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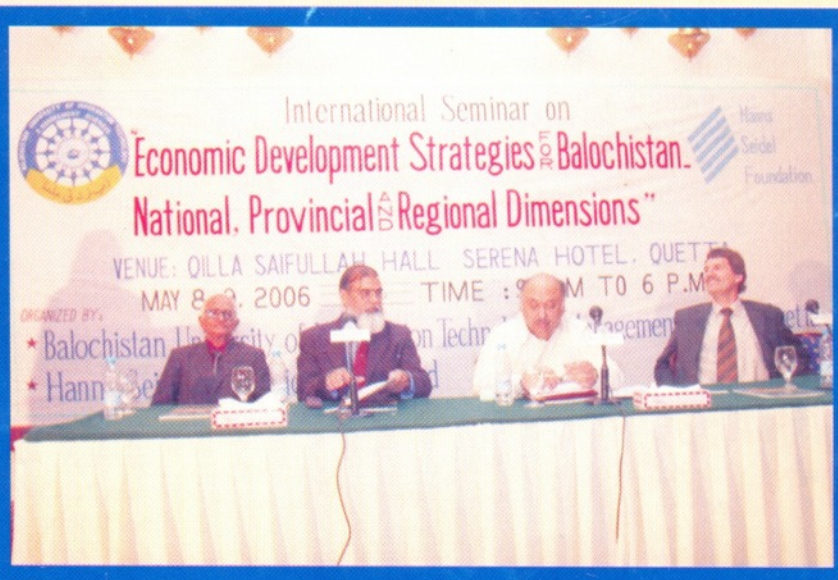
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Editorial

The greatest development observed world wide during the recent years is the flow of knowledge across the globe. Media and the internet are playing a vital role in eradicating geographical barriers existing amongst the countries in respect of information and culture. With a click of the mouse you can benefit from the immense treasures in any field of information. Developments of any nature in one part of the world are immediately spread across the continents in no time. This information boom has put new responsibility and new pressures on all those who are in anyway associated with education in general and with higher education, in particular. We are now in a position to survey advancements taking place in any part of the world and can pick up chunks of information compatible to our needs and situation.

BUTMS has already established links with a handful of renowned and reputed universities in the United States of America and the United Kingdom for facilitating faculty and students exchange programs. Dr. Abbas Choudhary, our dynamic Vice Chancellor was in Thailand, probing the possibilities of academic cooperation and collaboration with South East Asian universities. He vigorously projected the image of the Balochistan University of Information Technology & Management Sciences as a rapidly growing centre of quality education and research in the region, and managed to create curiosity among the Thai scholars and scientists about our university. A delegation headed by Dr. Muhammad Abbas Choudhary is heading to the far away continent of Australia in order to build up friendly bonds of academic studies and research with the Australian universities. Australia has made its mark not only in sports but in almost all other fields of life, as well.

Australian scholars and scientists have made tremendous contributions in almost all the spheres of knowledge. Their achievements in Science and Technology and Engineering are stupendous. Linkages for cooperation between Australia Universities are likely to boost the educational work at BUTMS. Let's hope that this institution continues its rapid march towards excellence.

International Seminar on “Economic Development Strategies for Balochistan: National, Provincial and Regional Dimensions”

Report by: Ahmad Shah Durrani,
RA, International Relations, BUITMS.

Balochistan University of Information Technology & Management Sciences (BUI-TMS) in collaboration with the Hanns Seidel Foundation (HSF) Islamabad, played an important role in organizing a two-day international seminar on “Economic Development Strategies for Balochistan: National, Provincial and Regional Dimensions” on May 8 – 9, 2006. The seminar attracted various scholars and experts from different parts of the country as well as from abroad including China, Germany, Russia and Oman.



A Section of the audience at the inaugural session

The inaugural session of the two-day international seminar was held on the colourful morning of May 8, 2006. A large number of people belonging to the various fields of life along with the faculty members and students from BUITMS added colour to the seminar for two full days through their regular attendance.



