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IRD HOLDS TRAINING WORKSHOP FOR TEACHERS Published on: March 1st, 2021

Profess Dr. Masoom Yasinzai, Rector, International Islamic University (IIU) appreciating the government’s initiative of uniformed syllabus, has emphasized that there is a dire need to bring Madaris into the main stream of education system.

Addressing the inaugural ceremony of a three day long Madrassa training workshop organized by Iqbal International Institute for Research and Dialogue (IRD), Dr. Masoom stressed that training of Madrassah teachers is a dire need of hour. He added that these are the institutions that may provide a balanced youth equipped with the latest knowledge and blended with the Islamic teaching and values.

Dr. Masoom appreciating the activity said that teachers at Madaris are the most vital ones as they are the builders of nation, they must be provided such opportunities of learning and updating the knowledge through useful platforms such as IRD. The opening session was addressed by Head Jamia Naeemia, Lahore, Mufti Raghib Hussain Naeemi who hailed efforts of IRD and said collaborations with IRD shall be a source of best results in religious education, teaching and research.

On the occasion, Executive Director IRD, Dr. Husnul Amin apprised of the details, schedule and objectives of workshop. He vowed that such workshops shall continue with double frequency in future.

IRD TO HOLD CONFERENCE ON CPEC BUILDING NARRATIVES Published on: March 1st, 2021

Iqbal Institute for Research and Dialogues (IRD) of International Islamic University Islamabad (IIUI) will hold an international conference on “China Pakistan Economic Corridor Building Narratives” at Faisal Masjid Campus of the university.

The conference will be held on March 16-17th that will be attended by national and international renowned scholars, researchers and experts.

The conference will provide a platform to the participants to discuss Socio-cultural impacts of CPEC on Pakistan, Strategic importance of CPEC in the regional and trans-regional context, Macro and micro assessment of economic impact of CPEC on Pakistan and Role of Media and CPEC narratives.

INTER-HOSTEL CRICKET TOURNAMENT KICKS-OFF AT NEW CAMPUS Published on: March 1st, 2021

An inter-hostel cricket tournament kicked-off here at new campus of International Islamic University on Monday. The activity is part of the vision and initiatives of the IIUI President for providing healthy and quality education environment to the students.

The colorful ceremony was joined by enthralled players of 8 teams and their supporters, while Vice President AF&P, Prof. Dr. N.B. Jumani and Vice-president Academics, Prof. Dr. Ayaz Afsar were also present as distinguished guests. The ceremony was also joined by the organizing committee headed by Provost male, Dr. Ibrar Anver and Students Advisor Male, Dr. Tauqeer Sargana. It was also attended by Chief Security Officer, Col. Amjad Zaman, Assistant Director P&PR, Al-Hassan, Khalid Chaudhary, Incharge Sports, Assistant Director, Muhammad Ausaf, Coach Muhammad Naseer and supporting staff members.

All the teams of the hostels of new campus and Kuwait hostels have been provided separate kits and mentors to lead. The Vice President Academics inaugurated the event by playing a ball on the pitch as a batsman.

Earlier, addressing the opening ceremony a Chief Guest, Dr. Ayaz Afsar hailed the activity saying that sports activities are equally important along with the academic activities. He reiterated his resolve that there will be stone left unturned to provide healthy and peaceful milieu of learning to the students. He appreciated the joint venture of students advisor office and the provost office saying that the tournament is an omen of new start after a hiatus due to global pandemic.

Dr. N.B.Jumani, addressing the ceremony as a Guest of Honour said that co-curricular and extra-curricular activities are part and parcel of the education process. He said the administration is keen to follow the instruction of IIUI President to let students excel in all the fields. He said that IIUI leadership intends to provide best opportunities to talent youth of IIUI to shine. He felicitated the organizing committee and hoped that such constructive activities will continue.

Dr. Ibrar Anver thanked the Students Advisor, sports officials and the organizing committee for the untiring efforts and elaborated the objectives of the tournament. He added that the tournament is a start of the healthy activities that will also continue in future.

Dr. Tauqeer Sargana, welcoming the guests said that the event is focused to promote positivity and healthy competition as part of the learning process. He thanked IIUI management for the consistent support and vowed that his office will be among leading ranks to provide best platforms and opportunities to students to showcase the talent in future as well. The tournament will conclude on March 03.

INTER-HOSTEL CRICKET TOURNAMENT CONCLUDES Published on: March 3rd, 2021

Sports activities necessary to maintain equilibrium of learning process, says Deputy Mayor

Inter-hostel cricket tournament held at International Islamic University concluded here at new campus on Wednesday as Hostel 1 tigers clinched the title. The activity is part of the vision and initiatives of the IIUI President for providing a healthy and quality education environment to the students.

The concluding ceremony was joined by the Deputy Mayor Islamabad, Syed Zeshan Ali Naqvi as Chief Guest who distributed the prizes among the winner and runner-up teams. Team of hostel 05 remained runner up.

The ceremony was also attended by Vice President AF&P, Prof. Dr. N.B. Jumani and Vice-president Academics, Prof. Dr. Ayaz Afsar.

The ceremony was also joined by the organizing committee headed by Provost male, Dr. Ibrar Anver and Students Advisor Male, Dr. Tauqeer Sargana, Director IIUI President Office, Abdullah Jazi Aldossari, Additional Director, P&PR Nasir Farid, Assistant Director P&PR, Al-Hassan, Khalid Chaudhary, Incharge Sports, Assistant Director, Muhammad Ausaf, Coach Muhammad Naseer and supporting staff members. A total number of 08 teams of the hostels of new campus and Kuwait hostels were provided separate kits and mentors to lead.

The chief guest, Deputy Mayor also took part in the activities where he played a ball on the pitch as a batsman. On the occasion, tug of war competition was also held that was conducted between the rest of IIUI officials headed by the Chief Guest against the Resident House Tutors of the hostels. The IIUI officials’ team won the tug of war match. The concluding ceremony also witnessed competitions of three legs race and sack race.

Speaking on the occasion, Syed Zeeshan Naqvi said that sports activities are necessary to maintain the equilibrium of the learning process. He said a society that has crowded grounds usually its hospitals remain empty. Hailing the organizer for the event, he assured of maximum support saying that youth is a ray of hope.

Dr. N.B.Jumani, addressing the ceremony announced that soon the university would conduct an inter faculty tournament and its Alumni will take part in the future activities as well. He said that co-curricular and extra-curricular activities are part and parcel of the education process. He said the administration is keen to follow the instruction of IIUI President to let students excel in all the fields. He said that IIUI leadership intends to provide best opportunities to talented youth of IIUI to shine. He felicitated the organizing committee and hoped that such constructive activities will continue.

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IIUI ALUMNI OFFICE HOLDS SEMINAR Published on: March 4th, 2021

The office of Alumni, International Islamic University Islamabad (IIUI) organized a seminar on “Skill development and Resume building” for the last semester’s students of university. The event was honored by Mr. Bilal Farooq as chief guest, an Alumnus of IIUI FMS, 2000 who is an entrepreneur and a motivational speaker. He has been educating and motivating students of universities in Islamabad. More than 100 students of last semester hailing from different faculties such as Engineering & Technology, Management Sciences, Social Sciences, Languages & Literature and International Institute of Islamic Economics attended the seminar.

Speakers focused on “Skill development and Resume building”, Addressing to students, Mr. Bilal guided them about the necessary steps and skills needed to land a perfect resume that is the starting point of a student’s image as a job applicant. Through a Questions & Answers (Q&A) session he focused on enhancing the skills needed to focus on during these times to compete in the challenging professional environment that lies outside the walls of this institute. He stressed the importance of skill development be it technical or social welfare, to help them have a taste of the professional environment.

The In Charge of IIUI Alumni Dr. Ali Haider also spoke on the occasion and briefed students about the progress of the IIUI Alumni office and its future plans and developments. On this occasion officials of the Alumni Office, IIUI also guided participants about their duties and also told them how the Office can help them in future.

HARD WORKERS WILL BE AMONG MOST ENCOURAGED ONES AT IIUI, SAYS DR. HATHAL Published on: March 4th, 2021

The second meeting of the Board of Advanced Studies and Research (BASR) for year 2021 was held here at the new campus of International Islamic University (IIUI) that was presided over by H.E. Dr. Hathal Homoud Alotaibi, President of the university.

The meeting was attended by Vice President Academics, Prof. Dr. Ayaz Afsar, Vice President HS&R, Prof. Dr. Ahmed Shuja Syed, Vice President Female Campus Prof. Dr. Farkhanda Zia. The meeting was also attended by Deans, Internal and external members of the committee, senior faculty members, Directors and Secretary of the Board Prof. Dr. Engr. Nadeem Ahmad Shiekh.

During the meeting, the board discussed and analyzed synopses’ of various faculties including Faculty of Engineering and Technology, Faculty of Arabic, Faculty of Basic and Applied Sciences, Shariah and Law and Faculty of Social Sciences.

The board members deliberated upon other agenda items and also shared valuable suggestions for future research work of the students. On the occasion, IIUI President felicitated the faculty members on appointment as Professors and hoped that it will further strengthen and improve the academic quality at IIUI. Dr. Hathal reiterated his resolve that merit will be a top priority and everyone will be dealt equally at IIUI. He added that those who are hard workers will be among the most encouraged ones. He stressed to promote research according to the societal needs. Talking about the contemporary situation, Dr. Hathal opined that research on new trends must be encouraged and overlapping of the subjects must be avoided. He added that academic excellence is the top priority and a quality research is a salient attribute that leads universities to the destination of success.

IIU PRESIDENT INAUGURATES SPRING PLANTATION CAMPAIGN Published on: March 4th, 2021

H.E. Dr. Hathal Homoud Al-Otaibi, President International Islamic University (IIU) inaugurated the spring plantation campaign at new campus on Thursday where he planted a fruit tree of fig.

The opening ceremony of the plantation campaign was also attended by Vice President Academics Dr. Ayaz Afsar, Dean Faculty of Basic and Applied Sciences Dr. Muhammad Irfan, Chairman Department of Environmental Science Dr. Ibrar Shinwari , Chairperson Department of Environmental Science, Dr. Syeda Maria Ali, Assistant Director Horticulture Altaf Barki and senior faculty members.

The campaign is jointly organized by Department of Environmental Science and Horticulture Department that is focused on planting fruit trees, flowering trees and other plants of medicinal and economic value.

As many as 250 saplings were planted on the maiden day of the campaign, while various departments of university will keep planting the sapling across the month. On the occasion, saplings were also planted by Vice President Academics Dr. Ayaz Afsar, Dean FBAS Dr. Muhammad Irfan, Director President IIUI’s Office, Dr. Ali Metab Alahmri, HoD Envoirnental Science Dr. Ibrar Shinwari and other faculty members.

IIUI President was briefed on the occasion by the Horticulture officer Altaf Barki that around 1300 saplings will be planted in this campaign that will include trees of 23 various forms.

IIU President appreciated the efforts of both the departments and shed light on the importance of clean and green environment. He urged the faculty members and all the departments to follow the participate in Billion Tree Project of the Government.

RDC HOLDS SEERAH SEMINAR & NAATIYA MUSHAIRA Published on: March 6th, 2021

Regional Dawah Centre, Sindh (RDCS) of International Islamic University (IIU) organized 9th Seerah Seminar and Annual Naatiya Mushaira.

The activity was jointly organized by the Centre in collaboration with Shah Muhai ul Haq Farooqi Academy, Karachi.

The Seerah seminar was presided over by Dr. Jameel Bandhani, while Dr. Amir Abdullah Muhammadi was the Chief Guest.

Speaking on the occasion, Dr. Amir Abdullah said life of the Holy Prophet (PBUH) is all about truth and honesty. He urged upon the need of adopting these salient features of Seerah of the Holy Prophet (PBUH). On the occasion, famous religious scholar AbdulMonim Faiz shed light on the entrepreneurial aspect of the life of Holy Prophet (PBUH).

Earlier, the Incharge RDCS Dr. Aziz ur Rehman said that it is a matter of pleasure that we are able to conduct this sacred session after global pandemic in normal manner. He said Seerah is a torch to spend a successful life in the light of teachings of Islam. The program secretary was Dr. Shehzad Channa.

In the second session, Naatiya Mushaira was held in which famous poets recited their Naatiya poetry. It concluded with distribution of souvenirs to the guests.

IIU RECTOR CALLS ON GOVERNOR BALUCHISTAN Published on: March 8th, 2021

Prof. Dr. Masoom Yasinzai, Rector IIU called on Governor Balochistan Aman ullah Khan Yasinzai.

During the meeting, both discussed issues of mutual concern such as promotion of education in province and role of IIU graduates in development of Balochistan.

Dr. Masoom who is also Chairman of the Governing Council of Iqbal International Institute for Research and Dialogue (IRD) discussed future projects and collaborations of institute in universities and Madrassas of Balochistan.

The Governor, while appreciating the efforts and services of IIU said that training and outreach programs under university’s IRD in various areas of Balochistan can produce best results in pursuit of society building. The Governor also emphasized on utilizing IIU graduates to work for promotion of education across the province.

Dr. Masoom apprised of the vision, details and activities of the university. He also gave a detailed briefing of IRD’s scope and services saying that the institute will be keen to collaborate with variety of institutions across Baluchistan.

DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY & PAKISTAN STUDIES HOLDS SEMINAR ON KASHMIR DISPUTE Published on: March 8th, 2021

The Department of History & Pakistan Studies arranged a seminar on “Kashmir Dispute: Historical & International Perspective”.

The guest speaker, Dr. Sameera, Assistant Professor, Department of International Relations, National Defense University, Islamabad gave a comprehensive, informative and all-inclusive presentation covering the stand of US and China over the Kashmir issue. Moreover, the presentation comprised on the analysis of US and China interests in the region and the future prospects.

Professor Dr. Amna Mahmood, Dean, Faculty of Social Sciences reviewed the crux of the seminar and presented the concluding remarks. Moreover, she highlighted the importance of academic discourse and appreciated the efforts of the Department of History & Pakistan Studies in this regard. In the end, the Dean expressed thanks to the speakers, faculty members and students. On the occasion, Dr. Syed Akmal Hussain Shah, Assistant Professor/ Incharge, Department of History & Pakistan Studies highlighted the historical perspective of Kashmir dispute .

Earlier, Dr. Abdul Zahoor Khan, Assistant Professor/Seminar coordinator of the Department briefed about the seminar objectives and introduced the speakers. A question answer session as also held that was participated by the faculty and students.

 IRD TO LAUNCH ITS MAGAZINE TITLED “IRD REVIEW” Published on: March 8th, 2021

Iqbal International Institute for Research and Dialogue (IRD) of International Islamic University (IIU) is all set to initiate its new project named IRD REVIEW.

According to Executive Director IRD, The IRD Review will publish semi-academic news about the study, discourse, movements, and activities about religions in the domains of culture, art, literature, politics, lived Islam, drama, music, shrines, and so many other interesting things.

IRD TO RELEASE BOOK ON PRIVACY & SURVEILLANCE Published on: March 8th, 2021

 IRD’s new title on “PRIVACY & SURVEILLANCE: Public Preferneces in Pakishan” will be released on 16th March. Based on rigorous research and empirical data, the book author Dr Akbar Nasir Khan raises important but neglected questions related to security-privacy trade off. Based on extensive survey, the data generated responds to some of the key issues concerning privacy and Surveillance debate in Pakistan. The author, Dr Akbar Nasir Khan, a PhD from a renowned university in UK, a civil servant in the police services group, and a pioneer in setting up the safe city project in Lahore; is keenly interested in initiating a debate on the subject of the book in the public discourse.

The book will be available soon at Saeed Books, Mr Books Islamabad, and at the IRD.

DELEGATION OF BALUCHISTAN BAR COUNCIL MEETS IIU RECTOR Published on: March 9th, 2021

A delegation of Baluchistan Bar Council met with Prof Dr Masoom Yasinzai and discussed issues of the the students hailing from various area of Baluchistan.

The delegation also submitted an application regarding special quota for the children of the families that were victims of terrorism incident of August 08, 2016.

Speaking on the occasion, Dr. Masoom elaborated the role of IIUI in service of society, he also briefed the delegation about outreach programs of university’s constituent units. He said deserving students and students who belong to far flung areas are always dealt on priority basis. The delegation thanked IIUI Rector on assurance of future steps for the betterment of the students of province.

