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EDITORIAL

STAND ON YOUR TWO FEET!

As Salam O Alaikum

Stand on your two feet. You think everybody does so? Think again. To further confirm this statement, observe the politicians and public speakers who appear on television. A good number of them don't. You will find them shifting their weight from one leg to another. This proves that all of us do not stand on our two feet.

But why so? This is an inside story. These are those who are not self reliant and always look out for support and assistance. The people who do not feel confident enough. Those who are nervous and shaky do not stand on their two feet. Have you ever observed gymnastics in Olympic games? They score high on the basis of perfect, firm and unshaken landing or finish on both the feet. That shows confidence, perfection. That shows transparency of intention as well. If a person is what he/she is saying he/she will not behave otherwise and will feel solid on the ground. When you are solid on the ground you feel more yourself.

You may call this the inner confrontation or you may even call it hypocrisy, both reducing poise and resilience. You will also find such people more adamant and arrogant. Because they are not well composed of in their personality and behavior. They are unsure of themselves, their ideas and thinking. These people always feel inadequate and insufficient no matter how much wealth or fame they have. On the contrary a person having a very transparent personality will behave more confidently and with clear thoughts and ideas.

Sometime there is a tussle in your mind of what you are going to do and what you think should be done. For example you know that bribe is a crime. Whether you take or you pay, its status of illegality does not change. You know that it is wrong in your mind, in your conscience. But for material gain, so that you can prosper in your business or career you do it. Thus you are acting against the social norm and against your own conscience (unless you believe that bribe is not a crime). This is going to make you less confident and shaky. Be self reliant. Make yourself competent to the core. Once you are competent no one will dare to treat you as inferior, as ordinary, as insignificant. Making yourself competent is very easy. Just take the present situation seriously. Whatever task you have been given on any particular day, get yourself involved and contribute to your maximum. The future will take care of itself.

Stand on your two feet. Keep your conscience clear. Be self reliant. Do what you should rather than what is needed for the immediate gain. Such immediate gains are usually not worthy enough to pursue. No gain is more precious than your own peace of mind, than your personal composure and calm. Keep yourself composed and calm, stand on your two feet. Best of luck.

Sohaib Rabbani
Executive Editor

FOUNDATION STONE LAID FOR YET ANOTHER BIZTEK'S NEW BUILDING 'THE WEST WING'

Azeem Ahmed Sethi and Shafaq Mahmood

Institute of Business and Technology – Biztek as you know, is an emerging leader in business and IT higher education in Pakistan laid the Foundation Stone of its “West Wing Building”. His Excellency, The Honorable Prime Minister Mr. Shaukat Aziz was kind enough to grace the occasion as the Chief Guest and Presiding Chairman of the Ceremony and laid the Foundation Stone on January 20, 2007.

On this occasion Biztek's Chancellor Mr. Noman Abid Lakhani welcomed the honorable Chief Guest. While delivering his welcome address the Chancellor thanked His Excellency, The Honorable Prime Minister Mr. Shaukat Aziz, the Governor of Sindh Dr. Ishrat ul Ebad Khan, Provincial Minister Mr. Adil Siddiqui and other high dignitaries present on this occasion. Other distinguished guests present on the occasion were Federal Minister for Port and Shipping, Senator Mr. Babar Khan Ghauri, Sindh Minister of Labour, Transport and Industries Mr. Mohammed Adil Siddiqui, Provincial Law Minister Mr. Iftikhar Ahmed Chaudhry, Advisor to Chief Minister Mr. Waseem Akhtar and Mr. Salahuddin Haider. The media too was present on

this occasion. The list of selected Biztekians who were invited to this event included Sidra Rana, Taqdees, Khushboo Altaf, Navira, Soha Motiwala, Bakhtawir, Mehmood, Azeem Sethi, Umair Nizam, Saman , Umair and many other's.

While giving his welcome address Mr. Lakhani was comparing spending on research of different country. He gave the example of Israel and USA vs. Arab world. Israel spends US\$ 110 on scientific research per year per person while the same figure for Arab world is US\$ 2. Facts cannot be denied. The state of Israel now has six best universities of the world. He said that knowledge was abandoning the Arab world. Between 1998 and 2000 more than 15,000 Arab physicians migrated.

Israel has more engineers and scientists per capita than any other country in the world. Six million Israelis buy 12 million books every year (2 book per person per year) making them one of the highest readers of books in the world. The average per capita income in Israel is US\$25,000 while the average income with in Arab states is US\$ 5,000. US produces 250% more goods and serves than do all Muslim states combined together. Germany





exports as much as do all 75 Muslim countries together. Mr. Lakhani explained the reasons for these facts. He said that the reason was that we rarely invest in knowledge, we hardly produce and distribute knowledge, particularly as compared to the western society.

His Excellency The Honorable Prime Minister Mr. Shaukat Aziz while delivering his inaugural address clarified why they spend more on education while we do not. He said that the budgetary expenses are directly related to total available funds. He agreed that we need to emphasize more on education and proposed that contribution by the private sector in education needed to be improved further. There are 114 universities in Pakistan of which 59 are in public sector and the remaining 55 are in private sector. That indicated the rapid rise in number of private universities in the country. He said that the government was negotiating with a number of foreign universities and it was expected that during the next 3-5 years almost 9 foreign universities would enter into the process of establishing their Pakistan campus.

While commending Biztek The Prime Minister appreciated the efforts of its management in providing quality education. He appreciated



Biztek's forward looking policy of opening the Executive Development Center (City Campus) and also its plan for opening campuses in major cities of Pakistan. He applauded the role of Biztek in disseminating higher education in Karachi. He emphasized the importance of higher education and elaborated the role of HEC (Higher Education Commission) in that regard. He informed that the Government had further increased the support to private sector and was extending different incentives like scholarships and grants to the private sector universities as well. He added that the Government was also encouraging entrepreneurs to invest into the education sector.

He said that Government was determined to meet the challenge of increasing and uplifting the quality of higher education. He said that there was a plan to create healthy competition among Pakistan's universities and added that on the basis of a survey



on quality the Government would publish the names of top ten universities of Pakistan.

