

Three more PhDs produced by FAST-NU

The 13th meeting of the Board of Advanced Studies and Research (BASR) held on December 21, 2011 at FAST-NU Headquarters approved the recommendations of Graduate Studies Committees of Islamabad, Karachi and Lahore campuses for award of PhD degrees to Mr. Sajid Anwar, Mr. Imran Jami and Ms. Imrana Kousar. Mr Sajid Anwar successfully defended his thesis titled 'Software Maintenance Prediction: An Architecture Perspective' on June 27, 2011. Mr. Imran Jami defended his thesis titled 'A Framework for Provenance System in Open Distributed Environment on September 19, 2011 and Ms. Imrana Kousar defended her thesis titled 'Dimension Theory of Graphs' on November 28, 2011.

The Board confirmed PhD admission of 14 students as they fulfilled the current admission requirements of the University. The Board also approved foreign experts for evaluation of PhD thesis.

Aga Hassan Abedi Memorial Declamation Contest held

2nd All Pakistan Aga Hassan Abedi Memorial Declamation Competition organized by The Literary Club (TLC) was held on November 15, at FAST-NU Karachi Campus.

This event was dedicated to the memory of Aga Hassan Abedi who was also the man behind one of the most successful ventures ever launched by a Pakistani, the BCCI Bank. The floor for the competition was opened by two fiery speeches by FAST students, who were not competing for the prize. The competition was divided into college level, and university level. As the college level participants started their round, the podium was set ablaze with dazzling speeches.

As the speakers came and went, the audience were treated to a wide variety of speech styles from humorous, to serious, with awe-inspiring diction, and unmatched style.

As the speeches came to an end, a new hype was starting to grow, which reached its epitome as the chief guest,

Dr. Gholam Mujtaba arrived.

Dr Gholam Mujtaba began his speech by highlighting need for education as the most pressing need of Pakistan.

He emphasized the value of education and the value of students, for they are the true asset of Pakistan.

The event was concluded with an award distribution ceremony where the chief guest distributed the awards among the winners, with PECHS Government Degree College winning the College round, and Muhammad Ali Jinnah University (MAJU) winning the University round.

Gillete Team visits Karachi Campus

The Gillete Grooming Gurus team including the musical group Strings (Faisal Kapadia and Bilal Maqsood), Omer Malik, Assistant Brand Manager, Gillette, Omer Imtiaz, Human Resource Manager, Procter and Gamble and Brand Logics Team, Omair, Ahmar, Akif, Kamran visited FAST-NU Karachi Campus on November 18, 2011 and shared some tips with the students on boosting confidence and physical appeal.

The Gillette team made a presentation on prepping up for everyday or any special event. Strings were very well received by the students. Faisal Kapadia and Bilal Maqsood shared real life experiences with the students and explained how refining personal presentation can make a difference. In the end, the Strings performed 'Mein tau dekon ga' followed by 'Sar Kiye' before bowing out to a cheering crowd.



Winners of Agha Hassan Abedi declamation contest with Chief Guest

Guest Speaker session by Senior Executives of Metro Cash & Carry



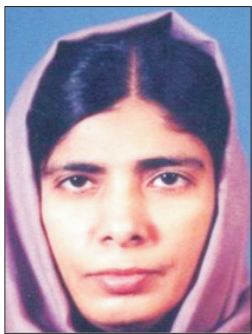
Guest speaker is delivering speech

FAST Business Club (FBC), Lahore Campus arranged an interactive guest speaker session in which senior executives of Metro Cash & Carry Asia were invited to speak on Supply Chain at Metro and opportunities for Pakistani professionals in supply chain as well as in Metro Group.

Head of Supply Chain for Metro's Asia operations, Mr Jamil Khan gave a presentation on how supply chain is handled in Metro particularly when they intend to enter a new market. He also apprised the students about the key aspects of Metro's operations at

strategic and operational levels while sharing his own experience in different countries with Metro and other global retail brands. Second part of the session featured an interactive talk by Mr Adeel Anwar, Head of Training for Metro Pakistan and Project Head HR for Metro Indonesia. His presentation mainly focused on opportunities for business graduates from FAST School of Business in Metro Asia region as well as opportunities for Pakistani professionals in different markets of Far East. He elaborately discussed the areas in which students need to groom themselves to be able to apply for international assignments with multinational organizations. This high profile event was attended mainly by MBA students, faculty members as well as two foreign guests from Metro AG, Mr Milan Berger, Regional Negotiation Supply Chain Manager-Asia and Mr Rafal Elsner, Project Manager Supply Chain-Asia.

