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MESSAGE OF THE VICE CHANCELLOR

We have had yet another fantastic period of prosperity. Our university, out of the top 100 initiative universities in the world was ranked number 201. Each faculty member and student at SBBWUP should undoubtedly be proud of it. I congratulate everyone on that!

It is well-known that a steady evolutionary process that can turn an already leading university into a center of knowledge is required to keep up with the ever-increasing demand for educational innovations. The discovery of an advanced education facility nearby that is easily reachable by female knowledge seekers may cause the local fraternity to rejoice.

I am so happy to be saying that, this university has allowed such persons in the form of faculty who could serve as true mentors and role models. The goal is to draw attention to the value of education as a tool for empowering women. We think the university offers everything required to inspire the knowledge seekers' potential, purpose, skills, and pioneering spirit.

Happy to know that another issue of the Newsletter is up, that will showcase the events and happenings of the Shaheed Benazir Bhutto Women University Peshawar. This Newsletter issue will undoubtedly become a must-read account of events at our university. I congratulate the Editorial Team of faculty and students of the university's Newsletter for their hard work and wish them success.

Best Wishes!

Professor Dr. Safia Ahmad
Vice Chancellor
Shaheed Benazir Bhutto Women University Peshawar



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EXPLORING THE FUNDAMENTALS OF ISLAMIC BANKING AND FINANCE: SBBWUP SEMINAR

Department of Economics and the Centre of Excellence, Islamic Finance Institute of Management Sciences, took place on August 9, 2023, at Shaheed Benazir Bhutto Women University Peshawar. Organized by Dr. Khadija, Dr. Hina Haram, Ms. Shandana, and Ms. Sumera Shabnum from the Economics Department, the event aimed to deepen students' understanding of Islamic banking and finance by exploring foundational principles from the Quran and Sunnah. Attendees from various departments, particularly Economics and Psychology, participated. The seminar covered crucial concepts such as maisir, gharar, mudarabah, and musharakh, offering practical applications within the context of Islamic banking. Representatives from Bank Islamic contributed a real-world perspective, enhancing the learning experience. The event concluded with appreciation for the organizers and speaker, followed by a group photo. Refreshments marked the end of this enlightening seminar.

THE POWER OF STORYTELLING: FINDING PEACE IN KHYBER PUKHTUNKHWA" SESSION

The Power of Storytelling: Finding Peace in Khyber Pukhtunkhwa" session, organized by Eleanor Roosevelt Corner in collaboration with the Pak U.S Alumni Network, provided a platform for students to explore the dynamic relationship between storytelling and peacebuilding. The session covered an insightful presentation that highlighted the importance of storytelling in various cultures and societies throughout history.

DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH CONDUCTS ONLINE SESSION ON ECOLINGUISTICS AND CLIMATE CHANGE

The Department of English recently organized a thought-provoking online session titled "Ecolinguistics: Environment, Climate Change, and Our Use of Language." The session, designed to sensitize students to the discourses surrounding the environment and nature in our community, successfully highlighted the impact of language use on the world. Ms. Sabeen Hayat, a respected Lecturer in the Department of English at IM Sciences, served as the resource person for the session. Ms. Shumaila Ashce, a dedicated Lecturer in the Department of English Language and Literature, played a key role as the focal person.

The session, conducted virtually, delved into the linguistic aspects of environmental discussions, examining the language used in our community concerning nature and the environment. The insightful exploration aimed to shed light on the profound impact that language choices can have on our understanding and approach to environmental issues. The success of this initiative reflects the Department of English's commitment to fostering an environmentally conscious academic community. The session provided students with valuable perspectives on the crucial role language plays in shaping perceptions and responses to environmental challenges.



THE GRE SUMMER PROGRAM

The GRE Summer Program is an intensive course designed to equip students with the necessary skills and knowledge to excel in the Graduate Record Examination (GRE). The GRE Summer Program at ERCP spans a duration of 3 weeks on alternate days and is specifically tailored to provide students with a comprehensive understanding of the GRE exam structure, content, and strategies for successful test-taking.