VP ACADEMICS VISITS DEPARTMENT OF BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES Published on: March 9th, 2021

Vice President Academics Professor Dr. Ayaz Afsar visited the Department of Biological Sciences. He was accompanied by Director Academics Syed Naveed Ehitsham.

On the occasion, Chairperson Dr. Sobia introduced her faculty members with VP academics and presented the laboratory need base analysis and feasibility report. She briefed that currently the department is offering three programs; Biotechnology, Bioinformatics and Biology with two dry labs for computational work and two experimental general labs along with other departmental project labs.

Dr. Sobia further shared the up gradation of departmental labs as an advanced Biotech lab to facilitate the research in the applications of biotechnology tools. She appreciated the remarkable efforts of worthy Rector who provided the 14 million grant from the trust endowment fund to the Department of Biological Sciences. She said that establishment of advanced Biotechnology lab would contribute immensely to recent research outputs, training of students and researchers.

Dr. Ayaz appreciated the efforts of the department and highlighted the importance of high technology research to prepare the students for careers of constructive services to society in academia, industry and health related fields. He emphasized on the unabated technological advances in the field of science which have opened up growth opportunities in newer dimensions. “To shine in the revolutionary workplace of tomorrow, one has to have the perfect combination of theory and practical knowledge” he added. VP academics said that Biotechnology is the field of future that is beneficial to the individual as well as the society.

IIU PRESIDENT VOWS PROVISION OF BEST FACILITIES Published on: March 9th, 2021

President, International Islamic University (IIU), H.E. Dr. Hathal Homoud Alotaibi has said that soon the university will have paper free office working. He said that IIU would be provided all modern and necessary facilities to compete with educational institutions across the world.

This he said while chairing a meeting with the officials of the Human Resource Department. The meeting was also attended by Vice President (AF&P) Prof. Dr. N.B. Jumani and Director (Human Resource) Syed Hassan Aftab.

He directed that implantation of the rules and regulations should be top priority and all the officials may be treated equally . The IIU President emphasized on the need for training and desired that there must be refresher courses and training to improve working skills of the university officials.

Dr. Hathal said that the HR is one of the most important departments of the university and its efficiency paves the way to the destination of success. He also directed that there should not be delay in the cases on any level. On the occasion, he vowed that maximum support and encouragement will be provided to all the departments to facilitate the university population.

IIU PRESIDENT VISITS CONSTRUCTION WORK AT CAMPUS Published on: March 9th, 2021

H.E. Hathal Homoud Alotaibi, President, International Islamic University (IIU) on Tuesday visited the constructions sites at the new campus and reviewed the ongoing development. During the inspection visit, the IIU President was accompanied by Prof. Dr. N B Jumani Vice President (AF&P) and Director (P&D).

Worthy President was briefed on the construction of three academic blocks at International Islamic University, H-10 Campus under PSDP Project titled, “Expansion and Up gradation of IIUI”.

The Resident Engineer of Consultants gave briefing and informed that two of the academic blocks are stipulated to be completed in the beginning of 2022 whereas the third is stipulated to be completed by the end of 2022. Worthy President advised Consultants to boost up the progress and achieve targets without compromising on the quality and the workmanship.

It is pertinent to mention here that one of the academic blocks at male campus will house Civil Engineering Department and Faculty of Social Sciences. One academic block, being constructed at women campus will house faculty of social sciences and faculty of management sciences. The third academic block will be shared by male and female students and it will have centralized laboratory facilities.

INTER HOSTEL SPORTS COMPETITION HELD AT FEMALE CAMPUS Published on: March 10th, 2021

The female campus organized Inter Hostel Sports competitions at the gymnasium.The two day long activity was jointly arranged by Students’ Advisor Office, Provost Office and Sports Office.

The opening ceremony witnessed exciting games among female players as they participated actively and enthusiastically in in the events.

A mix team of EFG blocks won the Volleyball Competition whereas 1st position in Tug of War was clinched by G block.

Addressing the gala ceremony, Vice president Female Campus, Dr. Farkhanda Zia appreciated the efforts of Advisor Office, Provost Office and Sports Office for arranging refreshing events after hue of COVID-19.

Dr. Sumayya Chughtai (Students’ Advisor female ), Dr. Humaira Ishfaq (Provost female) and Nadia Mukhtar (Asst. Director Sports) also joined the opening ceremony.

Dr. Summaya said that the competition was organized purely for the female students to engage them in healthy activities amd to eradicate the trauma of pandemic being experienced universally

Dr. Humaira said on the occasion that sports can help young girls to boost self confidence and improve their physical and mental well being.

At the end she distributed the prizes among the winner and runner-up teams of Inter Hostel Competitions.

IIUI HOLDS CEREMONY IN HONOUR OF FORMER VPS, DEANS & DGS Published on: March 11th, 2021

A special ceremony in recognition of the services of former Vice Presidents, Deans and DGs of International Islamic University (IIU) was held here at the new campus that was chaired by President IIUI, H.E. Dr. Hathal Homoud Alotaibi.

The ceremony was attended by Professors, Deans, DGs and other relevant officials of the university.

Speaking on the occasion, H.E. Dr. Hathal said this special ceremony is an omen of thanks for the untiring services of all of the officials who showed a remarkable caliber during their tenure on the important positions in the university. He said that the university is on its track of progress through reforms. Talking about the future of university, he said new strategic plan will be implemented soon. He urged the participants to keep contributing for the progress and success of the university so that the IIUI may reach the destination of a world class hub of higher studies and research.

IIUI President said that the students are the top priority, while provision of best learning environment and maximum facilitates to them is a core agenda of the administration of the university. He added that IIUI is not short of the resources and talent and both of these blessings jointly can pave the way to achieve the lofty goals of success and academic excellence. Dr. Hathal said that change of the position is part of the job and added that there is a dire need of united efforts to further raise the standards of university.

On the occasion, the participants thanked IIUI President for holding the ceremony and termed it as a token of encouragement to contribute more for the success of the institution. In his remarks, Dr. Aqdas Naved Malik said that this gathering is indeed an opportunity to vow that we will work together to make IIUI a top ranking university across the world. Dr. Tahir Khalily said that IIUI President has set a best tradition as this honour is a source of encouragement for all of the former high ups. Dr. Muhammad Mushtaq, while thanking the IIUI President hailed the gesture of this ceremony and assured of maximum cooperation for the promotion of rule of law in the university.

At the end, the IIUI President gave souvenirs to the former high ups in recognition of their services. The receivers of the souvenirs included former Vice President Higher Studies and Research, Prof. Dr. Aqdas Naveed Malik, former Vice President Academics Dr. Muhammad Tahir Khalily, former Dean Faculty of Arabic Dr. Hafiz Muhammad Bashir, former Dean Faculty of Basic and Applied Sciences Dr. Arshad Zia, former Dean Faculty of Shariah and Law Dr. Muhammad Tahir Hakeem, Former Dean Faculty of Social Sciences Dr. Samina Yasmeen Malik, Former Dean Faculty of Engineering and Technology Dr. Muhammad Amir, Former Acting Dean Faculty of Basic and Applied Sciences, Dr. Muhamamd Sajid, Former Dean faculty of Islamic Studies (Usuluddin) Dr. Haroon ur Rashid, Former Deputy Dean Faculty of Management Sciences Dr. Zulfiqar Ali Shah, Former Director General Shariah Academy, Dr. Muhammad Mushtaq and Former Director General Dawah Academy, Dr. Tahir Mehmood.

IIUI HOLDS MEETING OF ACADEMIC COUNCIL Published on: March 11th, 2021

The second session of the 79th meeting of Academic Council of International Islamic University, Islamabad (IIUI) was held at the new campus of the university under the chairmanship of President IIUI, H.E. Dr. Hathal Homoud Alotaibi.

The meeting of the Academic Council was also attended by Vice Presidents, Deans, HoDs and senior faculty members. The meeting reviewed various important topics, recommendations of various committees on given tasks pertaining to academic excellence and affairs related to research.

IIUI President urged the participants to make academic excellence a top priority. He said that IIUI is a unique hub of learning and it has vital a responsibility of nurturing Muslim youth according to the prevailing challenges in the light of Islamic teachings. He said keeping this fact in view, all the concerned officials must keep working for further improvement in the standards of teaching, research and curriculum.

On the occasion, Fateha Khawni was held for the recently departed souls of Dr. Rasheed Amjad (Former Dean of IIUI) and Dr. Abdul Hameed (Former Director ORIC, IIUI)

IRD’S CONFERENCE ON CPEC POSTPONED TO NEW DATES Published on: March 12th, 2021

Conference on China-Pakistan Economic Corridor Building Narrative (CPEC) conference that was to be organized Iqbal International Institute for Research& Dialogue of International Islamci U iversity (IIU) has been postponed to new dates.

A per statement of the office OF Executive Director, IRD, International Conference on China-Pakistan Economic Corridor Building Narrative (CPEC) conference scheduled on 16-17 March 2021 is postponed to new dates. In the light of the Minister for educations latest announcement, the conference has been postponed and it will be held on 6-7 April 2021 at the Quaid-e-Azam Auditorium, Faisal Mosque Campus of the International Islamic University, Islamabad, the Executive Director said.

FORMER IIUI PRESIDENT DR. ANWAR HUSSAIN SIDDIQUI PASSED AWAY Published on: March 15th, 2021

Islamabad: Famous education expert and former President of International Islamic University Islamabad (IIUI) Dr. Anwar Hussain Siddiqui passed away.

His funeral prayer will be offered on March 17, Wednesday at Faisal Masjid at 1:15 PM.

IIUI Rector, President and university fraternity expressed deep grief and sorrow on the demise of Dr. Siddiqui. They said his services for university are exemplary and his contributions for promotion of education will always be remembered.

IIUI ORGANIZES E-OFFICE WORKSHOPPublished on: March 16th, 2021

As per vision of President, International Islamic University (IIU) for digitization and paperless environment in the university, an E-office training workshop commenced here at the central library.

The inaugural session of the four-day workshop was addressed by Dr. N.B. Jumani, Vice President (AF&P). It was attended by Deputy Director, National Information Technology Board, Saif ur Rehman, Incharge IT, Saleem Shehzad, workshop coordinator Assistant Director IT, Adeel Akbar and course participants hailing from Departments of Human Resource and Information Technology.

Dr. N.B. Jumani appreciated the workshop and said that it is start of a new journey in the light of vision of IIU President. He said that digitization and efficient working are the top priorities of the administration and no stone will be left unturned to make IIU a dynamic and leading seat of learning as per contemporary requirements.

It was apprised on the occasion by the organizers of the workshop that IIUI will be the pioneer university to adopt the E-office app launched by Ministry of Information and Technology.

DR. ANWAR HUSSAIN SIDDIQUI’S FUNERAL PRAYER OFFERED AT FAISAL MASJID Published on: March 17th, 2021

Funeral prayer for former President International Islamic University (IIU) Dr. Anwar Hussain Siddiqui on Wednesday was offered at Faisal Masjid that were attended by Rector IIU Dr. Masoom Yasinzai, President IIU, Dr. Hathal Homoud Alotaibi, employees of university and scores of people.

Noted educationist and former president of International Islamic University Dr. Anwar Hussain Siddiqui passed on Monday. Many dignitaries, including IIU Rector and President expressed their condolences on Dr. Siddiqui’s demise and prayed for him.

IIUI HOLDS MEETING OF BASR Published on: March 18th, 2021

The third meeting of the Board of Advanced Studies and Research (BASR) for year 2021 was held here at the new campus of International Islamic University (IIUI) that was presided over by H.E. Dr. Hathal Homoud Alotaibi, President of the university.

The meeting was attended by Vice President Academics, Prof. Dr. Ayaz Afsar, Vice President HS&R, Prof. Dr. Ahmed Shuja Syed, Vice President Female Campus Prof. Dr. Farkhanda Zia. The meeting was also attended by Deans, Internal and external members of the committee, senior faculty members, Directors and Secretary of the Board Prof. Dr. Engr. Nadeem Ahmad Shiekh.

During the meeting, the board discussed and analyzed synopses’ of faculties of Basic and Applied Sciences and Shariah and Law. The board members deliberated upon other agenda items and also shared valuable suggestions for future research work of the students.

On the occasion, IIUI President stressed to promote research according to the societal needs. Talking about the contemporary situation, Dr. Hathal opined that research on new trends must be encouraged. He added that academic excellence is the top priority and a quality research is a salient attribute that leads universities to the destination of success.

APEX COMMITTEE FOR TEACHING & LEARNING MEETS Published on: March 18th, 2021

University’s Apex committee for online teaching & learning has agreed to launch students portal to address their issues.

A meeting of the Apex committee for online teaching & learning was held at council hall. It was chaired by Vice President Academics, Professor Dr. Ayaz Afsar and attended by all Vice Presidents, Deans of the Faculties, Director Examination, Director Academics, Incharge IT and other officers.

The committee reviewed the Fall Semester and expressed satisfaction on successful completion of the semester despite covid-19 challenges. The committee advised IT Department to review the LMS with a view to make it more user friendly and submit report in next meeting. The Committee agreed to launch students portal to address their issues so that students shall be able to submit their queries through this portal.

Vice President Academics emphasized on training for faculty members to enable them to use LMS efficiently. He also highlighted the importance of course and teacher evaluation at the end of semester for improvement in next semesters. It was agreed that a committee to be headed by Prof Dr Muhammad Irfan Dean, Faculty of Basic and Applied Sciences shall develop a preform for evaluation.

The committee also offered fateha for departed soul of Prof Dr Anwar H Siddiqui former President IIUI and paid rich tributes to his services for IIUI.

BOOK “PRIVACY AND SURVEILLANCE: PUBLIC PREFERENCES IN PAKISTAN” LAUNCHED AT IRD Published on: March 19th, 2021

Dr Akbar Nasir Khan’s book “Privacy and Surveillance: public preferences in Pakistan” published by Iqbal Institute for Research and Dialogue (IRD) of International Islamic University (IIU) was launched at the old campus.

The launching ceremony was joined by IIU Rector Dr. Masoom Yasinzai, IIU Vice President Academics Dr. Ayaz Afsar, renowned journalist Saleem Safi, Famous legal expert Barrister Zafar ullah, IRD Executive Director Dr. Husn ul Amin, IIU Faculty members Dr. Sheraz Dasti and Dr, Muhammad Akram.

The author, Dr Akbar Nasir Khan, a PhD from a renowned university in UK, a civil servant in the police services group, and a pioneer in setting up the safe city project in Lahore; is keenly interested in initiating a debate on the subject of the book in the public discourse. The book will be available soon at Saeed Books, Mr Books Islamabad, and at the IRD.

The speakers noted that there is a dire need that masses be made aware of their rights such as privacy. They said that the author Dr Akbar Nasir Khan has raised important but neglected questions related to security-privacy trade off. Based on extensive survey, the data generated responds to some of the key issues concerning privacy and Surveillance debate in Pakistan.

Speaking on the occasion, Dr. Masoom appreciated the efforts of IRD in research and dialogue and congratulated the author on a very brief book on the important topic. He emphasized that the educational institutions must address the issues being faced by societies in mode of research, dialogue and publication of such books. He stressed the need of more institutes to work for the service of society as well as platforms to broaden the exposure of youth.

Dr. Ayaz Afsar said the book is a great piece of work that is an appreciable account based on rigorous research and empirical data. He also congratulated the institute and the author on publication of the book. Dr. Husnul Amin highlighted the importance of protection of privacy and shed light on the hard work and research of the author. The author, while thanking the participants and IRD shared his experiences and also elaborated basic objectives and findings of his research.

IIU PRESIDENT CHAIRS MEETING OF DIRECTORATE OF DISTANCE EDUCATION’S CORE COMMITTEE Published on: March 19th, 2021

H.E. Dr. Hathal Homoud Al-Otaibi, President, International Islamic University (IIU) on Friday chaired a meeting of the Core Committee of Directorate of Distance Education held at Faisal Masjid Campus.

The meeting was also attended by Prof. Dr. N.B. Jumani, Vice President (Administration, Finance and Planning), Incharge IT Saleem Shehzad, Dr. Fouzia Ajmal, Dr. Abdul Fareed Brohi (Dawah Academy), Muhamamd Sohail (Shariah Academy) and Mr Talha.

