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WELCOME CEREMONY FOR NEW STUDENTS HELD AT ITU'S MAIN CAMPUS SITE

ITU hosted a banquet and orientation ceremony for the new batch of students at ITU's Main Campus site on Barki Road, Lahore. The event was organized in collaboration with student societies including the Media Club, Artist Society, Sports Society and the Gaming Society. It featured an incredible line up of social events and competitions.

Jovial environment enabled the students to interact with their batch mates, make new friends and create a lot of new memories. This ceremony will help the new students make a transition and start a new chapter of their lives at ITU. We heartily welcome the new students and wish them the best.





ITU CELEBRATES 'HISTORY OF SCIENCE WEEK' WITH INCREDIBLE LINE UP OF EVENTS

ITU celebrated a thrilling 'History of Science Week'- an educational five-day long event aimed at fostering a deeper appreciation for the history of scientific exploration, achievements, and personalities- during the first week of October. It featured an incredible line up of events including engaging student activities, Poster Competition, guest lectures, science trivia, movie screening and declamation contest.



The event kicked off with an interactive session on "Why did the Industrial Revolution Come to the West?" with renowned scientist and author Dr. Pervaz Hoodbhoy. Dr. Hoodbhoy traced the history of evolution of science through various eras. He attributed the regression of scientific thought to attitudes and thoughts and not the resources.



Later days included a guest lecture was delivered by Professor Imran Anwar, Head of Department, Mathematics, LUMS, on.



In a wide ranging talk, Professor Anwar explained how mathematics has developed over millennia. Similarly, a thrilling declamation contest was held in which students made speeches on the topic, "Does Science create war or war creates science?" Moreover, Science Trivia was organized among students. It was composed of different types of quizzes, buzzer round and jeopardy.



VC ITU Dr. Adnan Noor Mian's interactive session with the students marked the closing of the History of Science Week. He delved into details of life and works of Isaac Newton. Later, Dr. Adnan Noor Mian and Dean Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences Dr. Yaqoob Bangash adjudged posters made by students for the Poster Competition. Winners received certificates from worthy Vice Chancellor.



History of Science Week is an annual event dedicated to commemorating the profound impact of scientific discoveries and innovations throughout history. It reminds us that the pursuit of knowledge is an ongoing journey, and that our appreciation of the past helps us navigate the challenges and opportunities of the future.





90 ITU STUDENTS RECEIVE LAPTOPS THROUGH PM'S LAPTOP DISTRIBUTION SCHEME

Under the banner of Prime Minister's Laptop Distribution scheme, 90 students of information Technology University earlier received laptops. Heartiest congratulations to our students who showed promising academic prowess and qualified to receive the laptops.

VC ITU Dr. Adnan Noor Mian graced the ceremony along with Dean Faculty of Sciences Dr. Arif Mahmood, Dean of Faculty of Business and Management Sciences Dr. Sara Khawar, Chairperson Department of Computer and Software Engineering Dr. Usman Younis, Additional Registrar (HR) Mustafa Sajid Tirmizi and Assistant Director SSPO Ms. Shagufha Rawthore.

HEC regional coordinator Muhammad Majid Mustafa was also present on the occasion to observe the proceedings.



ITU AND DS GROUP OF COMPANIES SIGN MOU

Information Technology University and DS Group of Companies signed a Memorandum of Understanding. The meeting was chaired by the university's Vice Chancellor Dr. Adnan Noor Mian. This collaboration will provide an opportunity to create a strategic alliance and seamless linkage among the parties in the area of learning and development, research, innovation, entrepreneurship and other avenues including corporate trainings, co-operative educational programs and career opportunities for ITU students.

The signatories included Dr. Adnan Noor Mian, Dr. Tauseef Tauqeer, Dr. Rehan Hafiz, Dr. Qasim Mehmood, Mr. Ali Bukhari, Nazifa Fatima (Chief Marketing Officer-DS Group), Fareena Naz (Head of HR-DS Group) and Asad Kamal (National Sales Head).



ITU AND CREATIVE GROUP OF INDUSTRIES JOIN HANDS TO ENHANCE KNOWLEDGE-ECONOMY

Information Technology University and Creative Group of Industries signed a Memorandum of Understanding to encourage knowledge-economy concept with the exchange of scientific, academic, and technical solutions for the enhancement of industry-academia collaboration and the identification of opportunities for cooperation, and joint research and development in disciplines of mutual interest.

Prof. Dr. Adnan Noor Mian, Vice Chancellor of ITU, and Mr. Mian Sultan Mahmood, Chairman & CEO of Creative Group of Industries, signed the MoU that will pave the path for stronger bond and mutual collaboration between Information Technology University and Creative Group of Industries. This MoU will help the respective institutions to further collaborate on more areas of mutual interests.





