

Nishan-e-Imtiaz conferred on Wasim Sajjad, President FAST, Chancellor of NU



Nishan-e-Imtiaz is being conferred on Wasim Sajjad by President Asif Ali Zardari at Aiwan-e-Sadar on March 23, 2011.

Senator, Wasim Sajjad, Leader of Opposition in the Senate of Pakistan, President, FAST and Chancellor of the University has been conferred upon Nishan-e-Imtiaz by the President of Pakistan, Mr. Asif Ali Zardari at a special investiture ceremony held on March 23, 2011 at Aiwan-e-Sadar, Islamabad, in recognition of his services and work on the 18th Amendment to the Constitution and for strengthening democracy and democratic institutions in Pakistan.

Nishan-e-Imtiaz is the highest honor given to any civilian in Pakistan based on the achievements that caused world recognition for Pakistan or/ for an outstanding service for the country.

Annual Job Fair/Open House held at Islamabad Campus

Over 60 firms/companies and institutions participated

The annual job fair/Open House for the year 2011 of FAST-NU was held at Islamabad Campus on April 26, 2011. This event was organized for the placement/recruitment of graduating students of BS & MS (Computer Science), BS (Telecom Engineering) and BBA & MBA.

Dr. Amir Muhammed, Rector of the University, was the chief guest on the occasion.

The Open House provides an opportunity to the industry to interact with the graduating students for the purpose of recruitment for their respective firms/ companies. The

students are interviewed and usually evaluated on the basis of their Final Year Projects for possible employment.

Dr. Amir Muhammed, Rector in his address said that essentially this event will give the corporate sector an opportunity to judge abilities and competitiveness of the upcoming generation.

This Open House aims to preserve the talent we have and encourage companies nourish it into professional brilliance, he added.

Dr. Waseem Ikram, Director Islamabad Campus, in his welcome

address said that this year the Islamabad Campus is sending around 350 students into the industry. Of these 140 are from BS Computer Science and 90 from BS Telecom Engineering. Graduating batch also includes 60 students from BBA and 50 from MS and MBA.

Senior Management representatives of more than 60 prestigious firms/companies and institutes from all over the country participated. They observed and evaluated students' projects and also interviewed the graduating students for possible recruitment for their organizations.

Recruitment Drive of Game View Studios at Peshawar Campus

Game View Studios (GVS) Company has hired two final year students of FAST-NU Peshawar Campus - Sarmad Ahmed and Fida

On May 13, Haroon Akhtar gave one hour presentation to introduce his company, its objectives, achievements, developments and the recruit



Hussain of Batch-2007, by conducting on spot interview when these students were on visit to FAST-NU, Lahore Campus for SOFTEC-2011. Looking at the performance of these two students during interview, the company's CEO requested the Director Peshawar Campus to allow the company to have a recruitment drive at Peshawar Campus. Their request was acceded to and their team, led by Haroon Akhtar (Solution Engineer), visited FAST-NU Peshawar Campus on May 13 and 14, 2011.

ment process. The presentation was followed by a written test for interested students. 85 students appeared in the test and 60 (25 CS and 35 Telecom) were shortlisted for interview. Interviews by the visiting team were conducted till late evening on May 14, 2011. Before leaving the Campus, Mr. Haroon said that based on the written test interviews of the candidates, the company would decide about their appointment and result to be communicated in about three weeks time.

Marketing Mavericks Cyber Syndrome 2011

The 8th event of the Marketing Mavericks series, 'Marketing Mavericks Cyber Syndrome 2011' was held at FAST-NU Islamabad Campus on April 20 and 21, 2011.

The event was attended by senior executives from various local and multinational organizations, academicians, business students, entrepreneurs and consultants.

As many as 105 FAST School of Business students participated in the event with their real-time industry based marketing projects.

A total of 14 awards were distributed among the students. 16 national and multinational companies sponsored the event.



Participants of Marketing Mavericks Cyber Syndrome 2011 held at Islamabad Campus

UNILYMPICS-2011 held at FAST-NU Karachi Campus



A two-day sports event 'UNILYMPICS-2011' was held at FAST-NU Karachi Campus from April 4 to 5, 2011. The students from different universities participated in five sports including futsal, volley-

ball, basketball, throw ball and table tennis during the event which was organized by SPORTICS, a sports society of FAST-NU.

The students of FAST-NU excelled in volleyball.

FAST-NU Peshawar wins cash prize

The Electrical Engineering Department Students team comprising Mushin Ali, Imran Khan, and M. Rizwan has glorified the FAST-NU Peshawar Campus in one of the most prestigious event, Electrical Engineering Hardware Project Competition "EMCOT" was held at COMSATS Abbottabad on May 9 and 10, 2011. The team attained second position beating almost 70 teams from 13 different national universities participating in the event.

The project title was 'Sending Text Message using Brain Waves'. It was highly appreciated by all the visitors and faculty members. The project is supervised by Mr. Khalilullah, and co-supervised by Dr. Asmatullah Khan and Rehmatullah Kundi.

Apart from this achievement, altogether four EE Students groups participated in the event. All the four teams were offered full support by Continuing Engineering Education Center (CEEC) UET Peshawar to turn their projects into a finished commercial product.