The committee deliberated various agenda items pertaining to online mode of education. IIU President was briefed that the Directorate of Distance Learning is all set to commence its pilot testing stage with 5 faculties in start and recordings for the lectures will start in start of the next week.

IIU Vice President, Dr. N.B.Jumani apprised about the details of modules preparation, home work for the exclusive studio, arrangement of the recordings, content preparations and trainings. The IIU President was apprised of the efforts and steps taken for the SEO and digital marketing, ODL web portal customization including payment integration and other facilities.

Worthy President appreciated the efforts and preparation of the committee and assured of every support. He directed for speedy execution of final stage steps and hoped that the university will introduce the online education from the start of next semester.

Dr. Hathal said that university is committed to working hard for delivering quality education and producing knowledge in line with the aspiration of Muslim world. He said that online education is the need of hour. Referring to the global pandemic, IIUI President said that importance of online education has become more salient. He said universities must focus on the use of modern techniques of teaching and learning through distance education. IIU President maintained that universities must develop detailed policies and they should also adopt innovative solutions. He also emphasized that faculty must remain updated to the advancements of the technology. He assured that new and innovative ideas and suggestion for improvements in this regard will be appreciated.

DIRECTORATE OF DISTANCE EDUCATION COMMENCES RECORDING OF LECTURES Published on: March 22nd, 2021

The Directorate of Distance Education of International Islamic University (IIU) has started recording of the lectures at the new campus. The pilot testing stage started with 5 faculties as recordings for the lectures commenced here on Monday in the presence of Vice President AF&P, Professor Dr. N.B. Jumani.

Earlier, in a meeting of the Core Committee of Directorate of Distance Education the IIU President had directed to expedite the efforts in this regard as university plans to introduce online degree programs from the start of next semester.

Dr. Jumani while witnessing the recording of the lecture of Shariah Academy, appreciated the progress and hoped that the recordingS and efforts will meet the set standards. He directed to take all possible steps for the timely completion of the recordings and commencement of the online degree programs according to the set timeline. He also assured of every support saying that university is committed to working hard for delivering quality education.

VICE PRESIDENT ACADEMICS VISITS HUMAN RESOURCE DIRECTORATE Published on: March 22nd, 2021

Vice President Academics Dr. Ayaz Afsar visited the Human Resource Department where he visited its various sections. During his visit, he held meetings with Director Human Resource, Syed Hassan Aftab and Incharges of the various sections of HR including HR I, HR-II,HR,III,IV, HR-V and IT section of HR.

The vice President was briefed by the Director HR on various points and functions of the Directorate. He apprised of the process of hiring, job description, eligibility criterion, process of short listing, training, performance evaluation and other matters.

During the visit of various sections of HR, the IIU VP was also apprised on issues, functions and scope of the sections. He was told by the officers regarding job analysis, efforts to maintain equilibrium of human resource in administration and faculty, and the need for refresher courses. He was also briefed in detail about the newly adopted E-Office app of the ministry of IT. He was told that IIUI is the first university to adopt the application of the Ministry. He was also informed on the response of the applicants to the recently advertised posts on IIUI job portal.

The IIU Vice President said that merit must be the top priority and all the rules and procedure must be followed. He said training and performance of the human resource is also an important aspect that he directed must be taken care of. He also underscored the need for refresher courses and utilization of the academically highly qualified staff.

IIU HOLDS FLAG HOISTING CEREMONY ON PAKISTAN DAY Published on: March 23rd, 2021

A flag hoisting ceremony to mark Pakistan Day was held on Tuesday (23rd March)at the Faisal Masjid Campus of International Islamic University (IIU).

The ceremony was organized by Dawah Academy, while it was attended by IIU President, H.E. Dr. Hathal Homoud Al-otaibi, Vice President (AF&P) Dr. N.B. Jumani, Vice President (Academics) Dr. Ayaz Afsar, Deans, DGs and the course participants of Islamic Orientation Program of Dawah academy hailing from forces of Pakistan.

On the occasion, IIU President hoisted the flag at the Faisal Masjid campus of the university. In his speech, Dr. Hathal said that Pakistan Day is the manifestation of one Nation, one Destiny based on the principles of social justice, self-determination and equality. He added, in its 74 years, Pakistani nation has witnessed many challenges and measured up to each one with resilience, resolve and pride. “Pakistan today is a country that exudes confidence and is brimming with promise” he said.

IIU President said that education is always a key to success and universities are the torch bearers of a nation that moves towards the destination of success and prosperity. He reiterated his resolve that International Islamic University will be among the leading ranks to make Pakistan proud across the nations through its skilled youth, research and academic excellence.

DEPTT. OF ENGLISH (FC) HOLDS WORKSHOP, “WOMEN WRITING PAKISTAN”, ESTABLISHES SMART CLASS ROOM Published on: March 24th, 2021

A Three-Day online workshop, “Women Writing Pakistan: Gender in the South Asian Literary Landscape” organized by the Department of English, Female Campus (FC), IIU, in collaboration with Teesside University UK commenced here at female campus on Wednesday.

The workshop is designed to promote original new research on South Asian women’s writing and to advance the research careers of next-generation women scholars. The event uniquely combines specialist talks and workshops by leading researchers and writers with a dedicated programme of academic writing training, publishing and research funding, one-to-one mentoring and research networking.

Guest speakers of the workshop include Muneeza Shamsie (author of Hybrid Tapestries: The Development of Pakistani Literature in English and editor of And The World Changed: Contemporary Stories by Pakistani Women), Bushra Iqbal Malik (founder of Pakistan Women Writers’ Forum/Young Women Writers’ Forum), Dr. Salma Masood (Co-founder of Pakistan Women Writers’ Forum/Young Women Writers’ Forum) and Professor Shirin Zubair (Kinnaird College for Women, Lahore).

In addition to the training and development opportunities provided by the writing workshop, 25 ECR (Early Career Researcher) delegates have also been awarded one year’s free postgraduate membership of the Contemporary Women’s Writing Association and one year’s free online subscription to the Journal of Postcolonial Writing. These benefits are designed to support their research and career development and to enrich their experience of the Writing Workshop.

Dr Munazza Yaqoob, Chairperson, Department of English (FC) extended gratitude towards Dr Rachel Carroll and Dr Madeline Clements, WWP Project Lead, UK for their cooperation including the entire financial support in the setting of Smart Classroom/Video Conferencing Room equipped with latest 24 PCs, 01 LED, networking and other facilities in the English Department (FC) and giving an opportunity to host a workshop which includes 3 speakers from the UK, 2 from Germany and 4 from different cities of Pakistan and 25 early career researchers from all over Pakistan.

The participants of the workshops said that the changing landscape of education and technology-based learning is now becoming a lively activity with the development of interactive e-learning educational strategy. Hailing the establishment of this first-ever fully equipped Smart Classroom by Dr Munazza Yaqoob in the Female Campus, they said it is a great step towards the development of online and blended learning model in the International Islamic University, Islamabad, Pakistan.

DG FEDERAL GOVERNMENT EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS CALLS ON IIU PRESIDENT Published on: March 24th, 2021

Director General, Federal Government Educational Institutions (FGEI), Major Gen. Muhammad Asghar Wednesday called on President, International Islamic University (IIU) Dr. Hathal Homoud Alotaibi at his office.

During the meeting, issues of mutual interests were discussed. Both the dignitaries discussed bilateral cooperation and agreed to take collaborative steps for provision of internships opportunities to the students.

During the meeting, landscape of the education sector in the view of prevailing pandemic came under discussion, while matters related to promotion of distance education and blended learning were also discussed. The meeting was also attended by Vice President (Administration, Finance and Planning, IIU) Professor Dr. N.B. Jumani.

During the meeting, IIU President briefed DG FGEI on profile of IIU and its response to the challenging situation of pandemic through alternative modes of education. He also apprised that university is all set to introduce online education based degree programs by next semester.

DG FGEI hailed the contributions of IIU to the society and appreciated the steps being taken by the University for ODL based education. He appreciated the initiatives of IIU President for promotion of quality education. He also invited the IIU Vice President to visit the FGEI Directorate for the orientation session on distance education.

INDONESIAN AMBASSADOR, IIU RECTOR DISCUSS MUTUAL COOPERATION Published on: March 24th, 2021

Ambassador of Indonesia to Pakistan, Adam Mulawarman Tugio Wednesday called on Rector of International Islamic University (IIU) Dr. Masoom Yasinzai at his office.

During the meeting, issues pertaining to expand mutual cooperation for people to people contact, boosting ties among the academia of both sides and joint ventures for promotion of peace through dialogue were discussed.

In the meeting, the Indonesian Envoy proposed establishment of an Indonesian corner at IIU upon which both the dignitaries discussed various aspects such as its scope, utilization , feasibility , objectives and its role in promoting cultural similarities as well as interaction between common people and academia of both countries. They also agreed for future deliberations to hold a conference on the role of religious seminaries in Muslim societies and importance of Dawah as per contemporary requirements. They also agreed that there is a dire need of exchange of experiences among the universities of sides as well as conferences and dialogues to discuss leading issues of Muslim world.

On the occasion, the Indonesian Ambassador said that there is a large number of students of IIUI Alumni in Indonesia who are contributing in development and progress of the country being on the important positions. He said Indonesia is keen to enhance collaboration with Pakistani universities in the fields of science, technology and dialogue. He added that both sides have common values that can be promoted through mutual cooperation in the form of proposed Indonesian corner at the university. He also took keen interest in the scope and work of the constituent units of IIU, and appreciated the proposal of Rector IIU regarding collaboration with Iqbal Institute of Research and Dialogue of IIU.

Speaking on the occasion, IIU Rector said that Muslim Societies must focus on bridging the gap between academia and industry. He said there are the high times for universities to pay back to the societies by finding the solutions to the contemporary problems as per needs of the societies. He also briefed the Ambassador on the activities, profile, services and vision of the university adding that IIU expects that the number of over 200 Indonesian students would double in coming future. He said that IIU will be eager to share its experiences with Indonesian universities in various fields including science and technology.

IIU PRESIDENT CHAIRS MEETING OF DIRECTORATE OF DISTANCE EDUCATION’S CORE COMMITTEEPublished on: March 26th, 2021

H.E. Dr. Hathal Homoud Al-Otaibi, President, International Islamic University (IIU) on Friday chaired a meeting of the Core Committee of Directorate of Distance Education held at Faisal Masjid Campus.

The meeting was also attended by Prof. Dr. N.B. Jumani, Vice President (Administration, Finance and Planning), Incharge (Information Technology) Saleem Shehzad, Mr. Talha and other relevant officials.

The committee deliberated various agenda items pertaining to online mode of education. IIU President was briefed on the development of the recording of the online lectures. He was informed that the pilot testing stage for the online recordings of the lectures of Dawah and Shariah academies has been completed. The committee also discussed matters pertaining to establishment of an exclusive recording studio at the old campus.

During the meeting the IIU President directed that speedy arrangements be made for the nomination of the official focal persons form various departments. Worthy President appreciated the efforts and preparation of the committee and assured of every support. He directed for speedy execution of final stage steps and hoped that the university will introduce the online education as soon as possible. Dr. Hathal said that university is committed to working hard for delivering quality education and producing knowledge in line with the aspiration of Muslim world. He said that online education is the need of hour. Referring to the global pandemic, IIU President said that importance of online education has become more salient.

SHARIAH ACADEMY CONDUCTS VISITS FOR PARTICIPANTS OF 62ND REGULAR COURSE Published on: March 26th, 2021

Participants of the 62nd regular Shariah (Islamic law) Course for the officials of legal fraternity visited various cities of Lahore, Peshawar, Islamabad and also Azad Jammu and Kashmir.

The participants included District Session Judge, Additional District Session Judges, Session Civil Judges,Distrcit Qazis, District Attorneys, Public Prosecutors and law officers.

The delegation of the participants was headed by Director General Shariah Academy Dr. Abdul Hey Abro. As many as 20 course participants hailing from all the regions and provinces of Pakistan are part of this 14 week long course.

The course that started in December will cover the areas of Islamic jurisprudence, family laws of Islam, criminal law of Islam, commercial laws of Islam, International laws of Islam, Islamic judicial system, modern legal concepts, administrative and constitutional law and institutions.

According to the conducting officer of the course Dr. Muhammad Asghar Shehzad, during tours to the various places in different cities, the participants visited Peshawar High Court, Peshawar High Court Mingora Bench (SAWAT), KPK Judicial Academy, Lahore High Court, Punjab Judicial Academy and National School of Public Policy at Lahore. The participants also visited Kashmir Institute of Management, High Court of AJK, Muzaffarabad, Meeting with Acting Chief Justice, Supreme Court of AJ&K and also met with Acting Chief Justice.

IIU TO CONTINUE ONLINE MODE OF EDUCATION TILL APRIL 11 Published on: March 28th, 2021

International Islamic University (IIU) shall continue academic activities with online mode of teaching and learning from March 29th to April 11th.

A notification in this regard has been issued. It has been narrated in the notification that in line with the directives of Government of Pakistan and Higher Education Commission, and the prevailing pandemic situation, on campus activities shall remain suspended during the period.

With a mention of implementation of SOPs, all the Deans and HoDs have been requested to ensure online lectures through LMS, lecture recording, students attendance record and monitoring of the process.

ONLINE MID TERM EXAMS TO COMMENCE FROM APRIL 12TH Published on: March 30th, 2021

International Islamic University (IIU) has decided to conduct mid-term examination from April 12th, 2021, while online mode of examination shall be followed.

University’s Apex Committee for Online Teaching and Learning met here at new campus on Tuesday and decided that the Mid-term Examination shall commence from 12th April, 2021 and online mode of examination shall be followed.

IRD TO ORGANIZE WEBINAR, BOOK LAUNCHING Published on: March 30th, 2021

Iqbal Institute for Research and Dialogue (IRD) of International Islamic University (IIU) will hold a webinar and a Book Launch Ceremony for the upcoming IRD publication under the Title: “China Pakistan Economic Corridor Myth & Reality” Authored by Saleem Safi and “CPEC Opportunities and Challenges”, on 06 April, 2021, Time: 2:00 pm.

The webinar can be joined via: Zoom Joining Link: https://zoom.us/j/5625533781?pwd=cU41MnpQZEU4VVl0VGhUVzMzRHF6UT09

Meeting ID: 562 553 3781

Passcode: irdiiui

The webinar will also be streamed live on IRD official facebook page & YouTube channel.

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCUpMRLdAE4HDyBlhTVHJbcA

https://www.facebook.com/ird.iiui/.

IIU PRESIDENT CALLS ON GOVERNOR KPPublished on: March 30th, 2021

President of International Islamic University (IIU) Dr. Hathal Homoud Alotaibi called on Governor Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Shah Farman at Governor House and discussed matter of opening a branch of IIU in the province .

The Governor agreed upon the suggestion and said that soon a meeting shall be held to decide a site to be endowed to the university for the branch. He said it will be a priority to provide a serene site for building a branch of IIU. Governor KP and IIU President agreed that a sub campus of the university will help in promoting quality education as well as it will to fulfill the needs of higher studies for the youth.

The IIU President, while mentioning the importance of the educational institutions in the society and their long constructive impact in society building, mentioned the name of Madrid university (of which he is an Alumnus) that the ones who established it , their efforts have resulted in service of a large number of societies for centuries. He said same is the purpose of the campus of IIU in province so that it may appear as a hub of best quality education for the youth in future

Issues of mutual interest and matters pertaining to education such as research and academic excellence were discussed. Both the dignitaries agreed to boost academic cooperation between IIU and KP universities. They also discussed importance of distance learning, initiatives for promotion of quality education and role of universities in societies building were discussed. The meeting was also attended by Vice President Administration, Finance and Planning, Prof. Dr. N.B. Jumani.

IIU President also briefed the Governor KP on IIU’s vision, future plans and strategy for academic excellence. IIU President said that IIU will be keen to enhance its bilateral ties with the universities of KP.

On the occasion, while appreciating the role of IIU in society building and services, Governor assured of maximum cooperation to promote quality education. He said universities must promote exchange of experiences through mutual cooperation. Talking on bilateral relations, the Governor said that Pakistan gave great importance to relations with Saudi Arabia as both are time tested friends. He added that brotherly ties between Pakistan and Saudi Arabia go back decades and those are getting stronger by every passing day.