After the Prime Minister's speech, the Rector; Colonel (R) Tahir Hussain came forward and gave a closing speech, in which he thanked The Prime Minister as well as all of the dignitaries for coming and attending yet another mile stone that Biztek has achieved. After Colonel (R) Tahir Hussain ended his closing speech, the Prime Minister along with the dignitaries went for high tea; where he interacted with the dignitaries.

It was an honor to have The Prime Minister of Pakistan His Excellency Mr. Shaukat Aziz who graced the occasion of Foundation Stone Laying Ceremony of Biztek's new building 'The West Wing'. May Allah Almighty bless Biztek with progress and prosperity!

SEMINAR ON ENTREPRENEURSHIP

SABA AZEEM (BB-1480)

A Seminar on Entrepreneurship was organized by the Management on March 31, 2007. Which was hosted by Saba Azeem Mr. Ananda Rajapakse, CEO of Orange Electric, Sri Lanka spoke on this occasion. The evolution of the business making Orange Electric as one of the giant entrepreneurs of Sri Lanka deserved the Seminar.

In the seminar Mr. Ananda ever so energetically explained the role and importance of entrepreneurship in today's world. He further explained that the problem with today's society is that people are job minded where



as they should be business minded. He said that even though business is a risky venture but someone has to opt for it because if there are no businesses opening and everyone opts for a job then the unemployment ratio will very well shoot over the sky. Jobs are available only when new businesses and companies come into the market.

He further went on to tell us his personal experience about how he started his business. Mr. Ananda explained that the business of Orange Electronic was founded in 1968 as a trader of auto parts, is the biggest electrical company of Sri Lanka today, commanding a market share of more than 80%. Its founder Mr. Sugath Kodituwakku was an extraordinary man. He started his career as a young man selling oranges in Colombo during the 1930s. From an orange seller slowly and gradually he built his business empire. Since he started his business by selling oranges, when the time came to name his electric company, Orange Electric was considered to be the most preferred choice.

Mr. Ananda Rajapakse said that the chairman of the company took it to a great height due to his humane and caring nature. A charismatic leader, he instilled many values within the Group, encouraging trust, fellowship and a sense of belonging. These core values maintained a high motivation level of its employees

creating success for Orange Electric.

The Group diversified into the electrical business with the acquisition of Morris Roche & Company, a leading electric company at that time representing world-renowned brands like Philips and Marconi. With a commanding market position, Orange products dominated the electric sphere in Sri Lanka and is rapidly growing in the region as well.

Mr. Rajapakse's talk aroused so much interests among the audience that a lively question and answer session was followed.

Earlier Dean Faculty of Management Sciences Dr. Ayub Mehar gave his welcome address while Vice Chairman and Rector Col (R) Tahir Hussain delivered vote of thanks. A Biztek memento was presented to the honorable speaker of the seminar, Mr Ananda Rajapakse.

After looking at Mr. Ananda's life story only a few quotes come to one's mind:

"The very essence of leadership is that you have to have vision. You can't blow an uncertain trumpet."
-Theodore M. Hesburgh

"The journey is the reward."
- Chinese Proverb

"Success is the ability to go from failure to failure without losing your enthusiasm."
- Sir Winston Churchill

The Seminar ended with light refreshments.



MANAGEMENT CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES

The Faculty of Management Sciences organized a seminar on "Management Challenges and Opportunities in the Twenty First Century" on Saturday, March 10, 2007 at its main campus in Korangi Creek, Karachi.

Professor Dr. Salahuddin Ahmed in his opening speech informed the students that how management no longer is a simple term that means to strictly rule over a set of employees and tell them what they can or cannot do. He specified that with the 21st Century like everything else management too has changed. Gone the days when the employees were naïve and would obey as slaves to their masters, as a matter of fact now managers must actually be two steps ahead and even more well aware if they want to keep their jobs and stay in the market. Professor Ahmed further specified that the real challenge today is to meet the changing demand of globalization. With reference to business he mentioned about management of brand names and brand equities. He said that human resource development need to be focused more than other considerations.

The next speaker was Mr. Safdar Khan who had been with KESC for quite some time and therefore elaborated his experience of KESC. Mr. Khan felt



that the main reasons of failure for KESC are that firstly there was a lack of consideration for human concerns and placement of unskilled workforce for technical responsibilities. He said that the main problem was that KESC is an old institution that has barely made any efforts to change its ways since the 1960's. Change is an important part of any institution and since KESC never coped up, it started to lag behind. People of all kind of backgrounds and work experiences were eligible... yet KESC never hired anyone who had the proper



skills. He said that unless right man for the right job can be ensured high productivity can not be guaranteed. He also disclosed the unbalanced compensation package for KESC workforce.

Finally Professor Dr. Abu Zar Wajidi took the charge of the rostrum and spoke extemporaneously. Prof. Dr. Wajidi, an expert of his field, spoke on the challenge of human resource development and management. According to him all other resources can be related to machine productivity except human resource. He elaborated the resource part of man saying that the skills and expertise of a man are the real resource. Unless these resources are utilized fully, productivity will can not be maximized. He further classified human capital into intellectual capital, social capital (networking) and emotional capital/self actualization.

The Seminar was concluded by the Vice Chairman and Rector of Biztek Col (R) Tahir Hussain who was also the presiding chairman of the Seminar. It was a well attended seminar by Biztek students, faculty and some selected executives from the industry.

Management is doing things right; leadership is doing the right things.

- Peter F. Drucker

A leader is a dealer in hope.

- Napoleon

Bonaparte

Never look down on anybody unless you're helping him up.

- Jesse Jackson

ROLE OF STATE BANK

IN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OF PAKISTAN

Shahjamal Hashmi (BB-1333)

A seminar on The Role of State Bank in the Economic Development of Pakistan was held on March 29, 2007 at Biztek Main campus. Professor Dr. Ali Akber Dhakan, Biztek was the Chief Organizer. Mr. Liaquat



Durrani, Managing Director of State Bank of Pakistan and Mr. Azizullah Khattak, Director Statistics in State Bank presented their papers on this occasion. Earlier Dr. Dhakan introduced the topic through his research article. Dr. Dhakan himself served the State Bank of Pakistan for almost 40 years and has retired recently.