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TRAINING PROGRAM TITLED: "POVERTY ALLEVIATION: CHALLENGES AND SOLUTIONS" AT AHKNCRD, ISLAMABAD

BY THE GRACE OF ALLAH AND WITH THE SUPPORT OF THE ESTEEMED VICE CHANCELLOR, I- SUMERA SHABNUM, LECTURER AT DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMICS-HAD THE PRIVILEGE OF PARTICIPATING IN A VALUABLE TRAINING PROGRAM TITLED: "POVERTY ALLEVIATION: CHALLENGES AND SOLUTIONS" FROM SEPTEMBER 18 TO 22, 2023 AT AKHTAR HAMEED KHAN NATIONAL CENTER FOR RURAL DEVELOPMENT (AHKNCRD) IN ISLAMABAD. IT SIGNIFICANTLY CONTRIBUTED TO MY PROFESSIONAL KNOWLEDGE AND AWARENESS, AND ITS BENEFITS WILL HAVE A LASTING IMPACT, FURTHERING MY PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT.

15TH RESIDENTIAL WORKSHOP BY ASI IN KHANASPUR: A JOURNEY OF ECONOMIC SOLUTIONS AND THOUGHT-PROVOKING INSIGHTS

The Alternate Solution Institute (ASI) arranged a five days 15th residential workshop in Khanaspur, Ayubia. The institute works for devising solutions to economic freedom, free and prosperous society and policy making. Ms Sumera faculty of department of Economics was invited as a guest speaker and a full time participant on the event. It was a great thought provoking experience for all the participants attending various sessions of the event. The knowledge gained by the participants in the event will help them to grow professionally and personally in the long term.



"EMPOWERING TEACHING: CLASSROOM MASTERY SESSION

"Eleanor Roosevelt Corner Peshawar in collaboration with department of Statistics gathered the faculty of Shaheed Benazir Bhutto Women University, for an enlightening session on "Classroom Mastery: Achieving Effectiveness and Rapport" conducted by esteemed educator Dr. Abdul Baseer Qazi. The speaker addressed various critical aspects of teaching and classroom management, focusing on enhancing teaching effectiveness and establishing a strong rapport with students. Dr. Qazi also elucidated the art of communication, active listening, and empathy."

EMPOWERING UNIVERSITY EDUCATORS: INTEGRATIVE COMPLEXITY TRAINING AT SHAHEED BENAZIR BHUTTO WOMEN UNIVERSITY

An experiential training was organized by Social Welfare Academics and Training Pakistan (SWAaT) in Shaheed Banazir Bhutto Women University Peshawar for the teaching faculty of university. From the department of Economics two faculty members, Ms Maryam Khattak and Ms. Sumera Shabnum, participated in it. The training was all about developing and enhancing the Integrative Complexity skills in the present day educators. The training was informative and had clear instructions of how to achieve success in one's personal and professional life through its application. At the end of the training the participants were awarded with participation certificates and the group photo was taken to mark the occasion.

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TRAINING PROGRAM TITLED "HOW TO THINK: INTEGRATIVE COMPLEXITY" BY SWAAT FOR PAKISTAN

Training program titled "How to Think: Integrative Complexity" by SWAAT for Pakistan
Alhamdulillah, I, Sumera Shabnum as Lecturer at the Department of Economics, finally got my certificate for "How to think: Integrative Complexity" arranged by Social Welfare Academics and Training (SWAAT) for Pakistan stretched over eight 3-hour sessions. Integrative Complexity refers to the ability to consider multiple perspectives and integrate diverse information when thinking about complex issues. It involves synthesizing different ideas rather than relying on a single viewpoint. For a university teaching professional, it is a valuable skill for nuanced and comprehensive problem-solving which will enhance my ability to facilitate diverse perspectives, encourage critical thinking, provide a holistic understanding of interdisciplinary approaches, adaptability to people and circumstances, and would cultivate open-mindedness. My certificate is attached herewith.