Only qualified students get scholarships: HEC

As many as 2,045 Pakistanis are currently pursuing their higher education in various foreign universities through the Higher Education Commission (HEC). During the last eight years, a total of 674 students returned to the country after completing PhDs. Most of the students seeking higher education in foreign universities are pursuing their studies in natural sciences including physics, biology, chemistry, engineering and medicine. Other fields include social sciences, business and public administration.

Most of the students selected by the Commission for scholarships hail from developed areas of the country. The Commission has set criteria that students need to meet for scholarships in foreign universities, which is why students mostly from developed areas of the country end up qualifying. The Commission has relaxed its rules to facilitate students from Tribal areas and Balochistan.

BS (EE) student expresses gratitude for grant of loan

M.Bilal Junaid, a student of BS (Electrical Engineering), Department of FAST-NU Islamabad Campus and currently in the last semester of his graduation expressed his deepest gratitude to the FAST-NU Administration for granting him loan for studies.

In a letter to Rector, FAST-NU Dr. Amir Muhammed, he said that four years ago no university was ready to give him admission because he could not afford the expenses.

But, FAST-NU was the only university to accept him by granting the loan.

Bilal Junaid has recently received the best university award and the one of the best rated projects in AL-Zayed IT international competition in Abu Dhabi 2011.

He has attributed his success to the FAST-NU and its administration.

He has also won the PTA-Ericsson mobile excellence awards in 2010, gold medals in different semesters and many other national events.

Paper accepted for publication

A paper titled 'Topology of Plane Curves and Discreiminants' by Dr. Zahid Raza Assistant Professor of Mathematics at Lahore Campus has been accepted for publication in Bulletin Mathématique de la Société des Sciences Mathématiques de Roumanie, an ISI journal with impact factor of 0.554.

EE FYP wins prize

EE FYP group of FAST-mobile (Solar Car) has won the first prize (including Rs. 10,000) in the hardware project exhibition of NUTEC-2011 in Peshawar on April 30 and May 01, 2011. The team had previously won a prize at APTEC-2011 at COMSATS, Lahore in April this year.

'Eden Housing limited' selected for an Int'l Conference

The case study written by Assistant Professor, Talha Salam, FAST School of Business, Lahore has been selected for presentation at 1st International Conference on Case Study to be held at LUMS, Lahore in May 2011. This conference is being organized by Asian Journal of Management Cases (AJMC).

This case study titled, 'Eden Housing Limited' chronicles a marketing management situation faced by the organization. It offers insights into real estate sector of Pakistan and is among very few penned about this sector, which is considered to be an informal sector.

PROC.COM.NET'11 'Event of Year 2011'

PROC.COM. Net 2011 was held at FAST-NU Karachi Campus. More than 600 participants from the city and all over the globe attended the event. Cricketer turned politician, Imran Khan was the chief guest at the opening ceremony.



Imran Khan addressing audience at PROC.COM.Net

Competitions, seminars and exhibitions were main attractions for the participants. The participants from

various universities graded PROC.COM.NET'11 'Event of the Year 2011'.

CIO CAMPUS Conversation Talk held at Karachi Campus

The CIO- Campus Conversation took place on April 19, 2011 at the main campus of FAST-NU Karachi Campus. The title of event was Packaging Innovators. CIO-Pakistan hosted this conversation to bridge the gap between industry and academia. Among the Panelists were Dr. Asim ur Rehman, Director, FAST-NU Karachi Campus, Dr. Jawwad Shamsi,

Assistant Professor, FAST-NU Karachi Campus, Zia Babar-CIO, Tameer Bank; Nabeel Nawaz-Head of IT KESC; Ghalia Naseer-FAST Alumni; and Rabia Nizami, Solutions Manager- Nokia Forum. This event was attended by more than 50 students. This was the second seminar of CIO CAMPUS in FAST-NU Main Campus and its objective was to

develop the consensus and to reduce the gap between industry and academia. Dr. Zubair A. Shaikh in his speech said that the seminars of these kinds help students to draw the roadmap for the success in their life if they do hardwork, teamwork and show commitment, devotion and, dedication which are essential for success in life.

FAST-NU Karachi's winning streak continues at NASCON

The students of FAST-NU, Karachi Campus took part in the event NASCON'11 organized by FAST-NU Islamabad Campus held on April 16 and 17, 2011 and brought laurels to the University.

More than 800 teams took part from all across the country. The event comprised competitions in Computer Science, Engineering and Business areas.

The students of FAST-NU Karachi Campus participated in two major categories of Computer Science - Software Competition and Dynamic Programming Competition and once again topped the charts.

Three projects from FAST-NU Karachi Campus namely, uAssist, RTSMS and touchBook were

exhibited in the Software Competition. uAssist clinched the first position along with touchBook at the third position.

uAssist, which is a remote assistance application for Mobile Phones, is supervised by Ms. Khadija Rohail and is developed by Osama Khalid, Tasmiyah Iqbal, Hassan Ahmad and Hassan Ahmed.

touchBook, developed by Oun Abbas, Mohammad Rafi Raza, Mohammad Zohaib and Ali Maisam is a digital library on a Multi-touch table (surface) and is supervised by Qublai Khan.

The projects were

evaluated by judges and critics from various organizations.

Osama Khalid, Syed Asim Hassan and Ali Aziz secured second position in Dynamic Programming Competition.