Mr. Durrani highlighted the responsibilities and activities of the State Bank and elaborated their role and contribution with reference to building Pakistan's economy. He said that The State Bank of Pakistan regulates the banking sector, decides independent monetary policy and set limits on government borrowings from State Bank. The State Bank provides objective analysis of the macro economic situation for the government. It also regulates monetary and credit system to secure monetary stability and fuller utilization of the country's productive resources.

Mr. Durrani elaborated on the reforms that the central bank took for the economic growth of the country. These are :

- Privatization of nationalized commercial banks since their domination reduced from 100% in 1991 to less than 20%



- Strong corporate governance, an absolutely essential step for banks to operate in a transparent manner and to protect the depositors' interest

- The minimum capital requirement increased to Rs. 3 billion resulted in mergers and consolidation of many financial institution and weeding out small players from the financial system

- In addition to this Liberalization of foreign exchange, consumer financing, Mortgage financing, Prudential regulations, E-banking, Credit rating, supervision and regulatory capacity, payments and settlement system were also implemented

SBP has established Islamic Banking department in 2003 and playing regulatory and supervisory role. Currently there are six full fledged Islamic Banks and twelve conventional banks with Islamic Banking branches are working.

His presentation was followed by that of Mr. Azizullah Khattak who mainly dealt with statistics of the central bank showing the growth and contribution in terms of percentages.



The Rector Col (R) Tahir Hussain gave the concluding remarks and vote of thanks. Before the Seminar ended Biztek memento was presented to each of the distinguished guests.

Don't tell people how to do things, tell them what to do and let them surprise you with their results.
- **George S. Patton**

The best executive is the one who has sense enough to pick good men to do what he wants done, and self-restraint to keep from meddling with them while they do it.

- **Theodore Roosevelt**

BIZTEK SEMINAR:

GAWADAR: KEY TO A PROSPERING BALOCHISTAN

Institute of Business and Technology - Biztek organized a seminar on 'Gawadar: Key to a prospering Balochistan' at its main campus Ibrahim Haidry Road, Korangi Creek. The seminar was hosted by Shafaq Mehmood. The honorable chief guest of the seminar was Mr. Ahmed Buksh Lehri, Director General, Gwadar Development Authority (GDA). The speakers were : Dr. Matahir Ahmed (Asst. Professor, Karachi University), Mr. Iqbal Baloch (a real estate entrepreneur), Col. (R) Bashir Ahmed (Managing Director, Lasbella Industrial Development Authority) and Dr. Mohammad Aslam (Vice President Lasbella Chambers of Commerce and Industry and advisor to Govt. of Pakistan for revival of sick units).

The Chief Guest Mr. Ahmed Buksh Lehri, Director General, Gwadar Development Authority (GDA) while delivering his talk gave a brief history of Balochistan. He said that Balochistan was never ruled by one ruler.



The part ruled by the local lords are still inflexible and unbendable. While talking about the prosperity of Gwadar he

emphasized that Gwadar has immense potential. He said that the population of Balochistan is decreasing because people are emigrating towards other provinces due to lack of opportunities. He said that we need to increase the road and railway link to other part of the country. Mr. Lehri informed that until now China has made an investment of US\$ 200bn and more are expected in coming years. Chinese want to make itself secure by their presence at Gwadar. Many roads are under construction connecting Gawadar to China. China does not have any hot water port and Gawadar port is only on a distance of 2500 km from China and which can be used the whole year for transportation purposes. Therefore, the interest of China in the development of Gawadar port is in fact in the interest of Chinese economy Gawadar is developing as a new economic hub of Pakistan. He said that the 80 kilometer Makran coastal highway is rich with palm and dates plantation.



The dates produced at Gwadar are of very superior quality and can fetch high profit through export. He



said the strategic location of Gwadar sea port make it a center of interest for international investors because Pakistan and especially Gwadar is a natural linkage between Middle East, South Asia and Central Asia. Mr. Lehri is said to be the architect of Gwadar. Under his leadership the Gwadar port is going to be completed opening a new door of financial opportunities for Pakistan.

The first speaker Dr. Motahir Ahmed discussed Gwadar with respect of international scenario. The talk included positive aspects like trade relationship with countries who may benefit from this port as well as adverse situations like war in the region. The next speaker was Mr. Iqbal Baloch. A real estate entrepreneur he dealt mainly with the development of infrastructure at Gwadar.

He emphasized that Gwadar can be made a big tourist attraction with sufficient attention. He specifically mentioned about the beach and emphasized that if G w a d a r



Beach can be developed, it may be one of the major tourist attractions. The third speaker Col (R) Bashir Ahmed said that there is an impression that Balochi people resist the developmental work. Nothing could be further from the truth, He was of the opinion that the people of Balochistan should be taken into confidence and the government should involve them in the developmental process. This will on the one hand eliminate resistance, on the other hand the people of Balochistan will own the projects as their own and thus will contribute significantly in all government initiatives in Balochistan. The last speaker Dr. Muhammad Aslam spoke on the essential facilities that must be ensured for proper development of Gwadar city. He said that energy supply would always be a crucial issue for the success of facilities to be provided at Gwadar port.

The Seminar was followed by a lavish lunch

DOT NET TECHNOLOGY

The Faculty of Computer Science & IT organized a number of workshops during the first quarter 2007. The first one was organized by Mr. Zafar Ali Mehar on 'Dot Net Technology' for Mobile Commerce Application held on January 20, 2007.

For those of you who do not know, Dot net has been taken out basically to beat JAVA. Dot NET is the Microsoft Web services strategy to connect information, people, systems, and devices through software. Integrated across the Microsoft platform, .NET technology provides the ability to quickly build, deploy, manage, and use connected, security-enhanced solutions with Web services. .NET-connected solutions enable businesses to integrate their systems more rapidly and in a more agile manner and help them realize the promise of information anytime, anywhere, on any device.

