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EDUCATION

Chinese Scholarship offered to UCP Students



UCP Students in China with President Guangdong Ocean University

An MOU was signed between Guangdong Ocean University and the University of Central Punjab, subsequent to which 6 UCP graduates of BS Mechanical Engineering were sent to Guangdong Ocean University for their 3 years MS Degree on

fully funded scholarship and 11 UCP students from different faculties availed Chinese Language Scholarship in the same university for one whole year.

MOU Between University of Central Punjab and Virginia International University



MOU Signed between University of Central Punjab and Virginia International University

An MOU was signed between University of Central Punjab and Virginia International University, USA. The purpose of the MOU was to facilitate all exchanges and cooperative initiatives between the two institutes. And according to the MOU,

exchange of students, faculty, materials and documents will take place and collaborations on the creation and organization of conferences will also occur.

Signing of MOU

between **University of Central Punjab & Griffith College Ireland**



MOU Signed between University of Central Punjab and Virginia International University

Another MOU was signed between University of Central Punjab and Griffith College Ireland. According to the MOU, the two institutes agreed to cooperate on exchange of faculty, student, academic and scientific material; exchange of students for internship program, joint research activities and publications, participation in seminars and academic meetings and special short term academic programs. The purpose of this MOU was to establish academic linkages between the two institutes with a view to identifying areas of cooperation that may include any program at either institution that will help foster and develop the relationship.

11th International Workshop on Field and Assistive Robotics



Pro-Rector UCP, Dr. Muhammad Zafarullah with Dr. Karsten Berns and Dean FOIT, Dr. Ashraf Iqbal

Center of Robotics & Security, Faculty of Information Technology UCP organized the 11th International Workshop on Field and Assistive Robotics at University of Central Punjab from 13th – 15th October, 2016. The workshop included sessions from top researchers of Pakistan & Germany. The speakers include Dr. Karsten Berns and Hubert Roth from Germany, Dr. Yasar Ayaz from NUST, Dr. Jamshed Iqbal from FAST-NU, Dr. Malik Jahan from Namal University and Dr. Muhammad Awais from

LUMS. Dr. Muhammad Zafarullah, Pro-Rector UCP delivered the welcome note and thanked the Guest Speakers. He also briefed that this workshop will unfold new and exciting horizons of research in the field of Robotics, Automation and Agriculture Industry. It will create awareness about the upcoming technologies that are being used in robotics and it will also provide a platform to students to show their creativity by making smart, innovative and exciting robotics projects.



Faculty Development Program

The University of Central Punjab organized a remarkable eight days (July 14-22, 2016) "Faculty Development Program", exclusively for the faculty of UCP Business School.

Dr. Muhammad Zafarullah, Pro-Rector UCP, delivered the welcome note and briefed the audience about the objectives of the training program. He said that the aim of the program was to upscale UCP Business School curricula keeping abreast with the updated online teaching resources, tools and techniques.

A number of dignitaries including Chairman HEC, Dr. Muhammad Nizamuddin, Former Governor of the Punjab, Lt. General (Retd) Khalid Maqbool, Dr. Tahir Hijazi, Member Planning Commission of Pakistan in Governance, Innovation & Reform and various other learned scholars, CEO's and Directors trained and developed faculty through their startling and well-informed orations. The interactive sessions were of immense exposure for the faculty.

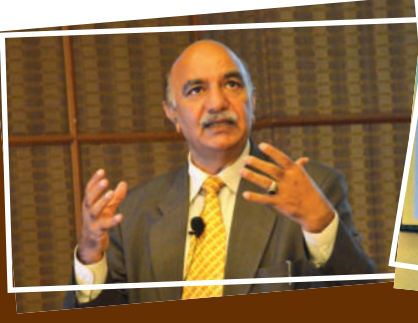
Chief Guest, Dr. Muhammad Nizamuddin, Chairman HEC Punjab graced the opening ceremony and highlighted the significance of China-Pakistan Economic Corridor and compelled the faculty to be trained in such a way that it must

play its part in letting the next generation be labelled as "the beneficiaries and not just the toll collectors".

The sessions were conducted for the capacity building of the faculty in current teaching trends, research and contemporary issues of Pakistan. The luminaries came up with tremendous first-hand innovative ideas and thoughts. They acknowledged the dedicated efforts of UCP in arranging a fabulous learning program.