CAEPE ORGANIZES NATIONAL E-WORKSHOP ON THEME OF “BATTERIES AND BEYOND” Published on: March 31st, 2021

A Pakistan Science Foundation (PSF) funded workshop, entitled “Integrated Energy Systems: Battery & Beyond” was organized by the Centre for Advanced Electronics & Photovoltaic Engineering (CAEPE) at International Islamic University, Islamabad.

The workshop was organized in the backdrop of PSF-Funded project in the broader area of Energy Storage and Supercapacitors. This was the third in the series of national workshops held in this research grant. This year’s specific theme was focused on the novel solutions towards Energy Storage Systems, particularly the current and next-generation batteries.

The participants noted that the energy storage sector has seen an unprecedented interest due to the focus on renewable, innovative and cost-effective energy solutions especially in Electric Vehicle industry, Smart Cities as well as Energy Efficient ICT devices and systems. In this vein, this event was organized to introduce this exciting area from the science and engineering manufacturability perspective to cater for a larger audience.

Guest speakers/Experts of the workshop include Prof. Dr. Hong Meng from Peking University, China, Dr. Ghulam Ali from NUST, Prof. Dr. Ahmed Shuja Syed, Executive Director, CAEPE, IIUI, Dr. Imran Murtaza, Department of Physics, IIUI, Dr. Saba Ashraf, Assistant Professor, CIRBS, IIUI, Dr. Gul Hassan, CAEPE, IIUI and Dr. Carlos Garcia Nunez from University of the West of Scotland, UK.

A large number of participants inclusive of industry representatives, researchers and faculty members, students all across Pakistan attended the workshop and panel discussion online. Interactive session and the expert talks were highly appreciated and applauded.

WORKSHOP ON “HOW TO WRITE & PUBLISH ARTICLES FOR INTERNATIONAL JOURNALS” HELD Published on: March 31st, 2021

Office of Dean, Faculty of Social Sciences organized an online workshop for MS/PhD students in collaboration with Economic Cooperation Organization Educational Institute (ECOEI) on the topic of “How to Write and Publish Articles for International Journals”

The ECOEI is an intergovernmental organization and a specialized agency of Economic Cooperation Organization. The workshop’s main objective was to enhance the academic writing skills of graduate students seeking a research. degree and implement the procedures for submitting evaluating and publishing academic journals.

In the welcoming remarks, Prof. Dr Amna Mahmood, Dean FSS, admired ECOEI for providing an excellent opportunity to the students at International Islamic University Islamabad to understand how to write and successfully publish their research work.

Workshop resource person, Dr. Gonca Biltekin, managing editor of All Azimuth, A Journal of Foreign Policy and Peace, focused writing process of a scholarly article: research question, literature review, hypotheses, case selection, and methods of data collection and analysis, submission and revision process of the article: and correspondence with the journal editors. The workshop was attended by faculty members and MS/PhD students from Faculty of Social Sciences.

IRD HOLDS WORKSHOP ON RESEARCH METHODOLOGY Published on: April 1st, 2021

Iqbal International Institute for Research and Dialogue has started second workshop of its series of workshops on Research Methodology for the students of Faculty of Usuluddin, IIUI.

While addressing the opening session of the second workshop Dr. Husnul Amin, Executive Director, IRD, IIU emphasized that quality research is the need of the hour in this competitive world and IRD will contribute in promoting these sorts of research activities in the University. He opined that the second workshop will address all the difficulties that the researchers in Pakistan encounter while expressing their thoughts and constructing research activities.

Dr. Muhammad Akram, Chairperson, Department of Comparative Religion, IIUI presented introduction of Research Methodology in Islamic Studies and Prof. Dr. Khalid Masood conducted Participatory Session and discussed Islamic traditions, theories with the participants. The workshop was attended by above 150 Ph.D./M.S scholars of Faculty of Usuluddin.

Participants said that modern research methods are important to learn and understand for all research students of Islamic studies. They opined that religions are being practiced in all societies and cultures in diverse ways and it is imperative for all researchers to make sense of these practices and lived religions. The participants were told that new scientific tools of data collection and data analysis are also important to comprehend by the research students of humanities and religions because they provide empirical evidence which enhances our understanding of religious practices in society.

IIU PRESIDENT APPROVES APRIL 5TH AS HOLIDAY FOR CHRISTIAN EMPLOYEES Published on: April 2nd, 2021

The day after Easter on April 5th (Monday) will be an optional holiday for the Christian employees of International Islamic University (IIU).

According to a notification, H.E. Hathal Homoud Alotibi, President IIUI, approved the day after Easter (Monday, 5th April) as optional holiday for Christian employees of university.

NTC TEAM MEETS PRESIDENT IIU Published on: April 2nd, 2021

A visitation team of National Technology Council (NTC) met H.E. Dr. Hathal Homoud Alotaib, President, International Islamic University (IIU).

During the meeting, discussion was made on issues of mutual concern and accreditation of BS.c Civil, Electrical and Mechanical Technology programs. NTC team conducted two days zero visit of BS.c Electrical, Mechanical and Civil Engineering Technology programs for Fall-2018 onward batches.

On the occasion, the President, IIU apprised the team of the vision, details and activities of the university. The President also appreciated the efforts of the faculty for the accreditation. The meeting was also attended by Prof. Dr. Ahmed Shuja Syed, Vice President (HS&R), Prof. Dr. Ayaz Afsar, Vice President (Academics), Prof. Dr. Nadeem Ahmed Sheikh, Dean, Faculty of Engineering & Technology and Prof. Dr. Khan Zaib Jadoon, Chairman, DCE.

HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM FOR ARMED FORCES OFFICERS, CONCLUDES AT, IIUI Published on: April 6th, 2021

Armed Forces of Pakistan are the pride of Muslim Ummah which always remains ready for the protection of nation and protecting societies form extremism and terrorism, this was said by H.E. Dr. Hathal Homoud Al-Otaibi, President, International Islamic University (IIU) on the occasion of concluding ceremony of 36th Human Resource Development Program for professionals (Officers of Armed Forces) of Pakistan, which was held here at Allam Iqbal Auditorium Faisal Masjid Campus, IIUI. The one month long Islamic training Program was organized by the Dawah Academy of the University. As many as nineteen participants from Pakistan Army, Air Force and Pakistan Navy participated in the Program.

IIU President said that in present era distance education and online teaching has become vital for all educational institutions while Dawah Academy, IIUI will also soon introduce such programs for people from all sectors in this regard. He reiterated his resolve that International Islamic University will be among the leading ranks to make Pakistan proud across the nations through its skilled youth, research and academic excellence.

President IIUI also stressed upon the unity of entire Muslim world to counter the prevailing challenges and said that Islam is a religion of peace and harmony and this message must reach to all corners of world whereas International Islamic University Islamabad is performing its pivotal role in this regard. Addressing to course participants Dr. Otaibi also highlighted important role played by Dawah Academy for the entire Muslim Ummah from last four decades.

During the one month training program, different sessions included, Quran, Sirah of the Prophet Muhammad (PBUH), Character Building, Meaning and Methodology of Da’wah, Qur’an an Introduction, Islamic Personality and Spiritual Development, Power Potential of Muslim Ummah, Purpose of Life, Concept of Leadership in Islam, Time and Personality Management, Islamic Culture and Civilization, Islamic System of Economics, Concept of Knowledge in Islam, Islamic Ideology and Concept of Pakistan.

Incharge, Dawah Academy, Prof. Dr. Ilyas thanked IIUI President for joining the concluding ceremony and vowed that the academy would keep pursuing its objective of dissemination of peace. He also highlighted the objectives of the course among the course participants and emphasized that it is time to protect Ideological boundaries as well as geographical boundaries while we all are standing united to protect our country and Muslim ummah. He also appreciated all the training section for providing services to the course participants throughout the training program.

Earlier, Dr. Abdul Fareed Brohi, Course Coordinator, Dr. Zaheer Ud Din Behram, Assistant Professor, Dawah Academy also addressed the ceremony.

At the end course participants were awarded course completion certificates and shields. A souvenir was also jointly presented by representatives of Armed Forces to the President, IIUI on this occasion.

IIUI: PROVOST OFFICE FEMALE CAMPUS HOLDS LAWNS DECORATION AND BEAUTIFICATION COMPETITION Published on: April 6th, 2021

In wake of spring season and to promote green culture, provost office female campus of International Islamic University Islamabad (IIUI) organized lawns decoration and beautification competition at Female Campus of the University.

The event was graced by Dr. Irfan, Dean Faculty of Basic and Applied Sciences (FBAS), IIUI. Dr. Humaira, Provost Female Campus, officials from provost office and officials from Horticulture Department of IIUI also participated in the event. Female students actively and enthusiastically participated in the competition.

Speakers appreciated students and horticulture staff for decorating lawns with flowers and plants in different orders and urged that every individual should participate in such healthy activities. They said that greenery helps to combat global warming.

Dr. Irfan appreciated efforts of provost office female campus for organizing such a healthy competition. Certificates were distributed among winners and runner up teams of the competition in the end.

RDC, SINDH, KARACHI: ISLAMIC TRAINING COURSE FOR TEACHERS CONCLUDES Published on: April 7th, 2021

Islamic Training Course for Teachers of religious institutions of Karachi concluded at Regional Dawah Center (RDC, Sindh), Karachi in which as many as fourty scholars and teachers from different religious institutions of Karachi participated. The Training program was organized in collaboration with Shariah Academy International Islamic University.

Addressing to the participants of closing ceremony Director General Shariah Academy, IIUI, Dr. Abdul Hai Abro lauded important role of Dawah and Shariah Academy regarding Islamic training courses for people of different sectors. He said that it is the responsibility of Ulema to teach scholars regarding Shariah. He also stressed upon unity of Ulema to counter the prevailing challenges and said that Islam is a religion of peace and this message must reach to all corners.

During the training program participant teachers had motivational sessions and lectures included team management, teacher as leader, importance of communication in teaching, organization of time, modern biography in Urdu, modern research methodology and its need and importance, scholars and modern constraints, educational psychology. , Introduction to basic sources and references of Islamic sciences, family laws in Pakistan, legal and judicial system of Pakistan, modern jurisprudential issues, Shariah objectives, renewal of principles of jurisprudence.

The concluding ceremony was also attended by Dr. Mahmood Ghaznavi, Former Chairperson, Department of Mass Communication, University of Karachi, Incharge Regional Dawa Center, Dr. Syed Aziz-ur-Rehman, Dr. Shehzad Channa, Coordinator RDC, Hafiz Ahmad Waqas, Ibrahim Amir Hatem from Shariah Academy, IIUI and a large number of course participants and scholars also attended the ceremony.

 Addressing to the course participants Incharge Regional Dawah Center (Sindh) Karachi hoped that the Ulema and Fazils will strive for the promotion of Da’wah, Religion and Sharia Sciences in their respective fields.

 At the end, certificates were distributed among the participants. Participants were also given gifts of books published by Dawah and Shariah Academies of IIUI.

RESEARCH WORKSHOP ORGANIZED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH, FEMALE CAMPUSPublished on: April 8th, 2021

Department of English, Female Campus (FC) organized a “Women Early Career Research Workshop” that was designed to promote original new research on South Asian women’s writing and advance next-generation women scholars’ research careers.

The three-day event uniquely combined specialist talks and workshops by leading researchers and writers with a dedicated programme designed to train young women researchers in academic writing, publishing and securing research funding, developing networking provide one-to-one mentoring.

“Women Writing Pakistan: Gender in the South Asian Literary Landscape” is a collaborative project between International Islamic University, Islamabad and Teesside University, UK. It is led by Dr Rachel Carroll, Dr Madeline Clements and Dr Munazza Yaqoob and is funded by the UK Global Challenges Research Fund via Teesside University.

Twenty-five delegates (MS/PhD scholars) from different parts of Punjab, KPK and Baluchistan attended the workshop. The workshop included sessions by British and Pakistani scholars and academics such as Dr. Rachel Carroll, Dr. Fiona Tolan, Dr. Madeline Clements, Dr. Ghazala Kausar, Dr. Neelam Jabeen, Dr. Saiyma Aslam, and Dr Munazza Yaqoob. The sessions included topics such as “Adapting MS/PhD Thesis into Journal Article”, “Developing Your Research Profile”, “HEC Research and Funding Opportunities and Proposal Writing” and “Research Networks and Academic Communities”, and “Academic Writing” etc.

The three keynote speakers included Muneeza Shamsie (author of Hybrid Tapestries: The Development of Pakistani Literature in English and editor of And The World Changed: Contemporary Stories by Pakistani Women), Bushra Iqbal Malik (writer, founder of Pakistan Women Writers’ Forum/Young Women Writers’ Forum), Dr. Salma Masood (Co-founder of Pakistan Women Writers’ Forum/Young Women Writers’ Forum) and Professor Shirin Zubair (Kinnaird College for Women, Lahore).

One of the workshop’s distinctive features was the one-to-one mentoring sessions organized to provide comprehensive feedback to the delegates who had submitted journal articles. The delegates were offered detailed reviews on the pattern of international peer-reviewed journals and valuable insights to improve their research articles. The articles written by the delegates focused on different aspects of contemporary fiction by Pakistani women writers such as Kamil Shamsie, Uzma Aslam Khan, Fatima Bhutto, Sara Suleri, and Qaisera Shehraz etc.

One of the most significant outcomes of the “Women Writing Pakistan: Gender in the South Asian Literary Landscape” project is establishing a fully equipped, state of the art, Smart classroom in the Department of English, Female Campus. The smart classroom will serve as an essential resource for young women ECRs in IIUI. In addition to the workshop’s training and development opportunities, ECR delegates have also been awarded one year’s free postgraduate membership of the Contemporary Women’s Writing Association and one year’s free online subscription to the Journal of Postcolonial Writing. These benefits are designed to support their research and career development and enrich their Writing Workshop experience.

IIU ESTABLISHES SUPPORT SYSTEMPublished on: April 8th, 2021

In order to address all queries and issues of end users (students/employees), a web portal named as Support System has been launched online at https://support.iiu.edu.pk. Everyone who has an IIU email can use this system to lodge the query. These queries can be assigned directly to the relevant department by choosing the respective department in category section. The system will help in making system more transparent and efficient. All issues reported on this system will be available to top management in their respective dashboards.

A short video tutorial “How to use Support System” is also posted on the IIUI official facebook and twitter accounts that can be viewed through following links:

https://fb.watch/4Kw2tK776p/

IIU, PITB JOIN HANDS TO ESTABLISH NATIONAL FREELANCE TRAINING CENTERPublished on: April 9th, 2021

International Islamic University, Islamabad (IIUI) and Punjab Information Technology Board (PITB) signed an agreement for establishment of National Freelance Training Center (NFTC) at the university.

In the center, freelancing training will be provided to youth to empower them for employment. It will be focused on producing skilled and digitally aware human resource. The agreement is aimed to promote technology and entrepreneurship across the country. Both the university and the board have agreed to jointly work for main streaming the digital skills.

The MoU signing ceremony was held at the Faisal Masjid Campus of the University which was joined by IIU President H.E. Dr. Hathal Homoud Alotaibi who also signed the document. Representatives of the PITB Project Management Unit Qumbar Ali & Naila Mehmood were also present on the occasion. It was also attended by the Vice President Administration, Finance Planning, IIU, Prof. Dr. N.B. Jumani along with the Incharge IT, IIU Qazi Shehzad Saleem.

While addressing the event, IIU President called upon universities that they must contribute in the construction of the society and they must work as per needs of the hour. He expressed that youth are the agents of change. He added that investing in the nation’s youth will open new avenues of economic stability through digital transformation. He opined that the partnership will prove to be a stepping stone towards a new era of digitally equipped youth.

He also apprised the PITB officials that IIU is already focusing on E-Governance and soon it will adopt the paperless E–Governance based system. Dr. Hathal furthered that the prevailing situation has doubled the importance of Online Distance Learning and IIU is keen to promote it by producing the online and distance learning based courses and degrees with the utilization of latest sources of technology. He opined that both IIU and PITB have shared goals and the MoU will be a milestone to work for the cause of provision of quality education with the usage of technology. He also told that the university is also keen to open its branches in the provinces.