The workshop was attended by the students of this subject. It was very useful for the students who have already studied in the classroom as a part of their curriculum. It elaborated the explanations and increased the understanding level of the participants. There were group exercises which further clarified concepts previously unclear. The group work was conducted in two sessions of almost two hours each. At the beginning of the Workshop DotNet was defined and a brief history was given to the students. DOTNET is a general-purpose software development platform, similar to Java. It is a new framework for programming Windows. The key technologies within DOTNET are: Common Language Runtime (CLR), Language Interpretability, XML Web Services, ASP.NET, ADO.NET, Assemblies, Application Domain, Code level Security etc. The languages under.net are c#,vb.net,j#,c++.net,jscript etc. c#(pronounced as csharp) is one of the most popular languages of .NET.

BUILDING P4 BASED LINUX

For those of our readers who are not computer literate we must explain that Linux is a software program just like Windows, only more modified and preferred mostly by expert users. Now as we know Pentium 4 is the new version so to make it faster Linux is downloaded in it, to turn it into the perfect system.

On 14th February the Dean of the Faculty Dr. Mansoor-uz-Zafar Dawood himself organized a Workshop on 'Building P4 based Linux. Today Linux is used in numerous domains and has gained a stronghold in installations with the popular application stack. Torvalds continues to direct the development of the kernel. Individuals and corporations develop third-party non-GNU components. These third-party components comprise a vast body of work and may include both kernel

modules and user-land applications and libraries. Linux vendors combine and distribute the kernel, GNU components, and non-GNU components with additional package management software.

3D STUDIO MAX

3D Studio Max (sometimes called 3ds Max or just MAX) is a 3-dimensional vector graphics and animation program, written by Autodesk Media & Entertainment (formerly known as Discreet and Kinetix). It was developed as a successor to 3D Studio for DOS, but for the Win32 platform. Kinetix was later merged with Autodesk's latest acquisition, Discreet Logic. The current version of 3DS Max as of November 2004 is 7.

On March 8, 2007 Mr. Adnan Alam Khan organized Workshop on 3D Studio Max. With this technology one can work with ever-increasing amounts of data and more complex scenes. The new 64-bit version of 3D Max 9 takes advantage of the latest technology advancements. Easily share files, track work-in-progress assets, and customize production pipelines to accelerate creative workflows. Improvements to "XRefs" for better interaction with linked assets, support for relative paths, and Autodesk Vault functionality help production teams optimize workflow and manage collaboration among members of a creative team.



BIZTEK CHIEF RECEIVED BAHRIA FOUNDATION CHIEF

S.M.Siddiq Ferozi (BC -1530)

It is a matter of privilege and great pleasure to be at Biztek, a renowned institution. It is also a pleasant surprise to see that this institution has grown into such a strength in a short time. I am sure that with the leadership it has, this institution will grow even faster both in terms of quality of education and number of students that it provides the country as skilled manpower. I wish to pray for the success and even greater achievements for the future. God bless you all to specially those who serve in this great institution and those who graduate from here. ----- Vice Admiral Irfan Ahmed.

Managing Director of Bahria Foundation Vice Admiral Irfan Ahmed visited Biztek on January 10, 2007. Biztek Chancellor Mr. Noman Abid Lakhani received the honorable guest. The Chancellor was accompanied by the Vice Chairman and Rector Col (R) Tahir Hussain and Registrar Dr. Riaz A. Shaikh The Admiral was impressed with the facilities available at Biztek, particularly the library, computer lab and multimedia teaching aids in each lecture room.

During his visit he also met a number of students and was amazed to see that their standards of knowledge and level of grooming were excellent. He discussed a number of matter of importance for higher education and offered some suggestions for the betterment of Biztek. The Chancellor thanked for his suggestions and expressed the willingness to implement the same.

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M.Mohsin Hanif (BB-1509)

It is an honor visiting the campus. I have visited the library and other facilities and found them well maintained and second to none. I hope you produce people who will contribute to the Nation's progress in whatever area they specialize in. Good work. ----- Omar Ayub Khan, Minister of State for Finance.

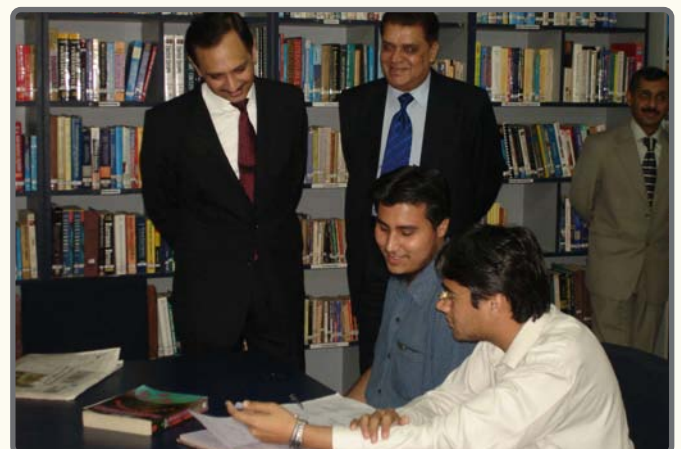
Honorable Minister of State for Finance Mr. Omar Ayub Khan visited Biztek on March 15, 2007. He was very much impressed with Biztek infrastructure and facilities



used for teaching. The spacious well stocked library, four computer labs having latest hardwares and softwares and the multimedia arrangements for teaching were all very impressive to him and match comparably with such facilities in any world class universities elsewhere. The Minister was amazed to know that all communication and status of students academics and activities are available online, accessible by individual students. "Such practices are usually done by multinationals and major conglomerates" he commented. "Latest updating by a private sector university is very uncommon" he remarked.

After the visit accompanied by the Chancellor Mr. Noman Abid Lakhani, the Minister stayed for some time with the Chancellor and discussed matters of importance in higher education with special reference to global requirements. He also gave a number of suggestions to the Chancellor for consideration by the Institute. The Chancellor promised that the same would be put forward to the Board of Governors for approval and implementation.

The Chancellor presented Biztek Memento to the honorable minister and thanked him for gracing the Institute with his presence despite his busy schedule and high priority engagement.