GUEST SPEAKER AND PARTICIPANT AT THE 15TH RESIDENTIAL WORKSHOP OF THE ALTERNATE SOLUTIONS INSTITUTE (ASI), KHANASPUR

Sumera Shabnum, a representative from the Department of Economics, was honored to be a guest speaker and participant at a workshop organized by the ASI. The ASI, as the 52nd policy think tank globally, focuses on solutions for economic freedom, contributing to policy-making, and fostering a free and prosperous society. The workshop brought together experts, scholars, professionals, and students to discuss various aspects of economic freedom, poverty, and the economic and political challenges facing the country. Sumera's travel and accommodation expenses for the entire workshop were generously covered by the ASI administration, emphasizing their commitment to her comfort. Sumera expressed deep gratitude for the recognition and respect extended by the ASI team. The workshop provided a thought-provoking experience, valuable for both student participants and distinguished guest speakers. Sumera sees this opportunity as a means of contributing to her long-term professional and personal growth, emphasizing the importance of learning and sharing insights.



A DAY AT SHERABAD CARP HATCHERY: UNVEILING FISHERY TECHNIQUES

On September 28, 2023, MPhil students from the Department of Zoology, accompanied by faculty members, visited the Sherabad Peshawar Carp Hatchery. The purpose was to understand fish breeding processes, conservation practices, and facility operations. Fish hatcheries, crucial for fish farming and economic development, were explored for research gaps and carp-raising methods.

During the visit, the group met Mr. Sadam Hussain, who provided a tour and lecture on the carp life cycle, addressing challenges like diseases and water scarcity. Strategies for improvement, such as research initiatives and staff training, were discussed. The visitors appreciated the hospitality and knowledge shared by the Sherabad Carp Hatchery staff, expressing gratitude to the organizing faculty at Shaheed Benazir Bhutto Women University in Peshawar.

"EXPLORING THE NEXUS: DR. KHADIJA SHAMS PRESENTS PAPER ON HEALTH AND FINANCIAL WELLBEING AT 21ST ISQOLS CONFERENCE"

Presentation of a Paper at the 21st ISQOLS annual in-person conference

I, Dr. Khadija Shams, Chairperson of the Department of Economics, Presented paper orally titled, "Analyzing the relationship between health and financial wellbeing: Evidence from urban Pakistan", at the 21st ISQOLS annual in-person conference from, 21st to 25th August, 2023 at Erasmus University Rotterdam, Netherlands.

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PATHWAYS TO EDUCATION AND CULTURAL EXCHANGE: CHINA-PAKISTAN COLLABORATION

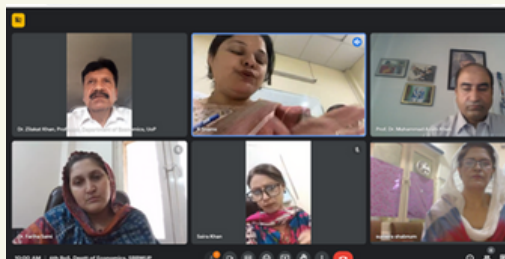
The recent meeting at the Pakistan Research Centre for a Community with Shared Future (PRCCSF) in Islamabad, chaired by Mr. Ovais Ali Khokhar, focused on enhancing educational and research collaborations between China and Pakistan. Key stakeholders, including a delegation from Communication University China and representatives from Shaheed Benazir Bhutto Women University, discussed expertise sharing, resource collaboration, women's empowerment through education, student and faculty exchange programs, and cultural initiatives. The meeting, held on August 30, 2023, concluded with an agreement to form working groups for collaborative projects, outline strategies for regional centers, and establish mechanisms for joint research efforts. This collaboration signifies a significant advancement in educational, communication, and cultural ties between the two countries, emphasizing a commitment to mutual growth and understanding.