The representatives of PITB said on the occasion that the Board’s other initiatives such as Incubation Centers at universities, course of various fields and promotion of E –Governance can be jointly worked with positive results by both sides. They apprised that the board has already graduated 1500 students in the online batches and it is striving to promote digitization.

On the occasion, Dr. N.B.Jumani told that IIU will be the pioneer university to adopt the E-office app launched by Ministry of Information and Technology. He said that the NFTC will help in promoting capacity building of youth involved and will also provide sustainable income opportunities by playing a pivotal role in creating new jobs.

IRD HOLDS WEBINAR ON “SOME REFLECTIONS ON PAKISTAN RESOLUTION 1940 AND ITS SIGNIFICANCE”Published on: April 9th, 2021

Iqbal International Institute for Research and Dialogue (IRD) organized a webinar on “Some Reflections on Pakistan Resolution 1940 and its Significance”. IRD organize this activity in collaboration with Department of Pakistan Studies and History.

Rector, IIUI Dr. Masoom Yasinzai in his remarks said that it is time to unite and to work collectively and selflessly for the greater cause of peace, prosperity, justice, freedom, equality of our countrymen.

He said that objective resolution demads that we must ask ourself that have we delivered and what contributions have we made for the progress of this sacred homelamd.

“Let’s unite, let’s work hard and change the destiny of our countrymen” he said.

He further added that no doubt our land is facing numerous challenges such as poverty, corruption, and unemployment and resource mismanagement. He furthered that we must come forward and play our roles to overcome these challenges.

IIUI Rector appreciated the efforts of the Iqbal International Institute for Research and Dialogue, IIUI and department of History and Pakistan Studies, IIUI for holding the webinar on such an important topic.

The event was also adressed by Dr. Husnul Amin, Executive Director, IRD who highlighted the importance of topic and IRD’s efforts for research, Dialogue and ideology of Pakistan.

Panelists of Webinar included, Dr. Riffat Hussain, Head Department of Government And Public Policy, NUST, Dr. Abdur Rauf, Chairman Department of Poolitical Science, University of Peshawar, Dr. Akmal Hussain, Head Department of History and Pakistan Studies, IIUI, and Dr. Khwaja Alqama.

IIU PRESIDENT CHAIRS MEETING OF DIRECTORATE OF DISTANCE EDUCATION’S CORE COMMITTEEPublished on: April 9th, 2021

H.E. Dr. Hathal Homoud Alotaibi, President, International Islamic University (IIU) on Friday chaired a meeting of the Core Committee of Directorate of Distance Education at Faisal Masjid Campus.

The meeting was also attended by Prof. Dr. N.B. Jumani, Vice President (Administration, Finance and Planning) and rest of the members of the committee.

In the meeting, the committee discussed agenda items on lecture recording, studio set up and course uploading on the web portal. A briefing and the demonstration of the online learning portal was also given to the chair regarding the operations of the portal, theme, lay out, options, user friendly interface and other important features.

The committee also recommended that soon a meeting shall be held for scrutiny and importance based identification of the courses. It was also agreed that in near future a meeting of the committee with the Deans of all the faculties will be held on the topic of online learning. The committee also discussed matters pertaining to establishment of an exclusive recording studio at the old campus.

During the meeting, the IIU President directed that speedy arrangements be made for launch of the online degree and diploma programs. While appreciating the efforts of the committee, he desired that the final stage of the execution of the project should be completed as soon as possible.

Dr. Hathal said that university is committed to working hard for delivering quality education and producing knowledge in line with the aspiration of Muslim world. He said that online education is the need of hour.

IRD’S NEW STUDIO, RENOVATED ROOM INAUGURATEDPublished on: April 9th, 2021

International Islamic University (IIU) Rector Dr. Masoom Yasinzai and President Dr. Hathal Homoud Alotaibi , while inaugurating the digital studio and renovated conference room at Iqbal International Institute of Research and Dialogue (IRD) have vowed that the university will leave no stone unturned to meet all the contemporary requirements for provision of quality education by adopting all the latest technological developments.

“Corona gave us challenge, hiatus was not an option, we responded back and now university is all set to introduce online degrees” , said Rector IIU while hailing the addition of a new studio at the IRD. He desired that the studio facility is a must in the prevailing situation in every faculty so that the dissemination of the message across the masses and the students be exquisitely made. He appreciated the efforts of the IIU President for the online and distance learning and hoped that soon university will have international repute for its ODL based eduation.

Speaking on the occasion, Dr. Hathal Homoud Alotaibi said that IIU is going to launch diploma and degree programs through its Directorate of Distance Education. He said these are the high times when we may reach to the maximum people across the world and we may introduce our best faculty and researchers with the top institutions. He added that following the varsity’s ongoing ODL based policy, soon more international conferences and seminars will be held, while he mentioned same is being done by utilizing the available resources in best manner. Dr. Hathal said that IRD is one of the very important units of the university that is focused on promotion of dialogue and a new strategic plan keeping in view its scope is being prepared.

On the occasion, Vice President (AF&P) Dr. N.B Jumani said that university is heading towards an exquisite online education based system and it is also mulling over blended mode of education. Vice President (Academics) Dr. Ayaz Afsar said that the studio and the conference room are very useful additions into the university resources and it will be proved as a great contribution in the present situation. Vice President (HS&R ), Dr. Ahmed Shuja Syed said that IRD as per its scope has exemplary services and now its activities, through online mode, are being hailed across the world.

Dr. Husn ul Amin, Executive Director IRD, while thanking the university leadership said that the institute is focused on outreach programs and it is also focusing on the societies where Muslim are in the minority. He said the institute, as per directions of the IIU President is also working to deal with the challenge of Islamophobia through research and dialogue.

POLAND EMBASSY MULLS TO START ACADEMIC EXCHANGE PROGRAM WITH IIU: AMBASSADOR PIOTRPublished on: April 12th, 2021

Mr. Piotr A. Opaliński, Ambassador of the Republic of Poland has said that the Poland Embassy is planning to start an academic exchange program with International Islamic University, Islamabad (IIUI).

This he said during an online lecture on the “Poland-Pakistan relations” here at the Faculty of Social Science of the university. The students and faculty members from the Faculty of Social Sciences (FSS) attended the lecture.

Mr. Piotr shared that the Polish embassy at Islamabad-Pakistan has also initiated several projects in education sector in provinces, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Sindh, and the capital territory of Pakistan, Islamabad. The Ambassador said that the Polish embassy is keen to promote academic exchange programmes in both the countries.

Mr. Piotr A. Opalinski said that the relations between Pakistan and Poland are very friendly. Poland gives value to its relationship with Pakistan as the ties are based on mutual trust an

He said that two countries’ political, economic and cultural cooperation is advancing significantly with the passage of time. He added that current trade volume between the countries is reaching a half-billion Euro and also, there are good prospects for the further growth of bilateral trade.

Prof. Dr Amna Mahmood, Dean, FSS, expressed her deep gratitude and highlighted the cordial relation between Poland and Pakistan adding that when Pakistan was confronted with war and natural disasters, Poland was always there to support the country in every possible form.

Prof. Amna shared that the students of International Islamic University, Islamabad, are keen in getting higher education in the Polish universities. However, due to some obstacles in acquiring EU scholarships, they could not proceed further for higher education. She suggested the Ambassador to minimize the hurdles for getting the EU scholarships. Prof. Amna also suggested that we may initiate future collaboration among Pakistani and Polish universities in comparative religion, comparative culture, Islamic study and Middle Eastern study.

At the end, students from the Faculty of Social Sciences asked questions related to Poland and Pakistan diplomatic relations, higher education programs and potential opportunities in the related discipline.

DIG SECURITY ICT CALLS ON IIUI PRESIDENTPublished on: April 13th, 2021

Waqar Uddin Syed, Deputy Inspector General Police, Security, Islamabad called on President International University Islamabad (IIUI) Prof. Dr. Hathal Homoud Alotaibi at his office.

In the meeting matters pertaining to mutual interests were discussed. The DIG appreciated the role of IIUI in promotion of education and said that International Islamic University Islamabad is one of the prestigious institutions of Muslim World that is providing quality education integrated with teachings of Islam.

IIUI President apprised of the university profile, vision and future goals adding that academic excellence and provision of quality education are the top priorities. He also lauded the services and dedication of Islamabad Police. He said the capital’s peace indeed is due to the efforts of the Islamabad Police.

FACULTY OF ARABIC HOLDS WORKSHOP ON RESEARCH METHODOLOGIES IN ARABIC LANGUAGEPublished on: April 14th, 2021

A training workshop titled “Research Methodologies in Arabic Language” was organized by Faculty of Arabic at Female Campus. The main purpose of organizing this training workshop was to educate Researchers about different Research Methods and techniques.

The Inaugural session was addressed by the Dean, Faculty of Arabic, Prof. Dr Fazlullah who appreciated this effort and said that it is a golden opportunity for researchers as they constantly face problems in research. Through th

is workshop, they can overcome their gray areas in the field of research.

Dr. Aliya Akram, Chairperson-Faculty of Arabic (Female Campus) welcomed the participants and highlighted the importance of this workshop. She vowed that such workshops shall continue in future.

In this workshop various sessions were conducted on Research Methodologies by Resource Persons from the Faculty of Arabic: Among them were Dr. Aliya Akram, Dr. Zaheer Ahmed, Dr. Abdul Mujeeb, Dr. Salma Sehole, Dr. Fouzia Mirtaj, Dr. Samia Nazish, Dr. Ghazala Shaheen, Dr. Sumaira Sagheer. A large number of research scholars and students attended the workshop.

IIUI RECTOR, PRESIDENT FELICITATE MUSLIMS ON COMMENCEMENT OF RAMADANPublished on: April 14th, 2021

International Islamic University, Islamabad (IIUI), Rector Dr. Masoom Yasinzai and President IIUI Dr. Hathal Homoud Alotaibi have wished to the Muslims in Pakistan and around the world a blessed and peaceful Ramadan.

In a joint felicitation message, both IIUI Rector and President have urged the Muslim youth to disseminate Islam’s message of peace adding that fasting is all about patience, virtue and peace. They said Holy month of Ramadan is an opportunity to get rid of societal issues and mal practices as it makes the minds, souls and actions as limpid as water. IIUI leadership hoped that Muslims across the world would be able to make Allah almighty happy and get his blessings by practicing the true spirit of the great month.

The message added that poor, ill and helpless people must not be left alone in this month of blessings and they be given top priority. IIUI Rector and President said It’s a month to practice patience, self-control, ethical conduct, care for poor and needy and forgiveness. The said it is a great opportunity to revitalize Emaan and spiritual cleansing. It added that Ramadan provides us unique chance to have a look at ourselves, our routine, our objectives and our mere purpose of existence.They said that distribution of Zakat to the needy should be observed and said that the practice encourages economic equality in the society.

IIUI Rector and President urged youth and special the IIU students to observe SOPs (standard operating procedures) for collective prayers in mosques. They also called upon all the Muslims to adopt precautionary measures in view of the growing danger of coronavirus in the third wave. They also stressed upon Aima and religious leaders to forward the messages through mosques and madrassas to the people to abide by all precautionary and preventive measures regarding Covid-19. In the end, they prayed for a healthy Ramadan of whole Muslim world.

IIUI HOLDS MEETING OF BOGPublished on: April 15th, 2021

The second session of 87th meeting of the Board of Governors (BoG) of International Islamic University, Islamabad (IIUI) was held here at Faisal Masjid campus of the university.

The meeting was chaired by Dr. Masoom Yasinzai, Rector IIUI and Chairman Board of Governors of University. It was also attended by Vice Chairman BoG and President IIUI Dr. Hathal Homoud Alotaibi and the board members.

The meeting was also attended by nominee of Chief Justice Federal Shariat Court, Justice Dr. Syed Muhammad Anwar, Nominee of the Chairman Higher Education Commission, Lt. General Retd. Muhammad Asghar (via skype) , Former Chairman Council of Islamic Ideology, Dr. Qibla Ayaz, Chief Executive Director Majlis Ilmi Foundation, Dr. Aamir Tuaseen, Head Jamia Dar ul Uloom Taleem ul Quran, Maulana Saeed Yousaf (via skype), Jawad Akram, Joint Secretary (Policy) Ministry of Education. and Vice President AF & P,IIU, Dr. N. B. Jumani.

SHARIAH ACADEMY, CII DISCUSS ISLAMIC LAW ORIENTATION COURSEPublished on: April 15th, 2021

In order to discuss matters pertaining to the project of Islamic law orientation course to be undertaken by the Shariah Academy in collaboration with the Council of Islamic Ideology (CII), a meeting was held under the chair of Prof. Dr. Abdul Haye Abro Director-General Shariah Academy in his office.

Dr. Ikram-ul-Haq Yaseen, Secretary Council of Islamic Ideology, along with the delegation represented the council. Later, Dr. Habib-ur-Rehman, Chairman, Department of Training, Shariah Academy, briefed the participants on the aims and objectives of the meeting. To expedite the project both institutions constituted their two-member committees to submit reports to their institutions respectively.

ONLINE CLASS TIMINGS DURING RAMADANPublished on: April 16th, 2021

According to a circular issued from the Office of Incharge (Academics) of International Islamic University Islamabad (IIUI), during the Holy month of Ramdan online classes shall be held from 09:00 am to 05:30 pm., while online class duration shall be 45 Minutes.

MID-TERM EXAMS OF APRIL 16 RESCHEDULED Published on: April 16th, 2021

International Islamic University has postponed the mid-term examination of April 16 and it has been rescheduled on April 19 (Monday).

According to a notification issued by the Incharge (Admissions and exams), the decision is taken after complaints of unavailability of internet services on April 16, therefore, the exams that were to be hold on April 16, now, shall be held on April 19 ( Monday).

IIU PRESIDENT HOLDS MEETING WITH VPS, DEANS & DGS ON ONLINE EDUCATIONPublished on: April 17th, 2021

H.E. Dr. Hathal Homoud Alotaibi, President, International Islamic University (IIU) chaired a meeting of the Core Committee of Directorate of Distance Education at Faisal Masjid Campus.

The meeting was also attended by all the Vice Presidents, Deans and DGs in which working and future plan of the offering of online certificate / Diploma courses through the Directorate of Distance Education were discussed.

On the occasion, worthy President shared that the strategic plan of IIUI has been finalized and approved. The Vice Presidents, the Deans, and the DGs / heads of constituent units congratulated on approval of strategic plan.

Prof. Dr. N.B. Jumani shared that during pandemic the university has unmatched success story. He noted that offering online courses like coursera, EdX, udemy is an important feature of universities as knowledge building societies. He further added that the core committee of the Directorate of Distance Education is working hard and processes have been finalized. Dr. Jumani told that a dedicated system for the online distance education has been developed tailoring to the needs of the program in line with the international standards of the quality education.

The President mentioned that it is a challenge as well as a great opportunity for our university. The Worthy President emphasized maximum involvement of the faulty members in course development adding that it is necessary to catch more clientele in competition to other national and international universities.

He said that the courses and clientele would be increasing gradually. He advised to carefully assess the quality and market demands of the courses to be offered. The worthy President also instructed that now onwards every faculty and constituent unit will only be allowed to offer their distance education courses through the Directorate of Distance Education.

Dr. Mehrosh Khalid demonstrated the in-house developed software and the web portal for offering of the certificate/ diploma courses by the DDE. She presented all the features of the software and demonstrated the working of the system, including live chat, live synchronous teaching via ZOOM and interaction features. It is a fully customized web portal in comparison with the competitive online education systems, containing complete repository of courses, control over content, assessment and option of translation into various languages using the RTL support.

Dr. Asma Mansoor shared the procedures and guidelines for certificate, Diploma and Advance Diploma along with various components. A sample module developed by Department of Education was also shown. Dr. Fouzia Ajmal shared the progress of trainings for the focal persons.

The worthy President IIU appreciated the enthusiasm of the distance education team and its efforts. He further advised the DGs/Deans to motivate their relevant Departments for submission of certificate and Diploma courses and then start preparation to launch degree programs from Fall 2021 onwards.