COMPUTER SCIENCE & IT RESEARCH JOURNAL LAUNCHED

Institute of Business and Technology Biztek launched its research journal on Computer Science and Information Technology at its main campus. Honorable Advisor to the Chief Minister on IT Mr. Noman Saigal, was the Chief Guest



on this occasion. This is the second research journal of Biztek. The Institute is publishing its research journal on Management and Social Sciences for the last almost two years. The Chief Guest unveiled the journal over the loud applause of the audience.

While giving his address Mr. Saigal said that we need to follow the leading countries of the world for fast progress of our economy. Technology is the major sector which leads the country to progress and prosperity. He said that it is good that higher education institutions like Biztek is taking interest in research. He said that the leader countries of the world have progressed because of technology. He quoted China, Japan

and Korea as recent examples who have progressed well during the last few decades. He emphasized that there is a need to blend technology with all sectors. Only a perfect blending can help us to progress in all sectors, be it medical, engineering, aviation or trade technology. He also informed the students about a scheme in which the Sindh Government in coordination with Intel has started to give PCs and Laptops to the students.

Earlier Vice Chairman and Rector Col (R) Tahir Hussain gave the Welcome Address while the Registrar Dr. Riaz A Shaikh paid Vote of Thanks



at the end of the ceremony. The Dean Management Sciences and editor of the journal Dr. Mansoor-uz-Zafar Dawood introduced the journal. The people who contributed in the publishing of the journal were recognized by the Management, through certificate.



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Pakistan Developer Conference 2007 is the event that provides a comprehensive technical overview as well as more insight on the latest (both recently released and upcoming) Microsoft development and platform technologies. During Pakistan Developer Conference 2007, there will be sessions that would demonstrate the latest features that were introduced in Windows Vista, Office 2007, Visual Studio 2005, SQL Server 2005, BizTalk Server 2006 and how all these technologies can be used to build reliable, secure, high performance applications that can connect people, information, processes and systems together. More than 3,000 technology professionals from across Pakistan are expected to join this event and get the opportunity to meet and interact with top technology experts in the industry and Microsoft team for the duration of the event.



ASSOCIATIONS

Academic and research associations with national and international organizations which includes : Georgia Institute of Technology, USA; John Hopkins University, USA; Virtual University Enterprise, USA; Microsoft, USA; World Bank; USAID; University of Oxford, UK; University of Greenwich, UK; ISMA, Aga Khan University and many more.

PUBLICATIONS

▶ Publishing two inhouse internationally refereed research journals i.e. Journal of Management & Social Sciences (JMSS) and Journal of Information & Communication Technology (JSIT) regularly.
 ▶ Biztekian Vision- The In-house Newsletter is published three times in a year covering the Campus activities and achievement of Biztek students.

CURRICULA

▶ The Curricula matches those of world class international universities and tailor made / customized courses based on local requirements.
 ▶ Research oriented practical curricula meeting the present day business needs.
 ▶ Periodical software competitions are organized for inculcating creativity among students.

CAMPUS FACILITIES

▶ The main Campus is located in the peaceful environment of Korangi Creek. It is designed for all those who want to study during day time.
 ▶ It's lush green lawn and spectacular building are spread over an area of more than 5 acres of land, an area many of our competitors envy.
 ▶ The air-conditioned spacious classrooms have multimedia and OHP facilities for teaching.
 ▶ Appreciably equipped modern Computer Labs have more than 300 P4s with latest technology.
 ▶ Biztek 'Knowledge Hub', the library has more than 10K titles of professional books and un-interrupted online access to 11,500 research journals worldwide through different library programs of HEC.
 ▶ Secure in-campus parking facility.
 ▶ In house Research Center, Discussion Forum, Students' Lounge, Girls' Common Room, Prayer Area etc.
 ▶ The Institute has established its Executive Development Center (EDC, City Campus) in the heart of the city at Main Shahra-e-Faisal. The Campus is equipped with the state of the art facilities.

EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

▶ A well equipped Gymnasium plus Basketball Court, Snooker Hall, Table Tennis, Badminton Court, Cricket and Football ground etc.
 ▶ Elocution Contest, Creative Writing Competition etc. are organized for improving communication skills in the students.
 ▶ Student Week, Basant Mela, Mehfil-e-Milad, Music Masti, Fashion show all are organized for improving social skills and increasing fraternity among students.

FINANCIAL SUPPORT

▶ Biztek has awarded scholarships worth Rs. 15 million to its outstanding and deserving students during the last one year period.
 ▶ HEC approved Institute for need based Japanese Scholarship.
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Former Vice Chancellor NED University Was pleased to see Biztek

Hasan Nasir
(BB-1154)

I am quite happy to see the Biztek Campus which is quite beautifully organized. Class rooms and labs are properly furnished and equipped. Library has sufficient number of books for the students. I wish the Institute have more facilities in near future. ----- Dr. M. Munir Hasan, Former Vice Chancellor, NED University of Engineering and Technology.

Former Vice Chancellor NED University of Engineering and Technology, Dr. M. Munir Hasan visited Biztek on 5th April, 2007. He said that he visited a number of private sector universities and Biztek is the most impressive among all. While visiting the facilities accompanied by the Vice Chairman and Rector Col (R) Tahir Hussain and Registrar Dr. Riaz A. Shaikh he was very vocal in appreciating the four computer labs that Biztek has very well established. Dr. Riaz informed the eminent educationist and academician that as a policy whenever any new technology related to computer science and IT is developed and available elsewhere, Biztek tries to acquire the same as soon as possible. Dr. Hasan was very impressed to know that Biztek city campus is running very well.

Later the former Vice Chancellor met Biztek Chancellor Mr. Noman Abid Lakhani talked important matter related to higher education in Pakistan with special emphasis

to international human resource requirements for qualified people. A Biztek memento was presented to the honorable guest as a taken of appreciation for his visit and as a sign of remembrance later on.



