

Rector FAST-NU attends International Conference on 'Planet Under Pressure'

Rector, FAST-NU Dr. Amir Muhammed who is Chairman of the Pakistan Global Change Research Committee and a Fellow and Past President of the Pakistan Academy of Sciences, participated in the 'Planet Under Pressure' International Conference held in London from March 26-29, 2012.

The Conference was attended by more than 3000 leading scientists concerned with global change research from all countries. Nobel Laureate, Prof. Elinor Ostrom, Chief Scientific Advisor of the Conference, Director General of UNESCO and the British Minister of Science and Technology also addressed the Conference. Main objective of the Conference was to prepare a brief from the global scientific community involved in global change research for the forthcoming Rio+20 Conference being held in Rio De Janeiro from

June 18-20, 2012.

The Conference reviewed the latest information about the state of the planet and discussed aspects related to global climate change, biodiversity, global food and water security, global governance and income inequality.

There was a general consensus that the earth system as operated now is unsustainable and requires strict discipline and controls to ensure the sustainability of the system and preservation of Planet Earth as the home for human race.

The Conference was followed by a half day meeting of the National Committees on Global Change Research at the Royal Society London, hosted by the European Alliance of Global Change Research Committees.

It was decided to launch an international research project on 'Future Earth' under which research



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on major emerging issues related to sustainability of the earth system will be undertaken.

The European Alliance will try to arrange funds for this initiative and plan a program to involve the relevant global science community in this research.

'Peace Day' marked at Peshawar Campus

The students of FAST-NU Peshawar Campus arranged several



Students are setting free pigeons and balloons during Peace Day

activities to mark the Peace Day on March 29, 2012. Led by Director, Dr. Ghias ul Haq and the faculty members, the students staged a peace walk. The peace exhibition was the focus of attraction for everyone with paintings inscribed with quotes and relevant images put on display to attract attention. The famous song by Michael Jackson 'Heal the World' was sung in chorus by the students. Some students delivered speeches in an effort to justify peace and stress efforts to eliminate violence. Pigeons and balloons were set free by senior faculty members to promote main objective of

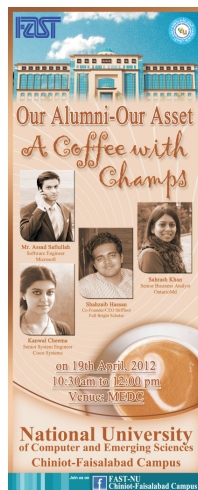
event of creating awareness and building capacity of youth for peace.



Participants of Peace Walk at FAST-NU Peshawar Campus

Coffee with Champs at Islamabad Campus

FAST-NU Chiniot-Faisalabad Campus organized a career development workshop with an interactive session with 'Champs' (Champions) of FAST at FAST-NU Islamabad Campus on April 19, 2012. The Champs talked about their experience, learning, professional grooming and how they became distinguished parts of international platforms after FAST. The graduates of FAST-NU are valued much desirably in the national and multinational organizations. FAST-NU, Chiniot-Faisalabad Campus invited distinguished alumni to participate in the event as a champion and provided the faculty and students with the opportunity to pay gratitude to them for bringing laurels for the University. The guest panel included Assad Safiullah, Software Engineer,



Participants of career development workshop organized at FAST-NU Islamabad Campus

Microsoft, Kanwal Cheema, System Engineer, Cisco, Saharash Khan, Senior Business Analyst, OntarioMd and Shahzaib Hassan, Chief Executive Officer Stifffoot.

A Question and Answer session was also organized with the champions to answer the queries of current students. The event was also attended by faculty and alumni.

Career development campaign kicks off at FAST-NU, Chiniot-Faisalabad Campus

FAST-NU, Chiniot-Faisalabad Campus is the 5th campus of the University. The Campus is under construction and will be operational by Fall 2012. The Campus has started a career development program 'Exploring Opportunities – Building Careers' in different schools and colleges for outgoing classes and introducing FAST-NU as a potential career opportunity. In this context more than 25 sessions have been organized in different Government and non government institutions. Issues like career confusion, future trends and emerging technologies are addressed in these sessions.

Almost 8,000 students and faculty have attended the programme till date. The head of institutes were also deeply involved and had very positive feedback. They said the session was very positive in regard to career

development of students and the choice of area for Chiniot-Faisalabad Campus was very wise decision as these areas were mostly ignored but carry potential.

The students were very highly motivated towards FAST-NU and their career.

The government colleges for boys and girls of Gojra, Chiniot, Chenab Nagar, Jaranwala, Peer Mehal, Toba Tek Singh, Kamalia, Samundri, Jhang, Dijkot, Shorkot have been covered.

Team also visited private colleges and schools like Chenab College, Jhang, Deen College, Chiniot, Chenab College, Shorkot, City School, Faisalabad, Chenab College, Chiniot, LaSalle High School, Faisalabad, Govt MC Higher Secondary School, Faisalabad and GCW Madina Town, Faisalabad.

Orya Maqbool Jan delivers lecture at FAST-NU Peshawar Campus

The Quran Society of FAST-NU Peshawar Campus arranged an illuminating and inspirational lecture by renowned columnist and poet Orya Maqbool Jan for students on March 20, 2012.

He has received numerous national awards, including the best Urdu columnist in 2004 and is presently working as Director General Walled City Project in Lahore. The lecture primarily focused on how different nations come into being and survive with dignity. The Quran Society also arranged a lecture on 'Islamic Revivalism' on March 30. Renowned cricketer-turned preacher Inzamam-ul-Haq was the chief guest. The speaker delved upon preaching in the context of Islamic revivalism.