A Section of the main participants

The inaugural session was presided over by Jam Muhammad Yusouf, Chief Minister of Balochistan. In his keynote address, he categorically stated that the province is geared up to play an important role in the economic development of the country.



VC, BUITMS welcoming the CM

The importance of the province has grown manifold as a result of the mega projects and other development schemes those completed or in progress.

The Chief Minister maintained that Balochistan enjoys an important status in the region owing to its unique geo-strategic location, long coastal belt, vast area, minerals and other natural resources, with which it is richly blessed. Due to these specific reasons, Balochistan can serve as the trade gateway and become the hub of the industrial activities of the country. The Chief Minister appreciated and congratulated the organizers on successful holding of the international seminar in Quetta.

Earlier, the Vice Chancellor BUITMS, Dr. Muhammad Abbas Chaudhary, delivered inaugural speech. He highlighted the objectives behind holding of the two-day international seminar in Quetta. He also spoke at length about the importance of the need of evolving strategies for economic development of the province. He also put forth certain suggestions to ensure economic development. Highlighting the significance of the mega projects in economic development, he said that besides Gwadar port, Pakistan should have built more such ports along coastline of Balochistan.

Dean Faculty of Management and Social Sciences, BUITMS, Prof. Shameem Akhtar, presented the welcome address while the Resident representative of



Hanns Seidel Foundation (HSF) Islamabad, Dr. Andreas Rieck made welcome remarks.

After opening the seminar, different sessions were held regarding various aspects of economic development strategies for Balochistan.

The first session was held on the topic “Balochistan and the Challenge of Economic Development” while the second session was held on the topic “The Gwadar Project: Its Potential for Pakistan, the Region and its Impact on Balochistan”. Both the sessions were chaired by Prof. Shameem Akhtar, Dean Faculty of Management and Social Sciences, BUITMS.



Jam Mir Yousuf Addressing the Audience

Dr. Musarrat Jabeen, Associate Professor, Department of International Relations, University of Balochistan (UOB) Quetta, spoke at length over “The Legacy of Poverty, Marginalization and Under Development in Balochistan – Historical, Political and Social Factors”. She narrated the story of marginalization of Balochistan in excess by burgeoning regional and international economic interests. She further said that the economic development can not be cherished without a match with the socio-political capital of relevant area.

Mr. Arif Ali, Senior Journalist, ATV, Former Editor and General Manager, Times of Oman, Muscat and Bureau Chief, Khaleej Times and Gulf News, talked on “Gwadar as a Future Transit Terminal for Western China, Afghanistan and the Central Asian Republics: Its Perspectives as Compared with Karachi, Chah Bahar and Bandar Abbas”. He was of the view that the presence of geo-political turbulence in the Middle East and bottlenecks of capacity in case of domestic ports will provide opportunity for Gwadar port to attract a sizable share of the market and hence establish itself as a hub of commercial activities.



CM, Balochistan with the organizers

Later, Dr. Nasser Ali Khan, Director, Institute of management Sciences (IMS) Peshawar spoke on the “Strategic Importance of Gwadar for Pakistan and Allied Countries”. He said that Gwadar needs international acceptance as a viable alternative. He added that the recent Qatari government decision to invest \$80 million and the UAE based conglomerate of Dubai World proposed bid for the management and operations of the port are encouraging signs there that should not be overlooked. The presentations were followed by question and answer sessions.

The third session was held on the “Mineral Resources and Gas Pipeline which was chaired by Dr. Syed Abid Hussein, Dean, Faculty of Engineering & Applied Sciences, BUITMS.

Dr. Abdul Wahid, Manager Exploration, Pakistan Petroleum Limited (PPL), Karachi, spoke at length over “Sui and other Natural Gas Reserves in Balochistan: Their Importance for the National Economy and the Issue of Royalties”. He said that the gas reserves discovered in Sui (12.625 trillion cubic feet) are the largest gas reserves in Pakistan which paved the way forward for fast industrialization and greater economic development in the country. He also said that Sui area gives 26% of the total production of the country.