Imrana Kousar defends PhD thesis



Ms Imrana Kousar, a PhD scholar defended her thesis titled "Dimension Theory of Graphs" supervised by Dr S. M. Husnine at FAST-NU Lahore Campus.

The foreign reviewers were Dr. Mirka Miller of the University of New Castle, Australia and Dr. Edy Tri Baskoro of Institute of Technology, Bandung, Indonesia.

Local examiners were Dr. F.M.Bhatti of LUMS, Dr. M. Hussain of COMSAT Lahore and Dr. Gohar Ali of NUCES Peshawar Campus.

Tech Talk on software held



A tech talk to introduce some techniques used in software cost estimation was held at FAST-NU, Karachi Campus on November 21, 2011. Speaker, Asim Ali, Lecturer, Department of Computer Science shared his knowledge in the respective area. He talked specifically about calculating the cost of websites by using various tools and techniques. He discussed key topics including cost estimation, over and under estimation techniques and website pricing during his presentation. The Speaker also spoke about techniques for planning a project and the reasons of failure of some large software.

Book accepted for publication

The book titled 'The Scriptural and the Sculptural Aspects of Isaac Rosenberg's Poetry' by Miraat Farnaz Syed, Assistant, Professor, Department of Social Sciences and Humanities, FAST-NU, Lahore Campus has been accepted for publication by LAP Lambert Academic Publishing House Germany.

Balance between studies, physical fitness stressed

A thrilling match of table tennis was played on November 30, 2011 between one of the best players of his time, Rashid Ahmed Saleh and Assistant Professor Rahat Ehsan of FAST-NU, Peshawar Campus. Rashid Ahmed, who had retired as Accountant General, remained official Table Tennis coach of Khyber-Pakhtoonkha Province and represented Pakistan abroad in this game. The best of five games match started in the cafeteria building in the presence of a large number of students and the faculty. In the beginning, Rahat Ehsan was completely overshadowed by Rashid Saleh with his skills and techniques. He lost first two games. However, he came back strongly into the game and won the last three games. It was a very interesting and tough match that generated a lot of interest amongst the spectators. Every one present enjoyed it and appreciated the physical fitness and well calculated strokes played by 65 years old Rashid Ahmed Saleh. Before start of the match, Rashid Ahmed briefly addressed the students and asked them to create a balance between studies and physical fitness and explained that sports activities could improve their life style. At the end, Rashid Ahmed Saleh was presented the University's Shield by the Director Peshawar Campus Dr. Ghiasul Haq.

FBC industrial trip to Nestle Sheikhpura factory



Students of FAST Business Club pose after trip to Nestle factory

Best Practices- FAST Business Club at FAST School of Business, Lahore Campus organized an industrial trip to Nestle's Sheikhpura factory on November 2, 2011. Visiting manufacturing unit of one of the world's most renowned food brands proved to be a learning experience for the students. Students were able to

learn about the internal structures and the processes within the organization. The students also met the Human Resource Manager who gave them a thorough introduction of Nestle and its brands across the globe. Students were taken to different processing and manufacturing units especially related to juices and chilled dairy.

Session on 'Be Your Own Boss'

FAST School of Business organized a session on 'Be Your Own Boss' was held at FAST-NU City Campus Karachi on November 22, 2011. Supported by extensive research and data over 200 years, Wali Zahid, CEO, Skill City discussed how the world will look like in 2050, technologically, economically and demographically. The startling facts got the youth thinking as to how they can be a part of this innovation and growth process and become their own bosses! Resultantly the session became highly interactive.

Mr. Wali emphasized that a person can achieve much more through his naivety and energy, than caution and experience. Thus, youthfulness was declared most important for opening a new enterprise.