ITU TAKES LEAD IN SPREADING AWARENESS OF BREAST CANCER

This October, once again, ITU took a leading role marking its longstanding commitment to spreading awareness of Breast Cancer. In this regard, ITU hosted a special session with psychologist and educationist Ms. Komal Faisal in which she shared her inspiring and brave personal struggle of tackling Breast Cancer in the first episode of ITU Vodcast hosted by Seemal Bilal.

Ms. Faisal delved into various aspects of physical and emotional challenges and how she braved through the journey that ultimately created a stronger bond with Allah. Ms. Faisal talked about vulnerability, early detection, resilience, family support, self-compassion, psychological well-being, shame and victimhood. She encouraged early detection and regular examination.

We are grateful to Ms. Komal Faisal for sharing her personal struggles especially during the month of October that is a global Breast Cancer awareness month. We hope that her inspiring journey helps give strength and encouragement to all the people to fight the shame and victimhood and defeat this malaise with resilience and self-compassion.

October, also called Pinktober, is internationally celebrated as Breast Cancer Awareness Month and aims to increase awareness for early detection and treatment of this disease.



LINCOLN CORNER HOSTS SESSION ON IMPROVISATION AND MENTAL HEALTH

Lincoln Corner Lahore organized an incredible session on "Improvisation and Mental Health" with Jim Robinson. The session kicked off with some fun warm-up exercises, including the classic Zip Zap Zop, Body Movement & Mirroring, Character Walk and Freeze Tag Improv.

Dr. Robinson, a distinguished figure in the field of mental health, illustrated how the art of spontaneous creation can serve as a powerful outlet for self-expression and a means to alleviate stress and anxiety through a series of engaging exercises and demonstrations. It was an interactive experience with the audience, and the energy in the room was electrifying. Students and faculty alike expressed gratitude for the opportunity to explore mental health through this innovative and engaging lens.



ASPIRING FOR A WORLD FREE OF BREAST CANCER

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Amidst the fall breeze, we come together to acknowledge Breast Cancer Awareness Month, a time to shine a light on prevention, early detection, and unwavering support. This month, we unite to educate, support and lift those affected by breast cancer, standing in solidarity with survivors, fighters and their loved ones.

Breast Cancer is a pervasive disease impacting millions of lives worldwide. Breast cancer is a multifaceted illness marked by irregular cell growth in breast tissue, commonly resulting in lumps or tumors. It impacts individuals of all genders, though less frequently in men, influenced by factors such as genetics, lifestyle choices, and the environment.

Early detection, achieved through regular screenings and self-exams, plays a pivotal role in effective treatment and heightened chances of survival. Remaining vigilant, seeking timely medical assistance, and continual research are pivotal elements in combating breast cancer.

Promoting a healthy lifestyle significantly reduces the likelihood of breast cancer. Encouraging regular physical activity and a well-rounded diet are pivotal in this endeavor. Even small adjustments in daily habits can enhance overall health and potentially decrease the chances of developing breast cancer.

United in our efforts, let's join forces to elevate breast cancer awareness. Through education, unwavering support, and unity, we can strive towards a world where breast cancer is no longer a looming threat. Let's all create a world free of breast cancer.



IEEE ITU STUDENT BRANCH HOSTS MEXT SYMPOSIUM ON JAPANESE SCHOLARSHIPS

IEEE ITU Student Branch hosted MEXT Symposium on Japanese scholarships. Guest speaker, Mr. Haris Gulzar, shared valuable insights about Japanese scholarships, exploring the opportunities and challenges associated with them.

Mr. Gulzar's expertise illuminated the path for aspiring scholars, making it an enlightening and impactful event.



SEMINAR ON CAREER-BUILDING WITH ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE HELD

IET on campus ITU, in collaboration with AICP, organized a seminar on "Build Your Career with Artificial Intelligence".

Guest speakers for this insightful seminar were Dr. Sara Khawar and Hussain Sajid. In this seminar, the speakers discussed how one can build a successful career leveraging AI technologies and their applications across industries.



IEEE MEMBERS CELEBRATE IEEE DAY AT ITU

IEEE ITU Student Branch Team leads shared the IEEE spirit, highlighted the amazing events, and gave a big shoutout to their dedicated student society heads for their year-round support. They emphasised the importance of IEEE in shaping the future of technology and innovation.

The event was wrapped up with a heartfelt thank you to IEEE ITU Student Branch counsellor, Ms. Hadia Sajjad, who cut the cake.



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Stanford University publishes the World's Top 2% Scientists ranking in 2023.
 Congratulation Dear Fellows for the great achievement.



Dr. Imad Qadir
Professor
Electrical Engineering



Dr. Saeed Ul Hassan (late)
Associate Professor
Computer Science



Dr. Faizal Kamran
Associate Professor
Computer Science



Dr. Muhammad Usman Mahmood
Associate Professor
Electrical Engineering



Dr. Muhammad Zubair
Associate Professor
Electrical Engineering

FIVE ITU SCIENTISTS MAKE IT TO THE WORLD'S TOP 2% MOST-CITED SCIENTISTS

Stanford's list of world's top 2% most-cited scientists (2023) includes five from Information Technology University. We heartily congratulate our scientists for international recognition of their groundbreaking research at Information Technology University.

