

## 'NASCON' held with national enthusiasm at FAST-NU Islamabad Campus

A three-day event of 11th NASCON, organized by FAST Student Societies was held with national enthusiasm at FAST-NU Islamabad Campus from April 20 to 22, 2012. This year's theme was National Solutions Convention. Youth from over 40 colleges and universities from all over the country including Islamabad, Karachi, Lahore, Peshawar, Bahawalpur, Multan, Gujrat, Hyderabad, Jamshoro were given an opportunity to prove their academic skills for solving practical problems faced by the Pakistani nation. Minister of Science and Technology, Changez Khan was chief guest at the opening ceremony while Director, FAST-NU Islamabad Campus, Dr. Waseem Ikram represented the university. The ceremony was attended by faculty and students. This marked the beginning of over 26 events ranging from management sciences, engineering and computer science competitions under NASCON. This year, NASCON was sponsored by National ICT R&D fund and Bank Alfalah while national and international organizations like IEEE, P@SHA, AIESEC, SONY, Mustakbil.Com, Coca Cola and Hydra were partners. The event also attracted



*Group photo of participants of NASCON with Dr. Waseem Ikram, Director FAST-NU Islamabad Campus*

media attention. Radio channels FM101 and FM97 gave wide coverage to the event. Fahad Hussain, anchor of 'Pakistan Tonight' in ARY NEWS hosted a talk show in the university auditorium with the theme of highlighting a positive image of Pakistan. In addition, new competitions like Ideal Candidate, Robotic Light Followers and Fire-away took NASCON to the next level. The efforts of students and faculty of FAST-NU Islamabad Campus were

prominent and exemplary while the enthusiasm of over 1200 participants proved motivating. Dean, FAST-NU, Dr. Ayub Alvi also visited the event.

Dr. Waseem Ikram, Director, FAST-NU Islamabad Campus and Dr. Aftab Maroof, Director, FAST-NU, Chiniot-Faisalabad Campus highlighted the legacy of NASCON during the prize distribution ceremony and its impact for a positive and more vibrant Pakistan. They also acknowledged the efforts of the organizers of the event.

## FAST-NU Islamabad cricket team to represent Pakistan in Malaysia

Keeping in view the outstanding performance of cricket team of FAST-NU Islamabad Campus during the last year, the University of Malaysia UKM invited it to participate in the International Inter-Varsity Cricket Championship 2012, scheduled to be

played among eight countries in Malaysia from June 1 to 10, 2012.

FAST-NU would be the only team to represent Pakistan. Others teams will be from universities of India, Sri Lanka, Bangladesh, Australia, Malaysia, Thailand and China.



*Students at auditorium of FAST-NU Islamabad Campus*

## Folio3 Developers Day at Karachi Campus help broaden students' vision



*Students are going to attend Folio3 Developers Day at Karachi Campus*

Folio3 Developers Day 2012, organized by Association of Computing Machinery (ACM), was held at FAST-NU Karachi Campus on March 15, 2012. The event was organized to benefit and progress the

interaction between the students of Computer Science and Technology and the industry. Keeping this objective in mind, six different types of activities and competitions were arranged which helped broaden the

horizon of students as well as provided a chance to professionals of industry to closely observe the talents of upcoming students. Over 700 students of all the major universities of Karachi and the surrounding regions participated in this event. Around 250-300 students from FAST-NU also attended the event. The speed mobile application competition and UI/UX User Interface Design competitions were also included in the event. Other competitions at the event were Demo Your Project and 10 Min of Tech. The event also featured a Job Fair and TechTalks which was attended by organizations like TPS, WaveTec, TenPearls, Breezecom, SalSoft and Primatics Financial.

## Open House strengthens relationship between university and industry



*Three participants of Open House*

The 2012 Open House, the first ever two-day event was held at FAST-NU Islamabad Campus from April 25 to 26, 2012. The idea behind holding this event was to pay extra attention to each department and to further deepen the understanding and relationship with the concerned industries. About 30 organizations comprising national and multinational names and almost 90 students participated on the first day of the event. On the second day,

Computer Science and Electrical Engineering Departments were graced with the presence of almost 60 companies. Over 200 graduating students showcased their talents. The delegates of the industry were briefed about different programs being offered at the university. Director, FAST-NU, Islamabad Campus, Dr. Waseem Ikram proudly talked about many accomplishments the FAST-NU students have been accredited with over the years. He suggested the industry to deepen its bondage with academia and provide mentorship to students. All the graduating students displayed their projects in the form of posters to the corporate representatives. This year the posters were displayed in labs instead of the lobbies which proved to be very productive as the corporate representatives had access to maximum students. Some organizations gave an opportunity to

the students to give presentations of their respective projects. Organizations like Pakistan Tobacco Company (PTC), IBM, NADRA, Pakistan Telecommunications Ltd (PTCL), Ufone, Mobilink, Zong, Wi-tribe, Bank Alfalah, JS bank, Micro Finance Bank, UBL, Standard Chartered Bank, Meezan Bank, Pak Qatar, Channel 7, Ali Akbar Group, Emaar Pakistan, Attock Oil Refinery Best Way Cement, Pak Oman Investment Company, Bridge Factor, SNL Financials etc took part in the FSM Open House. Companies like LMKR, NCR, Bentley, Micronet, Elixir, Ovex technologies, Data Solutions, Info-architects, Wateen, Aurora, Mansha Consulting, Intequa, TEO, VetraCom, Warid, ZTE, Huwaei, PTA, Telenor, Zong, NESCOM, Griphens, DPL, Ikonami, Streaming Networks, Numetrics and Jin Technologies also participated in the event.