The faculty served their appetite of curiosity to the fullest by interacting with the guest speakers and appreciated the efforts of the organising team in arranging such an enlightening and illustrative program for the development of faculty. Each guest speaker was presented with the souvenir as a token of appreciation at the end of each session.

On the last day, an interactive open forum was held which ended with some fruitful suggestions. The program was a great success and the University of Central Punjab plans to arrange such programs often for research collaborations and grooming of the faculty who will play a critical role in setting the future of the next generation.



Office of Research Innovation and Commercialization

Certificate in Entrepreneurship

(July 29th - Aug 27th, 2016)

The ORIC at UCP conducted a five-week intensive Entrepreneurship Training Programme during weekends for graduates who desired to develop essential skills, competencies, knowledge and network in order to realise their business ideas into a corporate reality. The inaugural session of the Certificate in Entrepreneurship took place on 27th July 2016 at the Conference Hall where Dr. Bilal Mirza, Director ORIC, with Dr. Muhammad



Group Photo of Scholarly Trainers with Pro-Rector UCP, Dr. Muhammad Zafarullah

Zafarullah, Pro-Rector UCP, highlighted the main features of the programme.

Sixteen scholarly trainers from and outside UCP were involved in conducting entrepreneurship training sessions. The programme with a highly practical oriented learning approach motivated the participants to pitch their ideas during the lectures, presentations, team assignments & exercises.

TEA TALK Session

UCP Student Council Office in collaboration with Tea Talk Team organised a session with Mr. Fasih Mehta, Consultant at Oxford Management Ltd, Ex-Joint Director (E-Government Services), PITB and one of the founding members of Plan9. He shared his success story to motivate start-ups based on inspirational learning and technologies followed by an interactive session with students. Mr. Adeel Ghaffar, founder Tea Talk, delivered the welcome note and gave an introduction of Tea Talk while Dr. Muhammad Zafarullah, Pro-Rector UCP delivered a vote of thanks. The seminar culminated with the distribution of souvenirs.



The role of educational institutes has changed drastically from mere knowledge transference to holistic development of students. Likewise their faculties help students identify their strengths and its utilization in the competitive world. Collaborations with the international universities for exploring new horizons of higher education and keeping abreast with the extensive world of business and technology, UCP has signed MOUs with Virginia International University and Griffith College Ireland. Another pride of UCP is the scholarship program which includes Chinese scholarship offered to 17 UCP students. For Faculty Development, UCP organized a remarkable eight days long workshop, exclusively for the faculty of UCP Business School with Chairman HEC, Dr. Muhammad Nizamuddin as the Chief Guest and the sessions were conducted by a number of dignitaries.

It is also worth mentioning that to suffice modern education policy and trends, UCP achieved a great milestone by initiating FM 92.6 "UCP Ki Dunya".

To ensure diversity different faculties of UCP managed to arrange enriching relevant events under their auspices. UCP is committed to promote standardized sports activities for its students and to cherish one such achievement of winning HEC Sports General Trophy 2015-16 an Annual Prize Distribution Ceremony was held. Events that add glam factor to UCP life includes Excursion and Industrial Trips, the Cultural Carnival'16 & Funkariyan'16.

The leading areas of performance by UCP are adding to the continuous excellence of the institution on national and international level. Our newsletter is just another addition to the set of publications covering up all our notable activities. We hope that the second issue of this newsletter adds more information in the UCP's hall of fame. Any suggestions and creative ideas are welcomed, from students and faculty equally for yet another better version.



INDUSTRY

VISIT TO CMPAK (ZONG)



Faculty Memebrs from UCP Engineering and IT Department at Zong Head Office

Mr. Ajmal Hussain, Director IT along with faculty members from UCP Engineering & IT Department visited Zong's regional office on Wednesday, 28th September, 2016.

The official visit was hosted by Mr. Barkatullah, Regional Head CMPAK; Mr. Fazal-ur-Rehman Kallue, Regional Manager Government Corporate Sales & Services and Ms. Sundas Idrees, Key

Accounts Manager.

The call aimed to strengthen industry and academia relationship and discuss about the possible future collaborations regarding assistance to UCP students in their final year project and providing job and internship opportunities to them. The session ended with the exchange of souvenirs.