Stanford University scientists publish annual data of the top 2 percent of the world's most-cited scientists in various categories, and the most recent data (published on October 04, 2023) includes five faculty members from Information Technology University.

BOOKME'S STUDENTS LEAGUE PROGRAM COMES TO ITU

Bookme, Pakistan's pioneering e-ticketing platform, earlier brought its Students League Program at Information Technology University. The aim of the program is to empower and engage students while offering them valuable skills and experiences.

The program offers several benefits including real-world experience, networking, skills development, exclusive perks and employment opportunities.



GUEST TALK ON CLIMATE CHANGE HELD

Professor Saleem H. Ali, Distinguished Professor of Energy and the Environment at the University of Delaware, USA, visited ITU to talk about his book: 'Earthly Order: How Natural Laws Define Human Life.'

In a wide-ranging talk, he spoke about how governance models in the world need to respond and adapt to climatic changes. Giving the example of many conflict zones, he described how newer approaches can close the gap between the political 'world order' and the natural order.



ITU'S PHD COMMUNITY HOSTED ITS FIRST MEETUP

ITU's PhD community hosted their first-ever meetup, where researchers from Electrical Engineering (EE) and Computer Science (CS) departments participated. The event was filled with engaging discussions and shared experiences, providing a platform to connect all departments and improve communication. Highlights of the event included introductions, discussions exploring how this platform amplifies research efforts, followed by a delectable lunch.

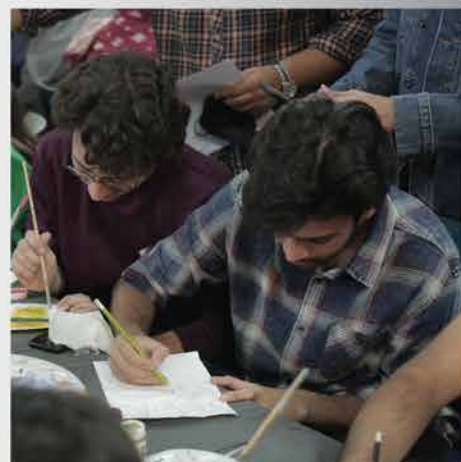


IITU HOSTS STUDENTS OF KIPS COLLEGE

Information Technology University hosted a group of incredible students from KIPS College. They visited the university campus and toured various facilities housed in ITU. Admissions office held an informative session for the students about the admissions process and life at ITU. Students also learned how they can avail themselves of various academic programs and scholarships being offered by ITU.



ITU STUDENTS CELEBRATE INTERNATIONAL ARTISTS DAY



Lincoln Corner Lahore, a partnership project between Information Technology University and the U.S. Consulate Lahore, celebrated International Artists Day in collaboration with ITU Voice Society. Creative students came together to embrace the world of art. From Canvas Painting to Nail Art and Jewelry-Making, there was something for everyone at this inspiring session.

In the canvas painting category, emotions flowed freely onto the canvases, resulting in a stunning collection of unique artworks. The nail art section was a canvas for intricate designs and imaginative patterns, and the jewelry-making category showcased our students' craftsmanship and creativity.





ITU OBSERVES KASHMIR BLACK DAY

ITU observed Black Day on October 27, condemning the occupation, subjugation and oppression of the innocent people of Kashmir at the hands of India. On this day, 75 years ago, India forcibly took control of the State of Jammu and Kashmir without any legal justification. We reiterate and urge the international community to play its role in resolving the dispute in accordance with the UNSC resolutions and wishes of the people of Kashmir. Peaceful resolution of this dispute is essential for durable peace and stability in South Asia.

ITU CELEBRATES TEACHER'S DAY

On Teacher's Day, Information Technology University honored the incredible educators who inspire, empower, and shape our future.

From the classroom to the virtual world, teachers play an invaluable role in our lives. As one of the premier IT universities in Pakistan, we realize the significance of mentors who are dedicated to spark curiosity and inspire the students.

Let's take a moment to appreciate their dedication, passion, and unwavering commitment to education.



INFORMATIVE SESSION ON TAXATION AND TAX RETURN IN PAKISTAN HELD

Lincoln Corner Lahore, a partnership project of Information Technology University and U.S. Consulate Lahore, and the Human Rights Society at ITU held an enlightening session on "Taxation and Tax Return in Pakistan."

The event provided useful information about the taxation system and the process of filing tax returns in our country. Mr. Abid Khan, Deputy Treasurer at ITU, shared invaluable insights on various types of taxes, from income tax to sales tax and wealth tax.



The session underlined the vital role of taxation in supporting public services and infrastructure. Essential documentation, deadlines, and online filing options were discussed in detail. The emphasis on transparency and compliance with tax laws couldn't have been more timely, as we, as responsible taxpayers, contribute to our nation's economic development and social welfare.

This session marked a huge step toward promoting financial awareness and accountability.