DELEGATION OF SHARIAH ACADEMY VISITS JAMIA TUR RASHEEDPublished on: April 19th, 2021

A delegation from the International Islamic University Islamabad (IIUI) headed by Prof. Dr. Abdul Haye Abro, Director-General, Shari‘ah Academy, visited Jamia tur Rasheed, Karachi.

Other members of the delegation included Mr Ibrahi Ameer Hatam (Incharge Department of Fatwa Studies), Hafiz Ahmad Waqas, Lecturer, Shari‘ah Academy, Dr.Shahzad Channa, Assistant Professor Regional Da‘wah Centre Karachi and Dr. Agha Abdul Samad.

The delegation was received by the President of Jamia tur Rasheed and other faculty members. In meeting, matters of mutual interests were discussed in detail, while the delegation was briefed about services of Jamia tur Rasheed in imparting of knowledge. The delegation visited various departments as well. On the occasion, DG Shariah Academy apprised about the profile, role and services of the academy.

NAMAZ E TARAWEEH AT FAISAL MASJID IN LIGHT OF SOPSPublished on: April 21st, 2021

Namaz e taraweeh at Faisal Masjid is being offered in the light of national policy devised in view of Covid-19 pandemic on daily basis.

Social distancing is being observed and namaz e taraweeh on daily basis being offered as per SOPs issued by the Government of Pakistan. Social distancing markers have been installed and soap and hand sanitisers have been provided for the faithful.

According to details given by Faisal Masjid’s Islamic Centre, Dr Qari Zia ur rehman, Qari Muhammad Nauman and Qari Ehsan ullah are Aima for namaz e Taraweeh. The Islamic Centre has vowed that it will be continuing to adhere to social distancing and other precautions for the safety of public.

Meanwhile, IIU Rector and President in a special message for Ramadan have urged to observe SOPs for collective prayers and namaz e taraweeh. They also called upon all the Muslims to adopt precautionary measures in view of the growing danger of coronavirus in the third wave. They have also directed to make best arrangements for taraweeh in the light of SOPs at Faisal Masjid.

DG DAWAH ACADEMY REVIEWS NAMAZ E TARAWEEH ARRANGEMENTS AT FAISAL MASJIDPublished on: April 21st, 2021

Dr. Muhammad Ilyas, Director General, Dawah Academy, International Islamic University (IIU) visited Faisal Masjid and reviewed arrangements made for Namaz e taraweeh in the light of Covid-19 SOPs.

The DG was briefed about the details of the arrangements by Incharge, Faisal Masjid Islamic Centre, Dr. Qari Zia ur Rehman. Incharge Protocol and Public Relations, Nasir Farid, Assistant Director P&PR Al-Hassan and other relevant officials were also present on the occasion.

Speaking on the occasion, Dr. Muhammad Ilyas called upon the faithful to strictly adhere to social distancing and other precautions for the safety. He said we are leaving no stone unturned to provide a safe milieu for prayers at Faisal Masjid. He emphasized upon the public to use mask as per recommended procedure of its usage with a special observance of the act of social distancing.

The DG, Dawah Academy vowed that the academy will ensure provision of best facilities, implementation of Covid-19 SOPs and availability of soaps and sanitizers throughout the month۔

DR. ABDUL RASHID HAS BEEN APPOINTED AS PROFESSORPublished on: April 22nd, 2021

Dr. Abdul Rashid has been appointed as Professor in International Institute of Islamic Economics (IIIE), International Islamic University Islamabad, Pakistan.

Prof. Dr. Abdul Rashid is currently working as Director General and Chairman, Research at International Institute of Islamic Economics (IIIE), International Islamic University Islamabad, Pakistan.

He possesses vast experience of research, teaching, and project leadership in economics, finance, and Islamic banking & finance. He carries a wealth of published research (more than 140 papers) earning an impact factor of greater than 30.

Having received PhD Economics degree from the University of Sheffield UK in 2012, Dr. Rashid is actively involved in research in Applied Econometrics, International Finance, Corporate Finance, and Islamic Finance and related disciplines. He has published his work in Economic Inquiry, Empirical Economics, Small Business Economics, Energy, Energy Policy, Risk Management, Baltic Journal of Economics, Emerging Market Finance and Trade, Managerial Finance, Eurasian Business Review, International Journal of Finance & Economics, Portuguese Economic Journal, Journal of Economic Studies, Managerial Finance, Management Decision, Romanian Journal of Economic Forecasting, Economic Research-Ekonomska Istraživanja, Research in International Business and Finance, International Journal of Emerging Markets, Journal of Islamic Business and Management, Pakistan Development Review, Pakistan Business Review, The Lahore Journal of Economics; Business Review, and and several other well-reputed national and international journals.

DR. MUHAMMAD ILYAS HAS BEEN APPOINTED AS PROFESSORPublished on: April 22nd, 2021

Dr. Muhammad Ilyas has been appointed as Professor in Faculty of Usuluddin (Islamic Studies), International Islamic University Islamabad, Pakistan.

Prof. Dr. Muhammad Ilyas is currently working as Director General Dawah Academy of International Islamic University Islamabad, Pakistan. His specialization is Hadith & its Sciences.

DEPARTMENT OF PSYCHOLOGY HOLDS WEBINAR ON FOCUSED COUPLE THERAPYPublished on: April 29th, 2021

Department of Psychology International Islamic University Islamabad hosted a Webinar on “Emotionally Focused Couple Therapy: An Introduction” that was addressed by Dr Andrea Wittenborn as a guest speaker.

Dr. Andrea Wittenborn is an Associate professor of Human Development and Family Studies and also a director of the Couple and Family Therapy Doctoral program at Michigan State University. She is also a licensed Marriage and Family Therapist.

The participants of the webinar concluded that emotionally focused Couple Therapy is highly beneficial for couples who are struggling with conflict, distress and poor communication.

Dr. Wittenborn gave an introduction of Emotionally Focused couple therapy. She highlighted the significance of therapy. She also discussed the interventions that target interpersonal mechanisms of depression with the goal of decreasing depressive symptoms and enhancing close relationships.

After the presentation, question and answer session was proceeded. Audience showed keen interest in presented topic and asked a number of questions. During the webinar, expressing his views, Prof. Dr. Tahir Khalily suggested for arranging such more webinars pointing out great interest for audience.

At the end, Dr. Nazia Iqbal, Chairperson Dept. of Psychology and other senior faculty members thanked Dr. Andrea Wittenborn for sparing precious time for the activity. She thanked Dean Social Sciences Professor Dr. Amna Mehmood for her support and encouragement for the activity.

IIUI HOLDS LECTURE ON “RAMDAN: A MONTH OF BLESSINGS”Published on: April 30th, 2021

 A lecture on “Ramadan: A Month of Blessings” was held here at the new campus of the International Islamic University (IIU) that was addressed by renewed scholars and Rector IIU Dr. Masoom Yasinzai. Implementation of SOPs and social distancing were strictly observed during the activity

It was addressed by Dr. Arif Zaman a religious scholar, renowned mathematician, academic scientist, and a retired professor of Statistics and Mathematics from Syed Babar Ali School of Science and Engineering, Lahore University of Management Sciences, Lahore, Pakistan. He highlighted the importance of education and presence of religion Islam in the life of an individual. He also discussed weaknesses of the Pakistani education system calling upon the universities to produce research that relates the society, religion and needs of the country.

The lecture was also addressed by Dr. Abdul Ahad, Retired Sq. Ldr., From Pakistan Air Force and a famous Aerospace Engineer who underscored the importance of Dawah and hailed IIU for its services in this regard. On the occasion, views were also expressed by Dr. Athar Farooq who stressed that Islam is the religion of peace, unity and harmony which discourages divisions in a society.

Speaking on the occasion, Dr. Masoom Yasinzai, Rector IIU said that Muslims should realize their identity and they must portray the real image of an ideal Muslim in the light of the teachings of Islam.

He urged all Muslim to disseminate Islam’s message of peace adding that fasting is all about patience, virtue and peace. He added that Holy month of Ramadan is an opportunity to get rid of societal issues and mal practices as it makes the minds, souls and actions as limpid as water. Dr. Masoom hoped that Muslims across the world would be able to make Allah almighty happy and get his blessings by practicing the true spirit of the great month.

Vice President (AF&P), Prof. Dr. N.B. Jumani, Vice President (Academics), Prof. Dr. Ayaz Afsar, Vice President (HS&R), Prof. Dr. Ahmed Shujah Syed, Directors General, Deans, Directors and Additional Directors also attended the lecture.

IIUI PRESIDENT DISCUSSES BILATERAL COOPERATION WITH INTERNATIONAL ISLAMIC CHARITY ORGANIZATIONPublished on: April 30th, 2021

H.E. Dr. Hathal Homoud Alotaibi, President, International Islamic University, Islamabad (IIUI) held an online with the International Islamic Charity Organization (IICO) , Kuwait.

During the meeting, issues pertaining to mutual interests and ways to enhance bilateral cooperation came under discussion.

On the occasion, in addition to a review of past support from the Organization to IIUI, aspects of the future in this regard were also discussed.

25 FAITHFUL WILL SIT FOR AITKAF IN FAISAL MASJID ON MAY 3Published on: April 30th, 2021

As many as 25 faithful will start observing Aitkaf on May 03 before Maghrib prayer at Faisal Mosque under the supervision of Dawah Academy of International Islamic University (IIU) on Monday amid strict implementation of standard operating procedures (SOPs) issued by the Government of Pakistan.

Incharge Islamic Centre, Faisal Masjid, Dr. Qari Zia ur Rehman told that after scrutiny of the applications, 25 people have been selected for Aitkaf at Faisal Masjid who will be sitting Aitkaf for last 10 days of Ramadan while maintaining a 10 feet distance in the hall of the grand Mosque.

The Faisal Masjid Islamic Centre of Dawah Academy had been managing hundreds of Motakifeen before pandemic, but under the SOPs and social distancing requirements, a limited number of 25 people has been scrutinized, he added. Dr. Zia ur Rehman told that Motakifeen will be served Sehar and Iftar food within the hall as per SOPs to remain safe from pandemic.

The Islamic Centre of Faisal Majsid will also hold special lectures during this period for the faithful. Dr. Zia ur Rehman told that Motakifeen will also participate in Qiyam-ul-Lail (Mehfil e Shabeena) at Faisal Mosque that will be organized by Dawah Academy in collaboration with Ministry of Religious Affairs and Interfaith Harmony from 25th night of Ramadan. Famous Qura across the country will recite Quran in Qiyam ul Lail.

Dr. Zia ur Rehman said that special measures have been taken for implementation of SOPs as social distancing is already being observed in Namaz e Taraweeh. He added that social distancing markers have been installed for the faithful. In addition, disinfectant showering gates have been installed by Dawah Academy and soaps and hand sanitizers are being ensured on daily basis for the faithful.

SAUDI ARABIA TO ENDOW KING SALMAN BIN ABDUL AZIZ GRAND MOSQUE TO IIUPublished on: May 1st, 2021

Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques has decided to build King Salman bin Abdul Aziz grand mosque at the New Campus of International Islamic University (IIU), told H.E. Hathal Homoud Alotaibi, the university President during an interview with Saudi Press Agency.

Thanking His Highness for keen interest in meeting the infrastructural needs of IIUI and also hailing Saudi Arabia’s continuous efforts of building Mosques across the world, he said that the concept of the design is inspired from a verse (35) of Surah An-Nur “Allah is the Light of the heavens and the earth”.

He further told that the Mosque will have a huge complex that will also be a hub of research, dialogue and learning where scholars and students will benefit from the facility. The IIU President told that the Mosque will also meet the requirement of the university’s population for the prayers as thousands of the officials will use this Grand Mosque.

Talking about the design, he said the proposed model of the Mosque is an exceptional representation of Islamic arts and architecture as well as its conceptualization in the light of a verse of Quran e Kareem makes it unique. Dr. Hathal opined that the Mosque’s construction will be a milestone towards achievement of the lofty goals of university.

There will be an ample capacity in the inner hall of the Mosque where as many as 4000 male and 2000 female will offer prayer, while the yard will also have a capacity to accommodate 6000 people. There will be a library and a museum, while there will also be a Muhammad bin Salman Auditorium for conferences in the Mosque.

Commenting on the endowment of the grand Mosque, Saudi Arabia’s Ambassador to Pakistan, H.E. Nawaf saeed Al-Malki said that that the Mosque will be another valuable addition that will further strengthen bilateral ties between both brethren countries Pakistan and Saudi Arabia. He also hailed services of King Salman bin Abdul Aziz for his untiring efforts for the progress of Muslim world and told that the King Salman bin Abdul Aziz Mosque at IIU will be a symbol of Saudi Arabia’s commitment to promote education. He also appreciated services of IIU adding that it is one of the vital institutions of Islamic world.

FACULTY OF ARABIC WELCOMES NEW AL-AZHAR ‘S PROFESSORPublished on: May 3rd, 2021

Faculty of Arabic (Female Campus) of International Islmic University, (IIU) warmly welcomed the Egyptian Teacher: Prof. Dr. Sawsan Hassanein Ahmed Hassanein ELhodhod for her selection on Deputation to the Faculty of Arabic (Female Campus) Linguistics Department.

On the occasion, Prof. Dr. Fazlullah, Dean, Faculty of Arabic lauded Al-Azhar University of Egypt for cooperation in provision of Faculty Members to IIU in different disciplines.

Prof, Dr. Muhammad Bashir, Former Dean (Faculty of Arabic) added that Al-Azhar has been providing faculty support since IIU’s inception. He appreciated the services of Al Azhar University for its continuous cooperation.

Dr. Aliya Akram, Chairperson, Faculty of Arabic (Female Campus) welcomed Dr. Sawsan on behalf of the Faculty of Arabic and hoped that she would be a best addition to the Linguistics Department, Faculty of Arabic.

KHATM E QURAN CEREMONY HELD AT NEW CAMPUSPublished on: May 3rd, 2021

A khatm e Quran ceremony was held here at the lawn of the male hostels of new campus in International Islamic University, Islamabad (IIUI).

The ceremony was attended by Dr. Muhammad Ilyas, Director General, Dawah Academy as Chief Guest. It was also joined by Provost (male hostels) Dr. Ibrar Anver, Students Advisor (male campus) Dr. Tauqeer Sargana , Head Cultural Committee Dr. Hafiz Muhammad Anver and 18 Qura and Hufaz who recited Quran in different places such as hostels of new and old campuses.

On the occasion, Dars e Quran was held that was delivered by the chief guest Dr. Qari Ilyas who highlighted the importance of Ramadan and devotion of Muslims. While congratulating the audience, he said that participants are the lucky one who availed the opportunity to be the part of a pious activity and most important part of Ramdan. He also highlighted the importance of the study of Quran stating that the Holy Month is the best source to get close to the sacred book.

Stressing upon the students, he said they must devote their lives in the light of teachings of Quran as it will ease their living and their hearts will be in peace. He said Youth are the future and ray of hope for the Muslim world and opined that they are the best power Muslims have as they can disseminate peace and practice Islam in best manner.

On the Occasion, expressing his views Dr. Ibrar Anver apprised of the details of the activity and devotion of the committee to make Taraweeh possible amid third wave of pandemic. He said the provost office remains active to provide best living milieu to students for Ibadat, study and learning and vowed to continue it in future as well.

Dr. Tauqeer Sargana said that he was feeling lucky to be the part of this sacred activity. He also reiterated his resolve that students’ facilitation is the top priority. He also appreciated the efforts of Dr. Hafiz M. Anwar and Dr. Ibrar. He said we are passing through hard times of pandemic that demands to pray to Allah to forgive us and these are high times in the month of blessings to seek forgiveness from Almighty.

At the end, the ceremony concluded with dua by Dr. Hafiz Muhammad Anwar who also thanked IIU President for his untiring efforts and also congratulated the students on the announcement of the endowment of the grand Mosque by Saudi Arabia at the new of the university. The hufaz were awarded gifts and honorarium on the occasion as well.

MAIDEN VIRTUAL DA’WAH TRAINING COURSE FOR FOREIGNERS CONCLUDESPublished on: May 3rd, 2021

Maiden Virtual Da’wah Training Course for foreigners organized by Dawah Academy of the international Islamic University (IIU) concluded.