Visit to HAPPY HOME FOR SENIOR CITIZENS



Catalyst Society organised a tour to "Happy Home". The members of the society accompanied with the Patron Muhammad Hammad ur Rehman (Deputy Director VIS) visited the Old Age Home on 23rd April 2016.

The senior citizens welcomed the guests with open arms. Visitors spent some quality time with the residents. The isolated and excluded shared their memories. It was a heartwarming experience for everyone involved. Happy Home Management cherished this positive gesture of the University of Central Punjab.

Visit to Child Protection Bureau



On 25th May 2016, students of Bs. Psychology Batch '13 arranged a tour to "Child Protection Bureau" under the supervision of Rabbia Kiran. Twenty - one students were a part of this tour, who were guided throughout and were encouraged to meet the employees, ask questions and prepare a report of the visit. The aim of this study trip was to ensure the professional exposure of The Students.



EVENTS

Inaugural Ceremony of Radio FM 92.6 UCP Ki Dunya

School of Media and Communication Studies achieved yet another milestone on 26th May 2016, by initiating its own Radio broadcast transmission of FM 92.6, UCP ki Dunya.

A magnificent inaugural ceremony was organised by SMCS at UCP auditorium. Chief guest of the ceremony, Chairman Punjab Group of Colleges, Mian Amer Mahmood accompanied by Prof. Sohail Afzal, Executive Director; Dr. Muhammad Zafarullah, Pro-Rector UCP and Dr. Mughees Uddin Sheikh, Dean School of Media and Communication Studies, inaugurated the



transmission by recording his message at FM 92.6 Studio.

Renowned journalists, famous RJs and Directors of all the Radio stations of Lahore along with UCP Community, made an appearance in the ceremony. Miss Hina Adeeb, HOD Radio and Productions, briefed the guests about the radio setup, whereas Dr. Muhammad Zafarullah, Pro - Rector UCP, explained the quality and range of the radio station while applauding various efforts made at UCP for enhancing the quality of education and co-curricular activities of students.

Dean SMCS Dr. Mughees Uddin Sheikh congratulated the faculty of SMCS and students of UCP on the successful inauguration of their own radio station. He thanked Mian Amer Mahmood, Prof. Sohail Afzal and Dr. M. Zafarullah for their continuous support throughout the process. Mian Amer Mahmood after congratulating the staff and students assured of his incessant support in future as well. He added that Radio FM 92.6, will serve as a laboratory for media students and will also be a breath of fresh air for the listeners in Lahore.

YOUTH LEADERSHIP PROGRAM

A youth training firm in association with University of Central Punjab and Pakistan Human Capital Forum arranged a one of its kind learning conference “Youth Leadership Program 2016” at UCP Lahore. The 8 days long event featured country’s leading Leadership thought leaders, motivational speakers, management consultants, Trainers, Corporate professionals and success icons including Hamza Ali Abbasi, Wali Zahid-CEO Skill City, Khurram Shahzad-COO Cone Heads, Ahmed Anees-Head of Training Bank Alfalah, Mohsin Nishat- Director HR Telenor Pakistan, Faisal Akber Awan-Motivational Speaker and Founder of The Career Buzz, Omair Rana, Farhad Karmally, Qaiser Abbas, Simi Raheel, Mahmood Shamshair and many others. Inaugural day was also attended by several corporate and academic professionals from all across the country.

The event intended to train more than 200 young students from 17 different cities and universities of Pakistan. Numerous workshops, debates and learning activities were held on Leadership Skills, Time Management, CV Writing, Personality Development, professional and interpersonal skills etc. Cone Heads Pakistan and Bank Alfalah Limited were the core sponsors of the programme. Dr. M Zafarullah, ProRector UCP concluded the session and distributed Youth Excellence Awards to budding young entrepreneurs / start-ups to appreciate their hard work

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Hamza Ali Abbasi
Youth Icon & Thought Leader

YLP SPEAKERS



Farhad Karamally
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C-Level Coach
CEO SkillCity



Simi Raheel
Harvard Medical Grad.
Actress/Speaker



Shahnaz Minallah
Co-Chair of
Art of Living Pakistan



Umer Saeed Khan
CEO
Evenement



Muhammad Azfar
Founding CEO
Nutshell Forum



Khubaib Ahmed
Director HR
Fauji Fresh n Freeze



Asmara Nomani
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Sohail Rizvi
Group Head HR
Allied Bank Ltd



Ahmad Nauman
Head L&D
Bank Alfalah Ltd



Dr. Hassan Rasool
Director L&D
MaxFoster Global



Dr. Mughees Uddin Sheikh
DEAN Media School
UCP

Seminar on Administrative and Corporate Corruption in Collaboration with NAB



UCP Character Building Society (CBS) in collaboration with National Accountability Bureau (NAB) organised a seminar on Administrative and Corporate Corruption on 4th May 2016 at UCP Auditorium. The purpose of this event was to create awareness and a better understanding among the students regarding the key causes of corruption.