## Talented Students awarded prizes at FAST-NU Lahore Campus



*A student is receiving prize from the chief guest, Mr. Nisar A. Memon*

A Prize and Certificate distribution ceremony for semester toppers of Spring and Fall 2011 was held on April 21, 2012 in the new Auditorium of FAST-NU, Lahore Campus. The students and parents participated in the event. Dr. Amir Muhammed, Rector FAST-NU presided over the ceremony while Mr. Nisar A. Memon,

Member, FAST (BOG) was chief guest. Both of the dignitaries spoke on the occasion and congratulated the parents and students on this landmark achievement. They also gave away prizes and certificates to the students. Dr. Arshad Hussain, Director, FAST-NU, Lahore Campus presented shield to the chief guest.

## FAST Islamabad Cricket Club shines during 2011-12



*FAST Islamabad Cricket Club players are posing for photographs*

FAST Islamabad cricket club led by Bilawal Zia won several tournaments during the year 2011-12 including the LUMS sports fixture, FAST tri-sports fixture, Redbull cricket campus tournament, NUST battle of sports and Champions of all

Intervarsity tournament. FAST Islamabad cricket club won gold medal in FAST tri-sports fixture held at FAST-NU Islamabad Campus and silver medal in LUMS sports fixture held at Lahore University of Management Sciences (LUMS).



*FAST Islamabad Cricket Club team with winning trophy*

## PEC Team visits FAST-NU Peshawar Campus

A team of Pakistan Engineering Council (PEC) comprising Dr. Zahid Saleem of Federal Urdu University of Arts, Science and Technology, Dr. Abid Ali Minhas of Bahria University and Engr. Kashif Ali of PEC visited FAST-NU Peshawar Campus on April 27, 2012 for re-accreditation of BS(TE) Batch 2008. Dean, FAST-NU, Dr. Ayub Alvi and Director, FAST-NU Islamabad Campus Dr. Wasim Ikram also visited the Campus.

## Inter-FAST Sports Fixture - 2012 held at Peshawar Campus

A three-day 6th Inter-FAST sports fixture-2012 organized by the Students Sports Committee, was held at FAST-NU Peshawar Campus from April 6 to 8, 2012. 45 students from FAST-NU Islamabad Campus also participated in the event.

40 students and 20 organizers from the Peshawar Campus participated in the event.

## Annual drama competition

The Literary Club of FAST-NU Karachi Campus organized annual drama Competition on April 9, 2012 at Main Campus. The show provided enthusiastic students with an excellent opportunity to showcase their acting skills in a highly energetic and competitive environment.

## Dr. Saifee, Ms. Sameera represent FAST-NU at National Sufi Conference



**Dr. Saifee is receiving certificate**

A two-day National Sufi Conference was held on April 16-17, 2012 at University of Sindh Jamshoro. The topic discussed during the conference was 'The Role of Sufis to

International Religious Harmony and Tolerance.' Around 60 speakers including professors and scholars from national and international universities participated. Dr. Aziz-ur-Rehman Saifee, Head of Sciences and Humanities Department, FAST-NU, Karachi Campus presented his research paper on 'The Role of Honorable Aolyia and Fuqaha in spreading tolerance and peace.' Ms. Sameera Sultan, Lecturer of Sciences and Humanities Department also presented her paper on 'The role and contribution of the honorable Sufis in spreading the Islamic message of tolerance, peace and love.



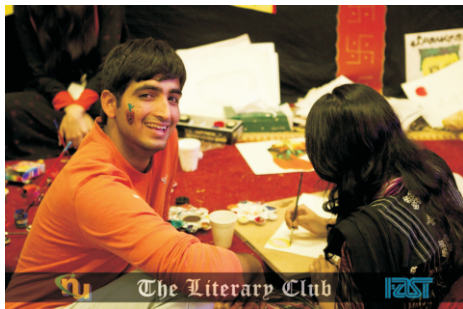
**Ms. Sameera is receiving certificate**

The conference was organized by Faculty of Islamic Studies, University of Sindh, Jamshoro and funded by the Higher Education Commission (HEC).

## 'XPRESSIONS '12 held at FAST-NU Karachi Campus

'Xpressions'12 - Let the Colors Speak' was held at FAST-NU, Karachi Campus. The participants were given an opportunity to draw, paint or sketch anything they wanted. The winners for painting competition were: 1st, Ali Raza, 2nd, Tayyaba Farooq, 3rd, Maria Jamshed and Azka Qaisar,

while the sketching competition was dominated by: 1st, Umer Gill, 2nd, Wasif Zia and 3rd, Nabeel. The event was a great success among the students and was even attended by many members of faculty including Director, FAST-NU Karachi Campus, Dr. Asim-ur-Rehman.



**Students are showing enthusiasm at Xpressions 12 held at Karachi Campus**

## paper accepted for publication



A research paper titled 'Effect of background geometry on symmetries of the (1+2)-dimensional heat equation and reduction of the TDGL models' by Syeda Anoshia Ali Bukhar, a student of MS (Mathematics), FAST-NU Lahore Campus has been accepted for publication in World Applied Science Journal (WASJ). It is an ISI Journal.

## TLC presents Djuce Theatre

The Literary Club of FAST-NU Karachi Campus came up with an amazing idea to lighten up hearts of the students and faculty by organizing Djuce Theatre on April 30, 2012. Djuce Theatre was a venture by a popular mobile operator. Talented actors from Arts Council, Karachi, performed at Djuce Theatre which was watched by a jam packed crowd.

## Farasat wins research award

Muhammad Farasat Shamir, Lecturer (Mathematics), FAST-NU Lahore Campus won the research productivity award by Pakistan Council for Science and Technology

(<http://www.pcst.org.pk/index.php>) for the year 2011-2012. The award is based upon the total research impact factor of the published papers in ISI journals.