpressions is a traditional event with just one purpose- Celebrating Creativity! For this purpose, on February 01, 2011, the Xpressions team took the seminar room of the campus, back in time to a 'Darbar' of the golden Mughal era!

The room presented itself as velvet curtained, adorned with beautiful mughal paintings, vases, mirrors, takht and even fake pillars with gold plated art over them, all of which were the creation of the imaginative FAST-ians.

The Darbar also had a real 'paan' corner, with a 'paan-wala' distributing 'meetha paan' from a beautiful ornate 'paan-daan' to all the subjects of the Darbar. The Darbar of TLC along with being an art entity itself also hosted a painting and sketching competition.

Best Practices - FAST Business Club organizes trip to WBIC

Best Practices - FAST Business Club organized a trip to Women Business Incubation Center (WBIC) for the female students of FAST-NU Lahore Campus. WBIC is an initiative of Small and Medium Enterprise Development Authority (SMEDA) and comprises of an office plaza in Y-Block, DHA, Lahore which houses different businesses run by women entrepreneurs. This facility offers aspiring women entrepreneurs a safe and professional environment to set

up their offices and share costs of operating an office. The trip included visit to different operating businesses in WBIC and a formal presentation conducted by WBIC management team. Also, students visited an exhibition of women entrepreneurs. This trip proved to be a knowledgeable experience for students as it helped them learn about opportunities existing for women entrepreneurs and public sector initiatives supporting entrepreneurship in Pakistan.



Students of FAST-NU Lahore Campus during their trip to Women Business Incubation Center (WBIC)

FAST-NU Team participates in International Parliamentary Debating Championship in New Delhi

For the first time in the history of FAST-NU, VOICE participated in the 8th Premchand Memorial International Parliamentary Debating Championship hosted by Hindu College, University of Delhi in January 2011. It was a major event where around 40 teams from all over the world participated in the competition. Three teams from our debating society took part in the demanding mega event.

Team A having Uzair Ghumman and Bilal Tariq as its speakers reached

the quarter finals which was a noteworthy accomplishment for a Pakistani team on the Indian soil. Team B with Anayat Ali and Hasan Rafique and Team C consisting of Moosa Khalid and Ibrahim Younas reached the Octa stage. All the three teams had their moments of glory with the match wins in the preliminary rounds under their belt. Even in later stages, the teams had highly competitive matches which brought out the best in them. For the first time Hindu College, University of Delhi

introduced the interrogation round in the matches and this gave our teams a chance to hone and master their analytical skills.

The event was highly competitive and demanded exhaustive study and practical application in both the initial and knock-out rounds. All the members worked in unison to bring accolades to their alma mater. And it was extremely satisfying to see them win matches and give a tough competition to their international opponents.