Mr. Khaliq Uz Zaman, Deputy General Prosecutor NAB, Mr. Sajid Ali Nadeem, Director Financial Crimes Wing, NAB voiced their opinions regarding corruption- the biggest evil of society- while Dr. Muhammad Zafarullah, Pro-Rector UCP delivered a vote of thanks. Prof. Tahir Ashfaq, Director Placements & External Linkages and Prof. Ilyas Ansari, Patron CBS, also graced the event. The seminar was followed by an interactive session with students and exchange of souvenirs.

Funkariyan '16

UCP Dramatics Club hosted an Inter-University competition FUNKARIYAN'16 from 28th to 30th, April at UCP Auditorium in which more than 17 institutes from all over Pakistan participated. The purpose of this event was to provide a platform for talented amateurs to showcase their latent abilities.

Prof. Tahir Ashfaq, Director Student Affairs, Placements & External Linkages graced the event as Chief Guest whereas Mr. Zohaib Azhar hosted the event. A large number of UCP Faculty, Students and participants from PU, FAST, Superior University, COMSATS, ITU, Punjab College (Johar Town Campus), UMT, UVAS, UOL, BZU, USA, LGU, BNU, and NUML participated.

FUNKARIYAN'16 was sponsored by PEL, Al-Deewaniah, Bombay Chowpatty & Nutella Tandoor, Aminah Z and Travel & Tours.

The event was a great hit and participants applauded the hospitality of UCP Dramatics Club.



Cultural Carnival



UCP Student Council & Ushers Club, organised a cultural festival to celebrate Mother's day and to cherish the rich traditional culture of Pakistan on Sunday 8th May 2016.

The Chief Guest of the event was Mr. Abdul Basit, ex. Chairman PBIT, President LCCI whereas, numerous other guests from corporate sector, media and other strata of life participated, exhibiting grandeur of the event.

The Festival comprised of Grand Opening Ceremony, Cultural Walks, Battle of DJs, and Cultural Festivity. Students displayed ethnic attire and apparel, presented cultural cuisines, regional music and dances while being dressed in cultural attires representing the cultural diversity. Various stalls and pavilions were set up to manifest the cherished culture of Pakistan.

Cash Prizes were distributed to the Best Decorated Stall, Best Dressed male and female students. Faculty members and students actively participated in the cultural festivities. The Carnival was concluded by an enthralling performance presented by the UCP's DJ and a vote of thanks delivered by Prof. Tahir Ashfaq, Director Student Affairs.



SPORTS

Prize Distribution Ceremony

For winning HEC Sports General Trophy 2015-16



UCP Sports Department organised an Annual Prize Distribution Ceremony under the patronage of Director Sports PGCs, Mr. Arshad Sattar on 25th June 2016, in UCP auditorium for winning HEC Sports General Trophy 2015-16.

The event was chaired by Mian Amer Mehmood, Chairman Board of Governors who along with Prof. Sohail Afzal, Executive Director PGCs, Dr. Muhammad Zafarullah, Pro-Rector UCP, Prof. Arif Chaudhry, Managing Director, PGCs, Mr. Abdullah Afzal Director Corporate PGCs, Prof. Agha Tahir, Principal PGCs, and Mr Arshad Sattar, Director Sports PGCs presented scholarship cheques among sportsmen.

After prize distribution ceremony an Iftar dinner was served for all the attendees.



TRAVEL



Trip to Europe

The University of Central Punjab organised an excursion cum academic trip to Europe for fifteen students. The group of students visited Amsterdam, Frankfurt, Zurich and Milan from 14th September to 24th September 2016. They visited the University of Van Amsterdam where they received a warm welcome and learned about higher education opportunities. The students explored other European Universities, the historical & exotic sites and returned with memories to cherish for the rest of their lives. They were immensely thankful to UCP Student Council for arranging such an amazing trip.