The 8 weeks long virtual course collaborated by Dawah Academy with GainPeace USA and Guyana Islamic Trust was built on the theme “How to Present Islam to Non-Muslims” that was attended by as many as 247 participants hailing from 46 Countries.

Online certificates were awarded to the participants who completed the course in a virtual ceremony that was presided over by IIU President, H.E. Dr. Hathal Homoud Alotaibi. It was also attended by DG Dawah Academy Dr. Muhammad Ilyas, Course coordinator, Incharge , International Training Programs Ihsan Malik and other relevant officials of the academy.

These countries included Afghanistan, Algeria, Aruba, Australia, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Burundi, Egypt, Fiji, Ghana, Guyana, Hong Kong, India, Indonesia, Japan, Laos, Malaysia, Maldives, Mauritius, Namibia, Nigeria, Norway, Oman, Pakistan, Palestine, Papua New Guinea, Philippines, Qatar, Rwanda, Saudi Arabia, Seychelles, Singapore, South Africa, Sri Lanka, Suriname, Taiwan, Tanzania, Timor-Leste, Trinidad, Turkey, UAE, Uganda, United Kingdom, USA, Zambia and Zimbabwe.

Congratulating the participants on completion of course, the IIU President said that they are the torch bearers who are chosen for the sacred cause of Dawah and understanding Islam. Terming participants as ambassadors of Islam and university, Dr. Hathal stressed that they must disseminate true message of Islam that they learnt from the course. He also appreciated the efforts of Dawah Academy. The IIU President added that importance of virtual learning has doubled due to the prevalent pandemic.

25 FAITHFUL SIT FOR AITKAF IN FAISAL MASJIDPublished on: May 4th, 2021

A total of 25 people started observing Aitkaf on May 03 before Maghrib prayer at Faisal Mosque under the supervision of Dawah Academy of International Islamic University (IIU) on Monday amid strict implementation of standard operating procedures (SOPs) issued by the Government of Pakistan.

Incharge Islamic Centre, Faisal Masjid, Dr. Qari Zia ur Rehman told that after scrutiny of the applications, 25 people were selected for Aitkaf at Faisal Masjid who are sitting Aitkaf for last 10 days of Ramadan while maintaining a 10 feet distance in the hall of the grand Mosque.

The Faisal Masjid Islamic Centre of Dawah Academy had been managing hundreds of Motakifeen before pandemic, but under the SOPs and social distancing requirements, a limited number of 25 people has been scrutinized, he added. Dr. Zia ur Rehman told that Motakifeen will be served Sehar and Iftar food within the hall as per SOPs to remain safe from pandemic.

The Islamic Centre of Faisal Majsid will also hold special lectures during this period for the faithful. Dr. Zia ur Rehman told that Motakifeen will also participate in Qiyam-ul-Lail (Mehfil e Shabeena) at Faisal Mosque that will be organized by Dawah Academy in collaboration with Ministry of Religious Affairs and Interfaith Harmony from 25th night of Ramadan. Famous Qura across the country will recite Quran in Qiyam ul Lail.

Dr. Zia ur Rehman said that special measures have been taken for implementation of SOPs as social distancing is already being observed in Namaz e Taraweeh. He added that social distancing markers have been installed for the faithful. In addition, disinfectant showering gates have been installed by Dawah Academy and soaps and hand sanitizers are being ensured on daily basis for the faithful.

IIUI HOLDS MEETING OF APEX COMMITTEE FOR ONLINE TEACHING / LEARNINGPublished on: May 4th, 2021

A meeting of the Apex committee for online teaching and learning was held at council hall. It was chaired by Vice President Academics, Professor Dr. Ayaz Afsar and attended by Vice President Female Campus, Prof. Dr. Farkhanda Zia, Deans of the Faculties, Director Examination, Director Academics, Incharge IT and other Officers while it was also attended by the participants through weblink.

The committee reviewed the Mid-Term Examination for spring 2021and expressed satisfaction on successful completion of mid-term examinations despite covid-19 challenges. The committee also reviewed newly designed Teacher Evaluation and Course Evaluation forms. Online course external audit mechanism was discussed and teams were developed in this regard.

Vice President Academics emphasized on training for faculty members to enable them to use students’ support system efficiently. He also highlighted the importance of course and teacher evaluation at the end of semester for improvement in the next semesters.

Incharge IT Department briefed the committee about the functioning of LMS (Learning Management System) and gave further suggestions. Feedback from student’s portal to address their issues and queries were also discussed before the committee.

Deans of the faculties were asked to think about developing strategic plan of their respective faculties while a workshop will be conducted after Eid Ul Fitr in this regard. In the end the committee agreed upon that the mode of teaching / examination will remain online till further guidelines issued by the Government.

MEETING OF BOARD OF ADVANCED STUDIES (BASR-4) HELD AT IIUI NEW CAMPUSPublished on: May 6th, 2021

H.E. Dr. Hathal Homoud Alotaibi, President, International Islamic University, Islamabad (IIUI) chaired online 4th meeting of Board of Advanced Studies & Research (BASR-4) held at the New Campus of the University.

During the meeting, the board discussed and analyzed synopses’ of PhD students of Faculty of Usuludin (Islamic Studies) and Department of Media & Communication Studies, Faculty of Social Sciences, IIUI. The board members also shared valuable suggestions with the President for future research work of the students.

Prof. Dr. Ayaz Afsar, Vice President (Academics), Prof. Dr. Ahmed Shujah Syed, Vice President HS&R, Deans, Director, ORIC, Heads of Departments and other relevant Officials were also present in the meeting.

“JUMA-TUL-WIDA” PRAYER OFFERED AT FAISAL MASJIDPublished on: May 7th, 2021

Faithful hailing from twin cities offered ‘Juma-tul-Wida’ prayers with great religious solemnity and fervour here at Faisal Masjid.

Special arrangements in the line of COVID-19 SOPs were made by Dawah Academy of International Islamic University (IIU).

Disinfectant showering gates were installed and soaps and hand sanitizers were ensured for the faithful.

On the occasion, Qari Dr. Muhammad Ilyas, Director General, Dawah Academy delivered Jumma sermon and led Juma tul Wida Prayer at Faisal Masjid, Islamabad.

In the sermon, Dr. Qari Muhammad Ilyas, D.G. Dawah Academy highlighted the importance and sanctity of the Ramzan ul Mubarik. He emphasised on the importance of the study of Quran stating that the Holy Month is the best source to get close to the sacred book.

He said that this month is a blessing and a gift for Muslims to get back to the track which has been identified by the Almighty.

He stressed to observe fast with full spirit while saying that it teaches about tolerance in the life. Dr. Ilyas called for unity of Muslims and urged that education must be top priority to deal with the challenges of hour. He said that Islam is the religion of peace and moderation and Muslims must disseminate true message of Islam.

QURAN-E-KAREEM GIFTS HANDED OVER TO MOTAKIFEEN AT FAISAL MASJIDPublished on: May 7th, 2021

Gifts of Quran e Kareem endowed by H.E. Dr. Hathal Homoud Alotaibi, President, International Islamic University, Islamabad (IIUI) were handed over to the faithful observing Aitkaf at Faisal Masjid.

In a special message along with the Gifts, President IIU said Motakifeen are the chosen ones as they have devoted the last part of Ramadan specially to bow in front of Almighty and seek his guidance and forgiveness.

Praying for the progress of Pakistan, Dr. Hathal also asked Motakifeen to pray for the prosperity, stability and oneness of Muslim world. He also asked them to pray to Almighty for the end of prevalent pandemic. IIU President urged on the occasion to accessively seeking forgiveness of the Almighty.

Motakifeen, while appreciating the arrangements and precautionary measures as per SOPs, thanked IIU President for the gifts and provision of safe and peaceful environment for Ibadah. They also hailed Dawah Academy for making exquisite arrangements.

BIOLOGICAL DEPARTMENT, FBAS, IIUI HOLDS VIRTUAL WOKSHOPPublished on: May 7th, 2021

A two days virtual workshop titled “An Insight into Biomedical Informatics” was organized by Biological Department, Faculty of Basic and Applied Sciences, FBAS, IIUI. It was aimed to provide computational training of tools / software’s from basic Biomedical Technology to Cutting Edge Technology.

Prof. Dr. Ayaz Afsar, Vice President (Academics), IIUI also attended the virtual sessions and welcomed the keynote speakers. Dr. Ayaz also appreciated the efforts of the department for organizing this workshop for students and researchers. On the occasion Vice President (Academics) highlighted the importance of high technology biomedical informatics research to prepare the students for careers of constructive services to society in academia, industry and health related fields.

Dr. Sobia Tabassum, Chairperson, Biological Department, FBAS, IIUI shared the perspective of workshop with an advance health care knowledge through the advancement of biomedical informatics. She urged the importance of highly focused sessions which will provide a research-oriented training in informatics and data science which can be integrated with exposure to real-world systems in clinical and research settings at our university, in our community, and around the world.

The experienced trainers, Dr. Sara Sarfaraz, Ph.D. University of Science and Technology of China, Dr. Saira Amir, Ph.D COMSATS University Islamabad, Dr. Saba Manwar Ph.D. NUST Islamabad, Ms. Hira Mehreen, Comsats University, Islamabad, ALSO participated in two days sessions of the virtual workshop to produce meaningful results and quality research hands-on exercises which improved students’ technology adoption rates and their self-confidence in using advanced mining tools for next generation DNA sequencing (NGS), gene chip analysis, molecular modeling, drug designing, machine learning, artificial intelligence in life sciences.

The workshop ended with an interactive training session which was held between the guest speakers and more than 100 trainees. Chairperson Department thanked all the speakers and overwhelmed students who have participated in the tow days workshop.

IIUI SHARIAH ACADEMY HOLDS ORIENTATION SESSION FOR ONLINE DISTANCE LEARNING PROGRAMPublished on: May 7th, 2021

An orientation session for online distance learning program was held at Shariah Academy of International Islamic University Islamabad.

The session was briefed by Dr. Mahroosh Khalid, Focal Person, along with Dr. Fouzia from the Department of Distance Education. The Academy was briefed about the most trending online Shariah courses.

The orientation was attended by the Director-General (Shariah Academy), Prof. Dr. Abdul Haye Abro, chairman, Department of Distance Learning of Shariah Academy, Dr. Hafiz habib ur Rehman, Chairman, Department of Reaseach, Dr. Shams ul Haq amin, incharge – Department of Training,

Hafiz Ahmad Waqas, Incharge, Shaybani Center for International Law, Mr. Miftah uddin Khilji, incharge publication, Mr Atique Ahmad, Focal Person, Mr. Sohail Khan and course Coordinator Dr. Abdul Hameed.

QIYAM-UL-LAIL AT FAISAL MASJIDPublished on: May 8th, 2021

Qiyam-ul-Lail (Mehfil e Shabeena) commnenced at Faisal Mosque from the night of 25th of Ramadan.

Faisal Masjid Islamic Centre (FMIC) of Dawah Academy, International Islamic University Islamabaf (IIUI) with the collaboration of Ministry of Religious Affairs – Interfaith Harmony, is organizing Qiyam-ul-Lail that commnenced from the night of 25th of Ramadan with the collaboration which will continue till 29th of the Holy Month if Ramadan.

As per SOP’s issued by the Government, regarding prevention of COVID-19, limited number of Moataikifeen and people are participating in Qiyam-Ul-Lail.

Approximately 35 Qurra will recite Quran during nights from 25th to 29th of Ramadan.

The Qurra from Dawah Academy Included Qari Dr. Muhammad Ilyas, Director General Dawah Academy, IIUI, Qari Muhammad Zia Ur Rehman, Incharge Faisal Masjid Islamic Center, Qari Muhammad Nauman, Qari Ihsanullha, Qari Atta Ur Rehman Abid and Qari Abdur Rehman Bari, Qari Ikhlaq Madani.

EID- PRAYER AT FAISAL MASJID AT 7:30 AMPublished on: May 10th, 2021

Eid-ul-Fitr Prayer will be Offered at Faisal Masjid at 7:30 a.m.

As per details provided by Dawah Academy of International Islamic University, Islamabad (IIUI), Prof. Dr. Muhammad Tahir Hakeem from the Faculty of Shariah & Law, (IIUI) will deliver “Khutaba-e-Eid-ul-Fitr”.

As per SOP’s issued by the Government regarding prevention of people from Covid-19’s third surge, all necessary measures have been taken by the management of Faisal Masjid in this regard.

H.E. DR. HATHAL HOMOUD ALOTAIBI, PRESIDENT IIUI WISHES “EID-UL-FITR”Published on: May 14th, 2021

In his message, H.E. Dr. Hathal Homoud Alotaibi, President International Islamic University Islamabad congratulated the University’s faculty members, staff and students on the occasion of blessed day of“Eid-Ul- Fitr”.

On this occasion the people must remember the poor in the joys of Eid. He prayed for the prosperity of Muslim World and felicitated the leadership of Pakistan and IIUI community.

IIUI FOREIGN STUDENTS EID CELEBRATIONS AT CAMPUS HOSTELPublished on: May 17th, 2021

Provost Office (Hostels), Female Campus of International Islamic University Islamabad (IIUI), arranged ‘Eid-Ul-Fitr” celebrations with foreign students residing at hostel blocks of female campus of the university on Thursday, 13th of May, the first day of Eid.

According to the details, female foreign Students residing at IIUI hostels from different foreign countries celebrated first day of “Eid-Ul-Fitr” in Female Hostel Blocks with great religious fervor and joy. All students residing in hostel blocks actively participated during preparation of place for Eid prayer, while they also decorated lawns in the hostel blocks on this occasion. All the celebrations were in accordance with the SOP’s provided by NCOC and all the measures were taken carefully in this concern by the hostel management on this occasion.

On this occasion, Dr. Humaira Ishfaq (Provost Female Hostels) paid Special Eid Wishes and Greetings to students with the prayers of health and prosperity in the hard time of Covid-19’s 3rd wave. She further addressed that “Eid-Al-Fitr is the first day of Shawwal and it marks the end of Ramadan-Al-Kareem, the month of Blessings. Moreover she added that we should not forget the poor at this occasion of Eid.

Foreign Students thanked hostels management for providing such a homely environment at this event commenting, Besides far from their loved one’s they enjoyed a lot and cherished moments of this beautiful event with full spirit.

In the end special and lavish refreshment was also served for the hostel boarders.

IIUI HOLDS 2ND MEETING OF STRATEGIC PLAN’S IMPLEMENTATION COMMITTEEPublished on: May 21st, 2021

IIUI HOLDS 2ND MEETING OF COMMITTEE FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF THE BoG APPROVED STRATEGIC PLAN (2022-2026)

A meeting of the committee under the chairmanship of Prof. Dr. Ahmed Shuja Syed, Vice President (HS&R), for the implementation of University’s strategic plan (2022-2026) was held here in the Council Hall of new campus.

During the meeting, Dr. Shuja reviewed the context and proceedings of the first meeting and the recommendations of the Board of Governors on the Strategic Plan. While pitching detailed ideas, Dr. Shuja focused to devise a strategy for implementation of the plan on priority basis while, valuable suggestions from committee members to achieve the targets were also obtained by the chair.

Prof. Dr. Nabi Bux Jumani, Vice President (AF&P), IIUI on this occasion assured full cooperation, for successful implementation of Strategic Plan (2022-2026) of IIUI. It was agreed in the meeting that the unique Islamic character of our university which is unmatched by any other institution of higher education in Pakistan must be inculcated during the implementation of strategic plan.

On this occasion, Dr. Muhammad Arif, Assistant Professor, FMS presented a comprehensive thinking framework to the meeting participants while, Prof. Dr. Najeeba Arif, Acting Dean, FLL (who participated in the meeting via weblink), Prof. Dr. Nadeem Ahmed Shaikh, Dean, FET, Prof. Dr. Abdul Rahman, Dean, FMS, Prof. Dr. Syed Zulfiqar Ali Shah, FMS, Syed Hassan Aftab, Director, HR, Dr. Rehmat Elahi, Director, QAD, Mr. Noor Hussain, Incharge, Finance, Mr. Ayaz Ali, Addl. Director, Finance shared valuable inputs and suggestions with the chair.

The meeting ended with a commitment to follow pragmatic approach for implementation of the Strategic Plan of IIUI and it is decided to finalize and present the framework, work packages and identification of working groups in the next meeting. It was further decided to make all the stakeholders abreast with the revised organogram, strategic plan and the thinking framework in order to effectively accomplish various work packages for the development of the implementation plan.