FAST-NU Lahore Campus arranges one day trip to Khanpur, Taxila.



Students are posing for photograph

NFT (NUCES Fun Trekkers) FAST-NU Lahore Campus arranged a one day adventurous tour to Khanpur. The students left Lahore for Khanpur on March 3, 2012. All students visited ancient Buddhist monastery of Morha Morado. They went to Taxila Caves for underground cave exploration.

Then all students drove through the scenic Khanpur valley towards Harripur for Para Gliding followed by a boat ride across the turquoise blue water of Khanpur Lake. Later, the students departed for Lahore via Islamabad Motorway.



A group of students during visit to Khanpur

Dr. Asif Gondal, Majid Khan among most productive scientists

Dr. Muhammad Asif Gondal, Associate Professor and Head of Department, and Majid Khan, Lecturer, Sciences and Humanities, FAST-NU, Islamabad Campus, have been declared as two of the most productive scientists in Pakistan.

The 2011-2012 list issued by Pakistan Council of Science and

Technology includes scientists, researchers, and academicians with useful and prolific contribution in sciences and technology from all national universities, science and technology/research and development organizations, ministries, and divisions in public and private sectors engaged in basic and applied research.

FAST-NU Lahore campus awarded best prize for flower maintenance

An NGO, Sunrise Green Pak Welfare Organization (SGPWO) conducted a detailed survey and competition of all private universities and academic institutes of Lahore to assess flower plantation and flower arrangements. Their photography teams took photographs of the grounds and flower beds of the institutes. These photographs were appraised and evaluated by the professional flower consultants and

agriculturists. FAST-NU Lahore campus was declared to be the best in flower arrangement at the campus.

An exhibition was also held by the same organization on February 18, 2012 at Race Course Park, Lahore. The certificates/prizes were awarded to the representatives of the educational institutions. The representative of FAST-NU Lahore Campus received certificate of the best position in the competition.

FAST-NU Karachi Campus students attend EMERGE 2012

EMERGE 12 competition was held at LUMS from March 2 to 5, 2012. A group of five students from FAST School of Management, Karachi Campus went to Lahore to participate in competition organized by LUMS Management Society.

More than 100 teams registered for the event from different universities all over Pakistan. The event was divided into three parts. Team FAST-NU Karachi Campus was successful in overcoming competition of over 100 teams and the top finalists in each round.

Annual drama competition organized at FAST-NU Karachi Campus

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.

The drama competition was truly an eye candy for all present in the audience with treats such as 'Humsafar - The Parody' as well as the classics like 'The Merchant of Venice'.

After the competition, a group of freshmen who performed 'Akbar meets Shakespeare' were declared the winners.

FAST-NU students win CASE Spark Competition



Winning students are receiving prize from the chief guest

CASE Spark competition was held on April 7 and 8, 2012. Around 30 teams from the twin cities participated in the event. A number of competitions such as Case Study, Business Plan,

Marketing Plan were conducted in the event. Four teams from Department of Computer Science of FAST-NU Islamabad Campus participated in the competition.

Team from FAST-NU Islamabad Campus, Raycon got first position in Business Plan whereas the team Soccer Alley got second position in the competition. Team Raycon had the BS(CS) students Umar Tariq, Amna Mirza, Ehsan Kamal, Abdur Rahman and team Soccer Alley had BS(CS) students Sana Ullah Awan, Umair Tariq, Waleed Waseem, Salik Naqi, Safdar Aqeel Safdar.

Career Expo 2012 held at Aga Khan Higher Secondary School

FAST-NU Karachi Campus has participated in "Career Expo 2012" on April 01, 2012 organized by Aga Khan Higher Secondary School, Karachi (AKHSS). The Expo provided some 5000 students and parents an opportunity to interact with renowned higher education institutions. FAST-NU Karachi Campus participated in this event in connection with Admission's 2012 campaign. This Expo was largely attended by students of various colleges and schools of Karachi, especially of the Aga Khan Community.



A group of students are coming out after attending career expo

FAST-NU Karachi campus sets up stall at Young Leaders Festival

FAST-NU Karachi Campus set up an interactive stall at "Young Leaders Festival 2012" held at Karachi Expo Center on March 18, 2012. The event was organized by the Youth Social Reformers (YSR).

The stall served as medium for reaching out to the general public as well as to prospective students. Innovative projects were put on

display along with inspirational videos and slide shows featuring FAST-NU's accomplishments as a united group of highly motivated and skillful professionals in the fields of IT, Business and Engineering.

The public response was substantial as almost 2000 visitors had been addressed at the stall by the end of the day.

FRAG-FAST 2012 held at FAST-NU Peshawar campus

FAST Electronic-Gaming Society organized a two-day event 'FRAG-FAST- 2012' from March 3 to March 4, 2012 at FAST-NU Peshawar Campus. Students from all the universities and colleges of Peshawar were invited to take part in the event to demonstrate their talents and skills in their respective game arenas.

More than 90 students from various institutes including Edwards College, PMDC, Sarhad University and City University participated in the event. Gamers competed in games from five different genres.

At the end of the competition, winners and runner ups of each game were awarded cash prizes along with certificates.

'PROCOM' held at FAST-NU Karachi Campus

Minister for Information, Sindh Province, Ms. Shazia Marri inaugurated opening ceremony of 'PROCOM' and appreciated graduates of FAST-NU who were serving in world's most prominent Information Technology (IT) companies.

The Minister especially mentioned about Mir Zafar Ali, a graduate of FAST-NU for receiving first Oscar Award for Pakistan. She said, "We should be proud of such students who bring a good name for the country." The event got full media coverage.