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Sustainable Urban Transport and Mobility in Urban Pakistan

December 6, 2019: KUL held a panel discussion titled, *Sustainable Urban Transport and Mobility in Urban Pakistan* at the Main Campus. The discussion focused on assessing current projects and future potential for transportation in Pakistan. The event was moderated by Director KUL and Professor of City and Regional Planning IBA Karachi, Dr. Nausheen H. Anwar.

Executive Member of Shehri-Citizens for a Better Environment, Mr. Farhan Anwar gave a presentation about the need to design cities around sustainable methods of transportation such as public transit and walking or cycling. He stressed the need for transit-oriented development (TOD) in Karachi.

Moreover, Director Transportation Engineering Department, Exponent Engineers Private Limited, Mr. Ashar Lodi shared insights and proposals on public transit in Karachi, specifically the ongoing bus rapid transit (BRT) projects.

Associate Professor at the School of People, Environment and Planning, Massey University, New Zealand, Dr. Imran Muhammad spoke about his research in Curitiba, Brazil, where the BRT system largely remains a success story and model for sustainable transport projects in the Global South.



UNDP's Innovation AccLab Met with KUL at IBA Karachi

December 12, 2019: UNDP Pakistan's Head of Experimentation, Innovation AccLab, Ehsan Gul, met with members of KUL. Both Labs shared the vision of collaborating on research areas such as gender, marginalization, and urban planning. They discussed the possibility of AccLab UNDP and KUL to work together to explore non-traditional sources of data to map some of the research already done by KUL. This meeting is the second one to build collaboration between the global networks of both labs. The KUL is excited to build this collaboration with AccLab to build a knowledge and research network.



Students Achievement

December 13, 2019: The IBA congratulates its students Zain Reza and Hasan Zafar from Computer Science Department for winning the Red Bull Basement University Competition 2019 from Pakistan. The Global Red Bull Basement University Competition 2019 is a platform for innovators to solve real problems with technology. The team competed against more than 100 teams and won the competition from Pakistan for proposing an application called "CampAssist" which is the first student centered mobile application that is taking their needs into account.

Moreover, they were given pre-seed funding, an office and a fully sponsored trip by Red Bull to participate in the Competition held in Toronto, Canada from December 11-16. The students competed against participants from 27 countries, and ended up as global finalists.



CICT News

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5th batch of diploma in Digital Marketing commences

December 14, 2019: IBA-CICT started the 5th batch of diploma in Digital Marketing. The diploma aims to provide knowledge and enable professionals to efficiently utilize Social Media Marketing, PPC Marketing, Email Marketing, and SEO in their fields.



Business Intelligence and Big Data Visualization Workshop

December 14-15, 2019: IBA-CICT offered a workshop on *Business Intelligence and Big Data Visualization*. Director IBA-ICT and CICT Mr. Imran Batada was the trainer of the workshop. The workshop focused on the ways through which data can be transformed into value-added information which would ultimately assist in making rational decisions in different fields.



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4th batch of diploma in Big Data Analytics commences

December 21, 2019: IBA-CICT started the 4th Batch of diploma in Big Data Analytics. The program aims at empowering the participants with necessary skills and knowledge to manage data-driven opportunities and data-analysis transformation in the organization. Through lectures, case studies, discussions, practical implications, and various applications of big data analytics participants will be able to make rational decisions within their organization.



Business Intelligence Workshop for SRIC batch 2

December 20-21, 2019: IBA-CICT organized a *workshop on Business Intelligence* for Sindh Research Incubation Center (SRIC) startups. Director IBA-ICT and CICT Mr. Imran Batada was the trainer of the workshop. The workshop focused on ways in which data can be utilized for new products/service innovation.



Classes of BBSYDP Phase XII commences

December 24, 2019: Classes of Sindh Government's Benazir Bhutto Shaheed Human Resource Research and Development Board (BBSHRRDB) Phase XII started at the City Campus. The IBA-CICT collaborated with BBSHRRDB to train the youth with necessary skills and shape them to be an economic asset for the country.



CEIF Highlights

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Islamic Finance Conference 2019

December 9, 2019: IBA-CEIF organized the *Islamic Finance Conference (IFC) 2019* at the City Campus. Lahore University of Management Science (LUMS), INCEIF: The Global University of Islamic Finance, and International Shariah Research Academy (ISRA) for Islamic Finance were the academic partners of the conference.

The keynote speakers included; ED IBA, Dr. Farrukh Iqbal; Director of Islamic Banking State Bank of Pakistan, Ghulam Muhammad Abbasi; Chairperson, IBA-CEIF and Advisor to the Prime Minister of Pakistan for Institutional Reforms and Austerity Professor Dr. Ishrat Husain; and CEO, Meezan Bank Ltd., Irfan Siddiqui.

The objective of the conference was to create and promote the collaboration between research and industry. Scholars and practitioners from Indonesia, Malaysia, Bahrain, Australia, Maldives, KSA, Canada and across Pakistan shared their researches and experience.

The power session was moderated by Director IBA CEIF, Mr. Ahmed Ali Siddiqui. The panelists included: Chief Investment Officer, Al-Meezan Investments Management Ltd., Muhammad Asad; CEO, Bank Islami, Syed Amir Ali; Head of Corporate and Investment Banking, Dubai Islamic Bank, Zubair Haider Shaikh; Managing Director and CEO, Takaful Pakistan, Rizwan Husain; Dean and Associate Professor, KSBL, Dr. Zeeshan Ahmed; Group Head Islamic Banking, Bank Alfalah Dr. Muhammad Imran; and Program Director MS IBF and Conference Chair, IFC 2019, Dr. Irum Saba.

The conference concluded with the closing remarks by AD FBA, IBA Dr. Huma Naz Baqai.



Experiential Learning Program: Introduction to Islamic Finance

December 31, 2019: IBA-CEIF conducted a one-day introductory course on Islamic Finance. Students, faculty members and professionals from IBA and other organizations attended the program, learning about the history and future potential of Islamic Finance.

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IBA-CEIF participated in the IFN Pakistan Forum 2019

December 16, 2019: Director IBA-CEIF, Ahmed Ali Siddiqui and Program Director, MS IBF Dr. Irum Saba were invited to participate in the *Islamic Finance News (IFN) Pakistan Forum 2019* at a private hotel in Karachi.

IFN Pakistan Forum 2019 provided local regulators, market players and relevant stakeholders a platform to identify critical issues and discuss potential solutions for the Islamic Finance Industry.

Mr. Siddiqui participated as a panelist in the session titled, *Infrastructure Financing - Potential for Islamic Finance*, whereas Dr. Saba participated as a panelist in the session titled, *Technological Developments - Opportunities and Challenges for Islamic Finance.*