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THE LEADER WHO IS PROVING HIS METTLE

In the last issue we informed you about the dominating spirit of Biztekian Faraz Baig. He is in the news once again. He has been offered the sponsorship to participate in an international diabetic event. Novo Nordisk will be sponsoring the event including the expense for all participants from around the world. The four day Advocacy Summit and World Diabetic Day activities will be held at New York from November 14th, 2006. During the four day period the following activities will take place : Workshops (on diabetes), visit of New York city schools, Tour to United Nations (UN), Formation of Human Blue Circle, Diabetes Education Rally (three hours of amazing entertainment, education and activities at Guastivino's) and Cheer on the lighting of the Empire State Building in Blue in honor of World Diabetic Day (WDD).

You will be pleased to know that Faraz Baig has formed an NGO (Non-Government Organization)

for diabetic patients. The NGO will take care of generating funds for the needs and requirements of diabetic patients in Pakistan. He has good contacts locally as well as abroad and expects to collect sufficient funds to initiate his project of serving the humanity for a better cause.

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MINISTER LOCAL GOVERNMENT AT BIZTEK

Mir Rashid Hussain Baloch (BM 859)

Today I have visited this Institution first time. The building is very good and educational atmosphere also good. So, this is a remarkable addition in Pakistan's educational institution where the talented students can receive advanced education. Thanks. ----- Muhammad Hussain Khan, Minister LG Department.

Muhammad Hussain Khan, Minister Local Government Department, visited Biztek main campus on January 10, 2007. He was received by the Chancellor, Mr. Noman Abid Lakhani, Vice Chairman and Rector Col (R) Tahir Hussain Vice Rector Dr. Kaiser Bengali and Registrar Dr. Riaz Ahmed Shaikh. The Minister visited the whole campus including the library and computer labs. He was delighted to see the four well equipped computer labs and expressed his satisfaction over the infrastructure required for educating our youths for higher qualification.

Later he visited the Deans' offices and met the two Deans. He was pleased to know that Biztek has planned to increase the number of Faculty from two to four. He said that we needed more number of higher education centers like Biztek if we needed to

compete in the market place at a global level.

The Chancellor presented Biztek Memento to the Honorable Minister.



ADVERTISING TYCOON TAHER KHAN VISITS BIZTEK



A remarkable achievement in the field of quality higher education. The nation truly benefits from endeavors like these. Keep up the great work ----- Taher A. Khan.

Advertising Tycoon Taher A. Khan visited Biztek in January 6, 2007. Taher Khan is the Chairman and CEO of Interflow Group of Communications Business. The Group owns their TV channel TV One and several media agencies and buying houses.



This was the second visit of chief of Pakistan's number one advertising group. He was particularly interested about the quality of Biztek's graduates and wanted to have some of them as internees. He was particularly impressed by the courses taught at Biztek for multimedia and graphic

designing. He was of the opinion that graphic designing and multimedia has become a norm of the day and soon would be merged as daily routine work in the office as well. He said that since the introduction of advertising as a marketing subject the media has come a long way. He predicted that the day is not far off when advertising will be taught at masters level at an independent subject. He also said that the trend has already started and students instead of doing MBA will be doing MA or MSc in their subjects of choice. Thus there will be MA or MSc in Advertising, Marketing Research, Sales Management etc. He further subdivided each subject into many to make it more comprehensive. For example a student doing his MA or MSc in Advertising would be learning print media, electronic media, display boards, mobile media etc.

Mr. Khan stayed at the main campus building for few hours and visited the facilities. He was impressed with the improvements Biztek has made since his last visit. He appreciated the expansion of infrastructure including computer hardwares and softwares. During his visit he was accompanied by the Chancellor Mr. Noman Abid Lakhani and Registrar Dr. Riaz A. Shaikh.

NOMAN AFZAL :

BIZTEK RESEARCH SCHOLAR OF DISTICTION!

Syed Muhammad Siddique Ferozi (BB 1530)

You will be pleased to know that **two RESEARCH ARTICLES have been written by one of your colleagues BIZTEKIAN NOMAN AFZAL (ROLL NO BB 1611)**. It is indeed highly appreciable that these articles have been published as Abstracts in the research journal none other than Aga Khan University Health Sciences Research Assembly 2007. A commendable effort and contribution from such a young Biztekian Research Scientist. These articles have also been sent to British Medical Council and British Medical Journal (BMJ). BMJ is one of the few world's most authentic research journals. Upon acceptance, these articles will also be published in BMJ. An incredible contribution by Biztekian Noman Afzal- indeed!

CONGRATULATIONS BIZTEKIAN NOMAN AFZAL! WE ARE ALL PROUD OF YOU !

Biztekian Noman Afzal is privileged to work under the leadership of the most renowned and Pakistan's top research medical scientist and Child Specialist Prof. Dr. Zulfiqar Bhutta. Biztekian Afzal takes care of the research data collection and its software programming. He is lucky to be employed in one of the biggest institutions of the country The Aga Khan University Hospital.



His research projects were "Data Management and Quality Assurance of Vaccine Trial" and "Challenges of Centralized Data Management of a Multi country Longitudinal Study Experiences: Meningitis Project".

BIZTEKIAN AFZAL'S RESEARCH WORK SHOULD ACT AS A MOTIVATING FORCE FOR ALL BIZTEKIANS, IN WRITING RESEARCH PAPERS.



QUDSIA PERVEZ

THE BIZTEKIAN AUTHOR

Samia Salman (BB 1503)

Qudsia Tabassum Pervez, a versatile Biztekian wrote an imaginative fiction at the age of fourteen. Her book 'ALISA' got high acclaim in readers' circle.

Qudsia Tabassum Pervez's intellectual creation '*ALISA*' was published in 2003 when she was in her teens, at the budding age of fourteen. The degree of imagination that she possessed and expressed at that early age is indeed very impressive and remarkable. Ms. Qudsia Pervez is a BBA (Hons) student at Biztek and has grown up with time. An avid reader and enthusiastic writer Ms. Qudsia Pervez has a very versatile and composed personality. She is surprisingly sure of herself, a confident and determined Ms. Qudsia Pervez exhibits talents uncommon at her age. She is a good writer, a good speaker/ debater and an equally good commentator. A Karachite by birth Ms. Qudsia Pervez wants to enjoy life to the fullest. '*ALISA*' is her first book, she plans to write another one as soon as she finishes her study.