 IIUI: STUDENTS’ ADVISOR OFFICE (FC) HOLDS WEBINAR ON “CV WRITING AND PRESENTATION SKILL”Published on: May 24th, 2021

A webinar on “Curriculum Vitae & Presentation Skill” organized by Students’ Advisor Office, Female Campus, International Islamic University Islamabad (IIUI) was held at Female Campus of the New Campus.

Ms. Arshyia Mukhtar was the keynote speaker of the webinar who addressed on what makes a good CV and how to market oneself professionally. She shared important components of Curriculum Vitae by sharing the CV of the pseudonym. She developed the CV of the Volunteers in the session. She discussed essential tips and tricks, which students have to keep in mind when they are attempting to write their first CV. She also told that one’s weaknesses must be included in the CV which later can be converted into your strengths.

Ms. Arshyia Mukhtar a Commonwealth Australia Research Program Fellow from Faculty of Management Sciences, FMS, IIUI delivered a comprehensive lecture on this occasion. Ms. Arshyia is a Cross-Cultural trainer regarding presentation skills, CV making, negotiation & self-grooming, and a diversity advisor in Australia. Presently she is serving in FMS, IIUI.

Earlier, Ms. Sumayya Chughtai, Students’ Advisor Female Campus, IIUI also expressed experiences and guided students what measures to be adopted while presenting and resume writing.

During the webinar speakers also discussed presentation skills and important steps to be inculcated for effective presentation. Important aspects about the appearance, style of the presenter and the structure of the presentation was also shared by the speakers on this occasion.

A large number of participants including senior faculty members, officials from Students’ Advisor Office and students from various departments of the university attended the webinar and participated during interactive sessions in the webinar.

WEBINAR ON “STRESS MANAGEMENT”Published on: May 24th, 2021

Students Advisor office Female campus, International Islamic University Islamabad (IIUI) organized a webinar on “Stress Management”. Dr. Nazia Iqbal from Faculty of Social Sciences, FSS, IIUI was the keynote speaker. Dr. Nazia Iqbal is an Assistant Professor and Chairperson of the Department of Psychology, Faculty of Social Sciences, FSS, IIUI. Her academic interests include Health Psychology, Gender-related issues, Attachment, Dyadic coping, Educational Psychology, Marital satisfaction, adolescents’ issues, and Mental health. She had published many research articles and book chapters in national and international journals.

Addressing during the webinar, Dr. Nazia Iqbal highlighted that stress is an everyday issue while, stress management is a technique to be learned. She talked about general causes, signs and strategies for dealing with the stressful situations. She also discussed the interventions that target interpersonal mechanisms of depression to decrease depressive symptoms and enhance close relationships. She also discussed the counterproductive strategies of stress for daily life.

Dr. Sumayya Chughtai, Students’ Advisor, Female Campus, IIUI also expressed her views with the audiences of the webinar. A large number of participants including senior faculty members, officials from Students’ Advisor Office and students from various departments of the university attended the webinar and participated during interactive sessions.

ORIC, IIUI HOLDS MEETING OF STANDING COMMITTEE TO REVIEW PROPOSALS FOR GRAND CHALLENGE FUNDPublished on: May 25th, 2021

A meeting of the Standing Committee under the Chairmanship of Prof. Dr. Ahmed Shuja Syed Vice President (HS&R), International Islamic University Islamabad (IIUI), to review / shape up / improve and finalize the proposals before submission to the Higher Education Commission of Pakistan (HEC), under the Grand Challenge Fund (GCF) in the year 2021 was held here in the New Campus of the University.

On this occasion, the committee reviewed (06) proposals thoroughly and suggestions from the committee members were obtained to improve weakness in proposals before finalizing them to submit to HEC. The projects targeted the “Big National Problems” with the strategies evolved as part of project pitch with the help of other national institution, industry/local and sectoral collaborators and international partners. Proposal Outlines from IIUI, under this Mega-call from HEC-World-Bank’s Support Program, were received from Centre for Advanced Electronics & Photovoltaic Engineering (CAEPE), Faculty of Engineering & Technology, Department of Psychology, Institute of Islamic Research (IRI), and Iqbal Institute of Research & Dialogue (IRD).

Dr. Mushtaq Ahmed, Director (ORIC), IIUI shared details of (06) proposals to the committee while, Vice President reviewed and shared valuable aspects for finalizing proposals and highlighted important features with the committee members to further improve the submitted proposals to ORIC, IIUI.

The Meeting was also attended by the committee members including Prof. Dr. Nadeem Ahmed Sheikh, Dean (FET), Prof. Dr. Mushtaq Ahmed, Director (ORIC), Prof. Dr. Abdul Rashid, DG (IIIE), Dr. Asma Gul, Associate Prof. Dept. of Biological Sciences, Dr. Erum Jamil, Chairperson (FET, Female Campus), and Dr. Muhammad Sheeraz Dasti, Assistant Professor (Dept. of English).

Vice President (HS&R) stressed to continue with this exercise as part of the standing committee for all important funding calls in order to come up with competitive projects from IIUI banner likely to be funded after an intense competition.

IIUI HOLDS 5TH MEETING OF BOARD OF ADVANCED STUDIES (BASR-5)Published on: May 27th, 2021

A 5th Meeting of Board of Advanced Studies (BASR-5) held here at the New Campus, under the Chairmanship of H.E. Dr. Hathal Homoud Alotaibi, President, International Islamic University, Islamabad (IIUI) who participated in the meeting via web link.

On this occasion, President, IIUI urged the board members to make it sure that research must be conducted on contemporary topics. During the meeting, the board discussed and analyzed synopses’ of PhD and MS students’ of Faculty of Management Sciences (FMS), Faculty of Engineering and Technology (FET) and Faculty of Shariah & Law (FS&L), IIUI. The board members also shared valuable suggestions with the President for future research work of the students.

Prof. Dr. N.B. Jumani, Vice President (AF&P), Prof. Dr. Ayaz Afsar, Vice President (Academics), Prof. Dr. Ahmed Shujah Syed, Vice President HS&R, Deans, Heads of Departments and other relevant officials were also present in the meeting.

IIU DECIDES TO CONDUCT TERMINAL EXAMINATION ONLINEPublished on: May 31st, 2021

International Islamic University (IIU) has decided to conduct terminal examination on online mode. A notification in this regards has been issued by Director Academics.

APEX COMMITTEE MEETSPublished on: June 1st, 2021

A meeting of the apex committee for online teaching and learning was held at council hall that was chaired by Vice President Academics, Professor Dr. Ayaz Afsar.

It was also attended by Vice President AF&P, Dr. N.B. Jumani, Deans of the Faculties, Director Academics, Director QAD, Incharge Examination, Incharge IT, Incharge Finance and other relevant officials.

The committee reviewed arrangements for the online terminal examination. It also reviewed issues of fee default. In addition, the committee discussed matters pertaining to improvements in the Learning Management System (LMS) and commencement of fall 2021 semester.

Vice President Academics emphasized that no stone shall be left unturned for effective conduct of exquisite arrangements in regard to terminal examination. He also highlighted the importance of course and teacher evaluation at the end of semester for the improvements in academic standards.

URDU DEPARTMENT HOLDS WEBINAR ON “ACADEMIC WRITING”Published on: June 1st, 2021

The Department of Urdu, Faculty of Languages and Literature (FLL), Female Campus, International Islamic University Islamabad (IIUI) organized a webinar titled “Academic Writing” at new campus of the university.

It was aimed to enhance capabilities of PhD students of Urdu Department so that they can acquire contemporary skills regarding academic writing. It is pertinent to mention here that the Department of Urdu in 2019 introduced “Academic Writing” and “Principles of Academic Writing and Editing” two new course at MS and PhD levels with the efforts of Prof. Dr. Najeeba Arif, Dean, FLL, IIUI.

Dr. Jameel Asghar Jami, Director Department of Translation and Interpretation, NUML,the keynote speaker, Department of Translation and Interpretation. The department is continuously organizing such webinars for students in which renowned speakers are participating to facilitate MS and PhD Students.

IRD SIGNS MOU TO PROMOTE EDUCATIONPublished on: June 1st, 2021

The Iqbal International Institute for Research & Dialogue (IRD), International Islamic University, Islamabad (IIUI), Council of Islamic Ideology (CII), Government of Pakistan, Islamabad, Peace, and Development Foundation (PDF), Shakoor Foundation for Education and Awareness (SFEA) and Organization for Research and Education, (ORE) have agreed to collaborate and cooperate in the promotion of education, training, and capacity building of youth and other professionals in the fields of Social Sciences, Islamic Studies, law, economics, teaching, education, and community work to promote peace, tolerance, harmony, unity, intra-faith dialogues and counter-narrative to reduce conflicts in society.

In this regard a MoU signing ceremony was organized by IRD at Faisal Masjid Campus of the University in which IRD (IIUI), CII, PDF, SFEA, and ORE would jointly explore new avenues particularly in the areas of publications, research, and training. The participation program would pave the way to mutual cooperation, exchange of material and literature, and joint conferences and seminars.

The MoU signing ceremony was also attended by Prof. Dr. Qibla Ayaz, Chairman CII, Dr. Husnul Amin, Executive Director IRD, Ms. Romana Bashir, Executive Director PDF, Mr. Ali Hamid, SFEA, and Mr. Khurshid Ahmed Nadeem, Chairman ORE.

MINISTRY OF NARCOTICS CONTROL, IIU TO MAKE JOINT EFFORTS FOR NARCOTICS CONTROLPublished on: June 2nd, 2021

International Islamic University (IIU) and Ministry of Narcotics Control Wednesday vowed to initiate joint effort for curbing the menace of narcotics in addition to mutually cooperating for sensitizing, research and dialogue in this regard.

This was discussed on the occasion of a visit of a delegation of Ministry of Narcotics Control Headed by Federal Secretary Capt. (Retd.) Akbar Hussain Durrani at IIU’s new campus where it held meeting with IIU Rector Dr. MasoomYasinzai along with university Vice Presidents Dr. N.B. Jumani, Dr. Ayaz Afsar, provosts and Students Advisors of the university. The Ministry’s delegation was also joined by Senior Joint Secretary Sabino Sikandar Jalal and Section Officer Masood ur Rehman

Both sides agreed on the occasion that university’s constituent units such as Iqbal Institute for Research and Dialogue, Islamic Research Institute and Dawah Academy, through their scholars and researchers can play a vital role in disseminating awareness with the support of Islamic teachings and constructive dialogue.

Speaking on the occasion, Secretary Ministry of Narcotics Akbar Hussain Durrani said that there must be zero tolerance for the narcotics in the society and same is being pursued by the ministry as universities are being contacted and also being assured of cooperation and support for narcotics free campuses. He added that addicts need rehabilitation instead of hate. The society must discourage the drugs but there is also an equal responsibility to bring the addicts in the main stream. He called upon the educational institutions to announce and convey in black and white as well that narcotics use and presence shall not be tolerated while he also suggested that parents must be taken on board and be contacted time and again to ensure that the youth are not involved in any such negative activity.

Dr. Masoom Yasinzai said on the occasion that university has taken extra ordinary steps for a narcotics and smoking free campus. He added that university is also working to launch a special diploma for the drug psychologists to produce the human resource that may help in sensitization against the menace. Dr. Masoom Yasinzai said that society’s eyes are focused on the universities, it’s time to payback, societal issues such as prevalence of narcotics must be addressed by researchers and experts of the higher education. He assured of maximum support for research and dialogue in this regard as well as he also agreed that every single decision to curb the menace would be implemented in letter and spirit in the campuses of the university.

STEERING COMMITTEE FOR JOURNALS & PUBLICATIONS MEETSPublished on: June 3rd, 2021

A meeting of the Steering Committee for journals and publications was held under the chairmanship of Prof. Dr. Ahmed Shuja Syed, Vice President (HS&R), International Islamic University Islamabad (IIUI).

The steering committee discussed various aspects such as reviewing and managing of the overall journals and publications. The committee also deliberated for launching of new journals and publications from IIUI banners, the sustainability in quality assurance of already existing IIUI journals and advancement of IIUI publications.

The chair gave directions to devise a policy for publications as well adding that valuable addition of the university publication would be the top priority. He said that data base of university journals will be established in liaison with ORIC and the faculties.

The committee also discussed and studied upcoming journals and the received applications in this regard as per given format by ORIC to interested faculties for launching new journals and it was decided in the meeting that in next meeting presentations will be taken in accordance with new revised policy-2021 of Higher Education Commission (HEC), Islamabad.

The Meeting was also attended by Prof. Dr. Muhammad Irfan, Dean FBAS, Prof. Dr. Najeeba Arif, Dean, FLL, Prof. Dr. Abdul Rasheed, Director General, IIIE, Prof. Dr. Zia Ul Haq, Director General, IRI, Dr. Muhammad Ilyas, Director General, Dawah Academy, Dr. Husnul Amin, Executive Director, IRD, IIUI and Mr. Muhammad Sajjad Siddiqui, Additional, Director, ORIC, IIUI and other relevant Officials of ORIC, IIUI.

IIU TO RESUME BIOMETRIC ATTENDANCE FROM JUNE 7 Published on: June 4th, 2021

The international Islamic University (IIU) shall resume the biometric attendance of employees from June 07, 2021.

A notification in this regard has been issued by the Human Resource (HR) Department with the approval of competent authority.

DR. BUSHRA MIRZA APPOINTED AS MEMBER BOGPublished on: June 4th, 2021

President of Pakistan and Chancellor, International Islamic University (IIU) Arif Hussain Alvi has appointed Prof. Dr Bushra Mirza (T.I.), Vice Chancellor, Lahore College for Women University (LCWU), as a Member of the Board of Governors of International Islamic University Islamabad (IIUI). According to a notification issued by Meetings Section, the honorable member shall hold office for a period of two years.

Dr. Bushra Mirza is an eminent educationist and she is serving as the VC LCWU. She was earlier the Head of Biochemistry Department at Quaid-e-Azam University Islamabad. She completed her education at Quaid-e-Azam University Islamabad with distinction, achieved Gold Medal in MSc and M.Phil. She chose Cambridge University for her PhD and is a postdoctoral graduate of the University of North Carolina.

UNIVERSITY BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE MEETS Published on: June 4th, 2021

University Beautification Committee met here at the new campus under the chairmanship of Prof. Dr. N.B. Jumani (Vice-president, AF&P).

The committee reviewed the agenda items in the light of direction and vision of the IIU President Dr. Hathal Homoud Al-otaibi who is keen to implement the action to make IIU a leading hub of learning as well as he has given the task to committee to make this campus as unique and exquisite as its lofty goals are.

The meeting was also joined by Vice President Academics Prof. Dr. Ayaz Afsar, Nasir Farid Convener of the committee (In-charge P&PR), Abdullah Jazi Aldossari , Additional Director (President Office) , Al-Hassan, Assistant Director P&PR and other relevant officials.

The committee reviewed the matters related to the horticulture. The committee recommended that white wash of the trees must be completed by the end of July. It was decided that it will be mandatory for all the gardeners to wear uniform during office time and their performance report shall be prepared. On the occasion, renovation of the council hall such as its white wash and a revamped look were discussed and it was recommended that the renovation be completed within minimum time.

On the occasion, the Chair said that as per vision of the Worthy President IIU , it is a top priority to get maximum output within the available resources, while best utilization of the of the facilities and human resource shall be ensured without creating any financial burden on the university.

The committee also discussed beautification of the entrance gates of the university and agreed to ensure best renovation and prettification so that it may have a pleasant impact on the visitors. The committee also recommended that lawns situated within the blocks in the campus should be beautified with the participation of faculty and students. The committee also recommended same for the hostel lawns.

The committee desired that all the notice boards in the hostels must be made presentable and if required renovation be made on the priority basis. In addition, benches may be placed in the lawns of the hostels.

The committee also discussed matter related to security beef up at the university gates as well as boundary wall of the university. The Security Office was also directed by the chair to ensure zero presence of stray dogs and animals on campus. Agenda of opening of the police line gate after renovation was also discussed.

Later, The Vice President AF&P along with the committee members also visited the police line side main entrance gate and reviewed completion.