Bilal Maqsood is being received

Table Tennis, Volleyball and Throwball by ACES. It was a tie in the Basketball match between TITANS and ACES. ACES were on top of the point list becoming the champions with TITANS being runner ups, VIKING and INFINITY coming in 3rd and 4th position respectively.

Sportics: League of Glory held at Karachi Campus

League of Glory, a mega intra-university event was organized by Sportics Committee of FAST-NU Karachi Campus which concluded on November 23, 2011. The event, which continued for a week, successfully concluded after holding competitions among the five major league teams, in

six sports. The major goal of the event was to promote sports among the students of the University.

The students participated in Cricket, Football, Table Tennis, Volleyball, Throwball (girls) and Basketball competitions. Cricket was won by ACES, Football by VIKINGS,



Students are participating in different games at Sportics: League of Glory 2011 held at FAST-NU Karachi Campus

Prof. Dr. Sani visits Karachi Campus Library

Inviting renowned guests for their feedback and inputs has been an important tradition at FAST-NU Karachi Campus.

On November 5, 2011, Dr. Aziz-ur-Rehman Saifee, HOD Sciences and Humanities Department, Karachi Campus, invited Dr. Hafiz Muhammad Sani who is a well known scholar and Chief Editor magazine section of Daily Jang Karachi.

He is the author of six books on Seerat-Un-Nabi in English and Urdu. Two of his books have been given President award.

Dr. Sani toured the Campus and appreciated the labs and library facilities. He suggested increasing the number of encyclopedias and subscription of Higher Education Commission (HEC) recognized journals in the library to help the faculty develop research culture and enhance teaching methodology.

He opined that the library could benefit from 'Urdu Daira-tul-Ma'arif Islamia' published by Punjab University.

Dr. Sani, based on his vast experience in the field of education, recommended to add extra curricular books in the library enabling the students to enhance their knowledge.

Dr. Sani also promised to donate books on Seerat-Un-Nabi for FAST Library.



FAST-NU career desk guiding the student about career choices and FAST University

Coders Cup 2011 held at FAST-NU Karachi Campus

An annual intra university programming competition 'The Coders Cup 2011' was organized by ACM, FAST-NU Karachi Campus from November 14 to 18, 2011. There is no denying the fact that the annual Coders Cup 2011 is perhaps one of the biggest and most lively events of the University.

Over 90 teams participated with more than 30 freshmen teams which reflected the keen interest of students. The event was divided into 4 rounds, round 1 for sophomores, round 2 for

freshmen, round 3 for juniors and seniors and round 4 was the grand finale. The time for each round was two hours. The top 6 teams from round 1 and 2 and top 12 teams from round 3 qualified for the final.

The teams were assigned one of the six houses namely Gladiators, Perceptors, Legion, Invincibles, Skyfire and Magnus. In the grand finale, all the houses battled for the ultimate glory. In the end, Gladiators were crowned champions of The Coders Cup 2011.



The winning team is showing trophy at Coders Cup 2011

FAST-NU Team visits the City School

A team of FAST-NU Karachi visited The City School, PAF Chapter to host an open career desk for their senior students. The team from FAST-NU comprised Sami Ullah (Placement Officer), Khalid Iqbal Soomro (Assistant Professor, EE) and an Alumni of FAST, Adeel Asad. The event was organized in connection with Admissions-2012 outreach campaign. This help-desk concept was new, but proved very effective in introducing FAST-NU to the students, and also answering their queries.

Both boys and girls took keen interest in FAST-NU programs and the opportunities it has to offer, including Degree programs, Courses, Labs, Co-Curricular/Extra-Curricular activities,

Scholarships/Financial Aids, and Transport facilities. Students were also counselled about various fields in their career pursuit. They were given various career choices and options available at FAST such as Computer Science, Electrical Engineering and Business Administration etc. The students were briefed about various facilities and opportunities offered at the Campus. The admission process was also explained in detail.

Looking at the keenness and the interest shown by the students, the Principal of the school requested FAST-NU to do a formal presentation in January 2012, and also arrange a guided tour of the University for real time experience.