The book is a fiction thriller that narrates a story of a young girl who learns about the ways of life... the hardway. We suggest that all of you buy this book and see how talented your friend is. The book is available at 'SAGAR BOOKSTORE' (Sindhi Muslim etc), IQRA BOOKSTORE Gulshan, UNIVERSAL BOOKSTORE Bahadurabad.

SPRING FESTIVAL 2007

The Institute of Business and Technology – Biztek celebrated Spring Festival 2007 at its main campus in Korangi Creek on March 24, 2007. The event started to pick up pace round about 5:00 pm. It was not a hot day and thankfully it was pleasant enough to actually enjoy the visit. The Provincial Minister for Culture and Sports Mr. Qamar Mansoor was the Chief Guest on this occasion.

The entire area was covered by beautiful lighting and attractive banners made by biztekians themselves. The entrance had a well and was designed in the form of a dhol. There were 15 stalls in the festival each unique from the other. Besides franchised stalls like KFC, Dunkin Donuts, Subway, Hot & Spicy and Student Biryani there were stalls which portrayed the ingenuity of every student involved. A bake sale stall by Samia Salman in which you could taste the most mouth watering scrumptious cookies and brownies you can ever get your hands on. Then there was a stall named “Tantilizer” owned by a team of Rehan, Nabeel, Navira, Danish, Nimra, Bakhtawar, Zeeshan and Ali, Rafay who were selling Gola ganda, Cold drinks, Bun Kabab pan and Gajray (flowers). Then Ismat, Tahira, Syeda Qudsia Hussain, Ramla and their group had a stall named “Desi Dhaba” They had biryani, chat, haleem, pani puri and other mouth watering items.

We had two designers in our university, one of whom is our very own Saadia Ashraf, who was displaying her designer collection for men and women named laila'z. While Saman Wadiwala had fancy hand bags, Kurtis and sandals on display. The centre of attraction was the jail where everyone was being locked up sooner or later, even teachers





and our deputy registrar were caught in the excitement of it all. There was also a kite stall by Ahsan, Saqib, Osama and Saqib. These guys also had a stall on which they were selling little toy parachutes which were really fun to play with. Then there was a balloon guy who worked to the advantage of guys as a compensate for flowers. There was a stall of Bingo which was arranged by Salman Noshewani, Shah Jamal Hashmi, Qudsia Pervez and Ameen. There were also the traditional dhol walas who were drumming up a storm, bringing everyone in the mood.

The event started with a dare session in which Azeem Sethi dared people to do outrageous acts such as eating as many lemons as they can, doing the most push ups in which teachers too took part. The most daring thing to do was to eat as many hot green chillies as possible a young man ate 22 and was on the verge of tears and just when we thought no one could possibly break that record a female counterpart ate 30 chillies for Rs. 500. By the end of the dare I think both of them must be regretting it. By around 6:30 pm, Biztek's very own boy band did an excellent job in keeping the atmosphere rather electric with Nizar on the guitar while Jehangir did the vocals. Later the Band Gardish showed up and then people were really into the mood.

At around 8:00 pm there was a display of fireworks that really amazed and inspired the crowd arranged by Umair Nizam. One would think that the fireworks was the end of the festival when it actually was just the beginning as the night sky brightened up with the fireworks so did the festival as more and more people just continued to pour in. At 9:00 pm a Movie called "Hera Pheri" was shown only to entertain the crowd even more than before.

The event was not only attended by the Biztekians along with their families and friends but also attracted many outsiders. Prominent citizens were also seen enjoying the Spring Festival. The festival continued till midnight. It was indeed a huge event which was very well organised and enjoyed by all.

STUDENTS' WEEK

Binish Nida Afaque and Qudsia Tabbasum Pervez

At Biztek students get a healthy academic environment. The Institute remains at the forefront in providing opportunities for healthy extracurricular activities to the students in addition to academics. Such activities help unleash the talent of Biztekians in different walks of life.

In the series of such activities, Biztek celebrated its STUDENTS' WEEK from 16th to 21st of April. The Students' Week activities were organized to add some flavor of freshness and excitement in the air and to relax the students who were exhausted after the tiring week of midterm examinations.

Students' Week activities at Biztek included different sports competitions, Mr. and Ms. Biztekian contest, Antakshiri, Drama Theatre and many other exciting programs. The aim of organizing this event was to provide students a platform where they can show their talent, improve their interpersonal skills and gain recognition by participating in different extracurricular activities. Hopefully this will become a regular yearly feature for Biztek.

SPORTS EVENTS

Snooker Tournament

The first event of Students' Week was a snooker tournament held on April 16, 2007. Students of Management Sciences and Computer Sciences and IT participated. Biztek Management especially the Registrar Dr. Riaz Ahmed Sheikh along with the sports officer, Mr. Shabih-ur-Rehman made great efforts to organize this playful event. Rules of the game were explained by Deputy Registrar Mr. Mujtaba Passawala who is himself a great sportsman and has remarkable achievements during his students life.

A total of 20 students from both the faculties participated. The first semifinal was played between Imran Aftab and Imran Ramzan while the second one was played between Mohammad Junaid and Umair Asad.

The winner of semifinals Imran Ramzan and Mohammad Junaid played the final in which Imran Ramzan won the title.

Badminton Tournament

The Badminton Tournament was held on 17th April, 2007. Once again the students of Faculty of Management Sciences and that of Computer Science and IT were face to face in competition. A total of 24 students took part in this tournament. Men singles and women singles were held on a knockout basis. All the matches were interesting and worth watching.

In men's single the first semifinal was played between Imran Aftab and Shah Jamal Hashmi, the second was played between Shahab uddin and Fahad ullah Shah. The final was held between Fahad ullah Shah & Shah Jamal Hashmi in which Fahad ullah Shah won the final.



In the women's singles, the semi finals were played between Shafaq Mahmood and Arjumand Sajjad and the second semi final was played between Saadia Sajjad and Bakhtawar. The final was between Saadia Sajjad and Shafaq Mahmood. Shafaq Mahmood won the final.