6TH BOARD OF STUDIES MEETING: ADVANCING ECONOMICS EDUCATION AT SBBWUP

The 6th meeting of the Board of Studies (BoS) for the Department of Economics at Shaheed Benazir Bhutto Women University Peshawar was held on September 4, 2023. The meeting was chaired by Dr. Khadija Shams, the Chairperson of the Economics Department at SBBWUP. It commenced with the recitation of the Holy Quran and proceeded to discuss the items on the meeting agenda.

During the meeting, various topics were deliberated, including the introduction of a "Diploma in Development Studies (DDS)" and the development of optional courses for M.Phil and PhD programs. Additionally, some recommendations for changes in optional courses at the BS level were proposed. The meeting was characterized by a collaborative and cordial atmosphere, with members engaging in healthy discussions and attentively considering each other's views. The meeting was conducted virtually via Google Meet, and screenshots were taken to document the proceedings. The gathering concluded with a vote of thanks expressed by the Chairperson of the Department of Economics.



DR. AMBAREEN FATIMA ENGAGES IN ACADEMIC COLLABORATION AS EXTERNAL EVALUATOR AT IM SCIENCES

Dr. Ambareen Fatima from the Department of English was invited to participate as an external evaluator for the assessment of BS theses at the Institute of Management Sciences (IM Sciences) for the session 2019-2023. The distinguished event encompassed a thorough evaluation of thesis projects and the facilitation of viva voce examinations.

On July 24, 2023, Dr. Ambareen Fatima, recognized for her expertise in the field, undertook the responsibility of scrutinizing theses and conducting viva voce examinations at the Institute of Management Sciences in Peshawar. This engagement highlights her commitment to academic excellence and the collaborative spirit between academic institutions for the advancement of educational standards.

PROVAL OF THE PROGRAM 'DIPLOMA IN DEVELOPMENT STUDIES'

The Department of Economics has reached a significant achievement with the approval of the 'Diploma in Development Studies (DDS)' program by the Board of Studies members on 4th September, 2023. This program, designed in collaboration by Dr. Khadija Shams and Ms. Sumera Shabnum, is expected to bring about positive change, enhance student enrollment, and contribute to revenue generation.

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EMPOWERING WOMEN IN KP: INSIGHTS FROM THE 1ST KP WOMEN SYMPOSIUM

On September 27, 2023, Ms. Saira Khan Afridi was invited as an academician and selected as a Ph.D. scholar to participate in the 1st KP Women Symposium organized by the Military in collaboration with the Department of International Relations at the University of Peshawar, held at GRC. The event featured a direct conversation and question-and-answer session with the chief guest, Chief of Army Staff General Asim Munir, addressing the challenges faced by women in KP and the Newly Merged Districts (NMDs).

Several academicians presented their insights on this topic, and numerous dignitaries from across Pakistan discussed prevailing issues, emphasizing legal, constitutional, social, and economic aspects. The event's objective was to involve the youth and representative voices in government-level policy and decision-making and to generate real-time solutions. It served as an excellent opportunity for personal and professional development.



EDUCATOR'S JOURNEY: FROM FGDS TO THE WORLD BANK CONFERENCE

Ms. Saira Khan Afridi, a Lecturer in the Department of Economics, played a prominent role in the World Bank Project initiated by the University of Peshawar. Nominated for Focus Group Discussions (FGDs) on socio-economic themes, including Economic Reforms and Solutions, she, along with three others, was selected for a video interview. Her exceptional performance led to her representation at the National Conference of the World Bank in Islamabad, where she actively participated in moderating and presentation sessions. Recognized by the World Bank, Ms. Saira is part of a select group for future collaborations on topics such as environment, climate change, sustainability, gender mainstreaming, leadership, capacity building, team building, and socio-economic perspectives.

LAW STUDENT MOMINA KOUSAR ADVANCES TO NATIONAL ROUND OF MODEL CCI 2023 DEBATE

In an impressive feat of eloquence and debate, Momina Kousar, a dedicated student from the Law Department, has secured her place in the National round of the Model CCI 2023 democratic competition. Momina's journey to the national stage began with a stellar performance in the provincial round, which was organized by the Hanns Seidel Foundation Pakistan. This competition saw active participation from over 50 talented debaters hailing from various universities across Khyber Pakhtunkhwa.



