IBA-CICT to participate in Digital Pakistan Conference as an Academic Strategic Partner

January 23, 2020: The Center for Information and Communication Technology (IBA-CICT) has signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with AMFCO Technologies to participate as an academic strategic partner in the *Digital Pakistan Conference*. The ceremony was attended by C-level executives from a number of organizations.



Sharing his views on this occasion, Director IBA ICT and CICT, Imran Batada said, "*Digital Pakistan Conference* is not 'just-another-conference' but through this platform we would like to contribute to the government's agenda of digitalizing Pakistan."

CEO AMFCO Technologies, Maroof Ayub said, "*Digital Pakistan Conference* envisions a digital Pakistan which will be characterized with e-governance, digital skilling and its implementation, and utilization of latest technologies. We hope that this conference will provide digital awakening in Pakistan."

The Conference will aspire globally successful entrepreneurs, technology experts, and leaders, and help in bringing them together to showcase the potential of Pakistan as a tech-hub. In continuation of this partnership, the first advisory board meeting of *Digital Pakistan Conference 2020* was held at the city campus on February 4.

IBA-CICT signs contract with NAVTTC to execute PM's Kamyab Jawan National Youth Development Program 2020

February 21, 2020: The IBA-CICT signed a contract with the National Vocational and Technical Training Commission (NAVTTC) to execute the *Prime Minister's Kamyab Jawan National Youth Development Program 2020.*



The objective of this program is to provide practical training to the youth in the most in-demand and highly employable high-tech trades and emerging technologies to enable them to seek employment in national and international markets. The high-tech courses of the program are: Big Data, ERP, Digital Forensics, Artificial Intelligence, Internet of Things, Cyber Security, Block Chain, and Digital Marketing and SEO.

The NAVTTC Karachi was represented by Director General, Nabila Umer; Deputy Director Azizullah Chandio; Deputy Director Irfan Haider; and Assistant Manager Abdul Qadeer Sohoo while the IBA was represented by Director ICT & CICT IBA Karachi, Imran Batada and his team.



Plant a tree to reduce global warming



Cheque distribution ceremony to support SRIC startups

February 25, 2020: Minister for Information Science and Technology Department (IS&TD) Government of Sindh, Nawab Muhammad Taimur Talpur, distributed cheques amongst the incubatees of Batch 2 of the Sindh Research Incubation Center (SRIC) at a ceremony held at the city campus.



The incubates received cheques to support their startups while the CICT provided the co-working space at the Institute, utilities, and access to investors. The objective is to ensure sustainable growth for early stage ideas related to the field of IT by providing domain specific mentorship and investment opportunities to create commercially viable technology startups from Sindh.

The SRIC is a technology incubator that facilitates the incubation process for 12 months.

Secretary, IS&TD, Muhammad Nawaz Naseem, Director General, Muhammad Yousuf and Advisor to Minister Syed Zainulabedin Shah, Director ICT & CICT IBA Karachi, Imran Batada and C-level IT executives were present at the ceremony.

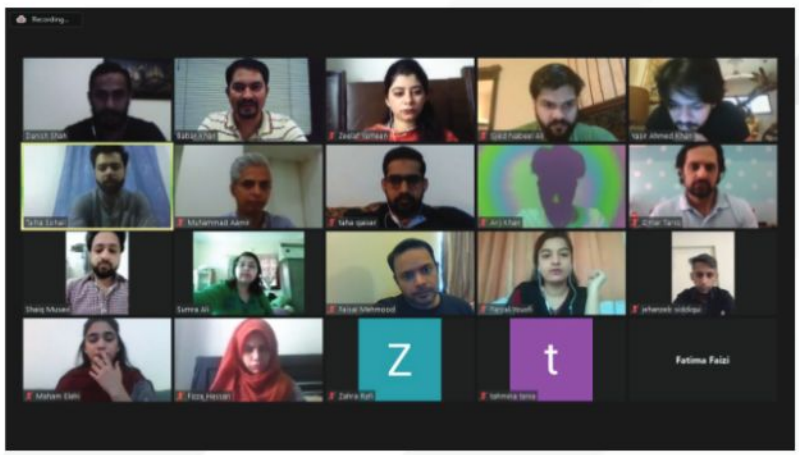
IBA-CICT's online initiatives

April, 2020: The IBA-CICT is offering industry-oriented diploma programs to participants who are passionate to learn via online platforms.

Qualified instructors are leading various diploma programs that have participants from different industries including: banks, aviation, government departments, FMCG's, media channels, e-commerce and marketing agencies.

The following online diploma programs are being offered by the Center:

- Batch 6 of Diploma in Digital Marketing
- Batch 4 of Diploma in Big Data Analytics
- Batch 3 of Diploma in ERP
- Batch 2 of Diploma in Information Security







Capacity Building Project commences for Sindh Secretariat employees

January 6, 2020: The 7th batch of the Capacity Building Project commenced at the city campus. Capacity Building in IT for Sindh Secretariat employees through IBA Karachi has been initiated by the Information Science & Technology Department to develop their computer literacy and IT skills. The following courses are offered in the project: MS Office; Data Centre Designing and Implementation; Data/Application Security - Advance; Business Intelligence and Big Data Visualization; Dashboard Reporting in Microsoft Excel; Project Management Professional and Web Application Development and Maintenance. Under this project, more than 1,000 Sindh Secretariat employees from different departments and levels (BPS-07 to BPS-20) will be trained.



Business Intelligence & Big Data Visualization workshop

January 25, 2020: The IBA-CICT organized a 2-day workshop on Business Intelligence and Big Data Visualization for the Sindh Secretariat employees on January 18-19, and for senior management from Sindh Revenue Board, Pakistan Stock Exchange, and Standard Chartered Bank on January 24 at the city campus.

Director IBA ICT & CICT Imran Batada was the trainer of this workshop. The workshop covered different domains of Business Intelligence and Big Data Visualization and explored ways to synchronize it, enabling participants to effectively manage and control their assigned projects.



Advanced MS Excel training session for Sindh Secretariat employees

January 22, 2020: Around 21 Sindh Secretariat employees (BPS-16 to BPS-18) from different departments of the Sindh government learned to implement MS Excel techniques to effectively manage the database. The learning outcome of this training focuses on making the trainees proficient in dealing with spreadsheets and presenting it in a meaningful format.



2nd batch of Diploma in Information Security begins

February 2, 2020: The 2nd batch of Diploma in Information Security commenced at the IBA-CICT. The program aims at empowering the participants with necessary skills and knowledge of Ethical Hacking and Digital Forensics.

The program educates participants about the techniques to secure and manage the network servers e.g. websites, emails and other personal IDs etc. The courses of the Diploma in Information Security include: Ethical Hacking and Countermeasures; Security Policies and Implementation Issues; System Forensics, Investigation, and Response and Network Security, Firewalls, and VPNs.