Table Tennis Tournament

On the third day of the Students Week i.e., the 18th of April it was the turn of Table Tennis Tournament. A total of 22 students from the Faculty of Management Sciences and Faculty of Computer Science and IT

actively participated in this event. In this tournament, Biztek witnessed enthusiasm and spirit of its students not only in academics but in sports as well.

We came to see a series of lively and breathtaking matches including the final. The 3 pool semi finals were played among Furqan Farooq, Umair Wadivalla, Imran Aftab, Hammad Saif, Abbas Merchant and Imran Ramzan. On the basis of points. Furqan Farooq and Abbas Merchant qualified for the final in which Furqan Farooq won the tournament.

CULTURAL EVENTS

Antakshari

In the second half of day fourth of Students' Week, Thursday 19th of April, an Antakshari competition was held among Biztekians. There were two teams selected after the audition that was held on 17th of April. Teams were named as Yellow Band and Orange Band. Yellow Band was represented by Faiqa Iqbal, Syed Salman Ali, Hasnain Qazi, and M. Fahim Ahmed whereas Orange Band was represented by Naveera Farooqui, Nabeel, Almas and Zohaib. Umair Muddasser was the moderator of the competition. For those who do not know what Antakshari is, it is like 'Musical Bait Bazee'. This is a musical game where the first person starts the game by singing a song. The letter with which the song ends is passed on to the next contestant. The next person has to sing a song starting with the same letter as the last song ended with. The first round was the standard Antakshari round. There were three rounds in total on the basis of which the participants were given points. In the first round they had to identify the song with its tune, The second round was buzzer round and in the third round they had to identify the song with the help of a picture. Over all it was a very enjoyable event and the students appreciated it a lot. The Yellow Band won the competition. The objective of Antakshari was to create a fun full environment in the university. The Chief Guest of this lively event was Dr. Riaz Ahmed Shaikh, the man liked by all.



Mr. and Ms. Biztek Contest

In the second half of day fifth of Students' Week, Friday 20th of April a contest was held among



Biztekians for the title of Mr. Biztek and Ms Biztek. The participants were Rehan, Syed Salman Ali, Faiqa Iqbal, Shereena, Ahad Iqbal, Humayun, Nabeel, Danish, Almas, Hasnain Qazi, Hammad, Anbreen Razzaq, Azeem Sethi and Yaqoob. Panel of Judges consisted of Ms. Nida, Mr. Adnan Alam, Wing Com (R) Khalid Mahmood and Dr. Mansoor-ul-Zafar Dawood, Dean Faculty of Computer Science and IT. .

Faiqa Iqbal & Syed Salman Ali were garlanded as Ms. Biztek and Mr. Biztek

Drama Theatre

On Saturday 21st April, Drama Theatre was organized. This was the last event of the Students' Week. The event took place at Biztek Auditorium. It was attended and enjoyed by all including our Registrar, Faculty and staff members.

The entire event was hosted by Qudsia Pervez who managed to keep the crowd entertained till the actors and actresses were ready.

First there was a small drama called "An evening with a stranger," written by Syed Salman Ali. It was an emotional drama that explained how love at first sight does not always lead to the union of the involved couple. The drama focuses on two individuals, Zain (Played by Syed Salman Ali) and Naina (Played by Faiqa). Naina is a girl who comes to a park everyday and Zain who jogs in the same park develops a liking for her. One day he gathers the courage to speak to her and after initial small talk he finally asks her if there is anything as love at first sight. She does not respond and tells him that if he wants the answer he will have to wait. He does wait and for 20 years, he continues to come to the park, never to see Naina again, because she is no more in this world. But his love for Naina does not die and he hopes that she would come one day . . .

Next there was a tribute to Nusrat Fateh Ali Khan in which 3 songs were played back to back to an



incredibly embzzled audience. The audience seemed to enjoy it a lot and some of them had actually even started to dance and sing along.

The Urdu talk show was more enjoyed by the students. It was written and hosted by Syed Salman Ali. The show was less of a talk show and more of a parody of modern day characters. The characters involved were Yeda Anna, a famous gangster from India (played by Umair Mudassir), Chaudhry Sahib, a local politician (played by Fahim), Shairay Magrib, a modern day poet who is a cheap flirt, Shazada Saleem (played by Hasnain) and of course where there is Saleem, there has to be Anarkali (played by Faiqa). All of them were given with the perfect getup and molded well in to their respective roles by taking care of selection of their wardrobe and other accessories required for the particular role as Shahzada Saleem's sword and terrorist Yeda Anna's gun making them absolute in their roles. Each of these characters were very convincing as they were well rehearsed and the costumes were in accordance



with the parody. Now just imagine a talk show where there are 5 unique characters and all are frightfully funny. Yeda Anna was very impatient and would take out his gun every now and then, Saleem was very protective of Anarkali as Shairay Magrib was continuously and shamelessly flirting with her, while Chaudhry Sahib too was speaking in a typical politician style. Finally Yeda Anna decided to kill everyone, Anarkali ran away with Shairay Magrib leaving Saleem vengeful and dejected. And that was the end of the show.

. The event was a delightful retreat after the hectic Midterm and was thoroughly enjoyed by the crowd. Both the scripts were well written and well played and therefore enjoyed by the audience.

Thus The Students' Week 2007 passed on to a vivid remembrance to all those who loved to participate and witness the participation.



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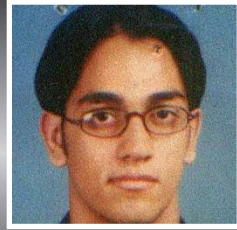
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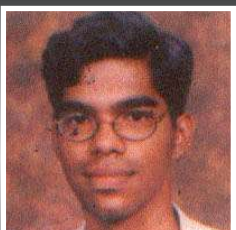
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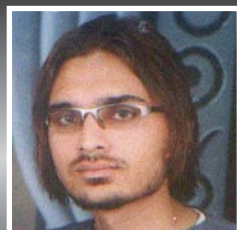
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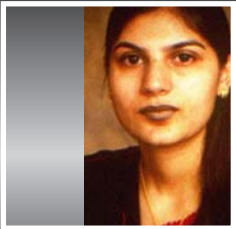
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