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DOSTI PESHAWAR WOMEN LITERATURE FESTIVAL '23 LAUNCHES AT GOVERNOR HOUSE KP

The grand launch of DOSTI PESHAWAR WOMEN LITERATURE FESTIVAL '23 at Governor House KP on September 8th set the stage for a cultural celebration. Attendees enjoyed literary discussions, poetry recitals, and insightful panels, creating an atmosphere of intellectual engagement. The festival promises to be a vibrant showcase of women's contributions to literature, fostering connections and friendships through the shared love of words. Stay tuned for updates as we explore a world of wisdom and storytelling.

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DR. RAHEELA BIBI TRIUMPHS WITH BINT-E-HAWA ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

In a nod to excellence in education and literature, Dr. Raheela Bibi was honored with the Bint-e-Hawa Achievement Award. The event, a collaboration between the Bank of Khyber and the Directorate of Youth Affairs KP & Bint-e-Hawa, celebrated dynamic women challenging societal norms.

The ceremony, held on March 8, 2023, in Peshawar, recognized Dr. Raheela Bibi's unwavering dedication to education and her role in breaking down barriers in a male-dominated culture. The Bint-e-Hawa Achievement Awards spotlight women who, like Dr. Raheela Bibi, make a significant impact on society through their expertise, skills, and experiences.



MS. SHUMAILA ASHEE APPOINTED EXTERNAL EVALUATOR FOR BS THESIS EVALUATION AT IM SCIENCES

In a significant academic collaboration, Ms. Shumaila Ashee, Assistant Professor English was invited to serve as the external evaluator for the evaluation of BS theses at the Institute of Management Sciences (IM Sciences) for the session 2019-2023. The distinguished event included the meticulous assessment of thesis projects and the conduction of viva voce examinations.

On the 24th of July 2023, Ms. Shumaila Ashee, renowned for her expertise in the field, took on the responsibility of evaluating theses and examining students during the viva voce session at the Institute of Management Sciences in Peshawar.

MS. SHUMAILA ASHEE EXPLORES AI IN EDUCATION AT RELO SEMINAR

Ms. Shumaila Ashee recently attended the "Empowering Educators with ChatGPT" seminar on May 30, 2023, organized by the OPEN Local Community Outreach Program. Sponsored by RELO Pakistan at the U.S. Embassy Islamabad and administered by Evolution, the seminar highlighted the benefits, risks, and best practices of AI integration in learning. Ms. Ashee's participation underscores our commitment to cutting-edge education. Gratitude to RELO Pakistan, the U.S. Embassy, and Evolution for this valuable initiative.

DR. AMBAREEN EXPLORES CUTTING-EDGE LEARNING TECHNOLOGIES, AI AT RELO PAKISTAN SEMINAR

Dr. Ambareen, a distinguished member of the Department of English at SBBWUP, recently participated in the "Empowering Educators with ChatGPT" seminar on May 30, 2023. This insightful event, organized under the OPEN Local Community Outreach Program, delved into the Benefits, Risks, and Best Practices for AI Integration in Learning.

Sponsored by the Regional English Language Office (RELO Pakistan) at the Public Diplomacy Section of the U.S. Embassy Islamabad and expertly administered by Evolution, the seminar provided Dr. Ambareen with a comprehensive understanding of the transformative potential of ChatGPT in educational settings.

#ModelCCI2023 

top **8** *Congratulations!*
qualifiers from provincial round Khyber Pakhtunkhwa

These students will participate in the National Round of Model CCI 2023.

	Asad Hasan	Mamina Kousar	
	Wajiha Iqbal	Rizwan Mehsood	
	Suleman Ahmad	Mahnoor Dilawar	
	Abdur Rahman	Shahzad Ahmad khatir	