Dr. Ishaque Ghaznavi, Director Research and Coordination, BUITMS, talked on the “Mining of Copper Ore and other Minerals in Balochistan: Prospects for the Development of a Large Economic Potential”. He said that the annual production of Saindak Project includes Blister Copper 15810 tons, Gold 1.47 tons and Silver 2.76 tons which is going to create 1300 direct and over 11000 indirect jobs. He added that the total estimated iron ore reserves in Balochistan are about 273 million tons.

Later on, Prof. Shameem Akhtar, Dean, Faculty of Management and Social Sciences, BUITMS, spoke on the topic “Transnational Gas-Pipeline Projects and their Significance for Balochistan: Iran-Pakistan-India;



Prof. Shameem Akhtar addressing the audience

Qatar-Pakistan-India; Turkmenistan-Afghanistan-Pakistan". He said that the 7.2 billion IPI gas pipeline, 2670 km long, would run 1115 km in Iran, 705 km in Pakistan and 850 km in India. The negotiations on the project began 1994. Now that both India and Pakistan have been negotiating with Iran about pricing, structure, routing, transit fee, etc. US has warned both to refrain from concluding the deal with Iran and instead import gas from Turkmenistan or Qatar. He further said that both these projects will not be cost effective for India and Pakistan. In that case Pakistan and India could accept the offer of Russian giant Gas firm which is inclined to participate in the installation of the IPI project.

The presentations were followed by question answer session. The fourth session was held on "Agriculture and Irrigation" which was chaired by Munir Ahmad Badini, Chairman, Provincial Inspection Team Balochistan, Ex-Secretary Fisheries and Coastal Development Department, Govt. of Balochistan.

Dr. Faqir Muhammad, Provincial Coordinator for conducting Baseline Survey on Livestock, talked on the "Animal Husbandry and Agriculture in Balochistan – Its Potential, Strains and Ecological Limitations". He said that livestock has been contributing more than 40% (Rs.20 billion) towards agriculture's share in the provincial economy.

Dr. Abdul Hameed Bajoi, Senior Research Officer, BUITMS, Former Director, Department of Agriculture, Govt. of Balochistan, spoke on the topic "Fishing and New Horticultural Projects on the Mekran Coast – A Promising Untapped Potential". He told the audience that irrigation water is the limiting factor due to which only 3.5% of the total area is cultivated through perennial sources.

Later on Imran Hameed Durrani, Planning and Project Director, BUITMS, talked on "The Challenge of Water Scarcity and New Dams and Irrigation Projects". He said that the challenges of water scarcity have been finding solutions on how to minimize the ground water mining problems, manage the available limited resources of surface water and how to develop and implement the effective water monitoring systems. The presentations were followed by question answer session. The fifth session was held on the "Factors Impacting Development in Balochistan (I)" which was chaired by Prof. Dr. Shahida Jafferi, Vice Chancellor, Sardar Bahadur Khan (SBK) Women University, Quetta.

Dr. Fazal Ahmad, Director Danishgah, Former Project Management Specialist, USAID Quetta, spoke on the topic "Balochistan Educational Institutions and Manpower Resources and their Development". He elaborated the current condition of education and teachers working in the province.



Delegation from China at the seminar

Nahida Safdar, Gender Development Researcher, Quetta, talked on "Gender Development Strategies for Balochistan". She discussed the women status in various development fields of the province.

Mr. Dostain Khan Jamalini, PhD. Scholar, Faculty of Management Sciences, BUITMS, spoke on the topic "Impact of Business Environment on Entrepreneurial Development: A Study of Entrepreneurship in Balochistan". He said that entrepreneurial orientation is shaped by the environmental factors and this is true in an emerging transition economy. Thus the interrelationship exists between business environmental forces and the entrepreneurial development of micro entrepreneurs.

Syed Fasih Iqbal, Chief Editor, Daily Balochistan Times and Zamana, and Ex-Senator, talked "The Factors Impacting Development in Balochistan". He spoke on the historical background of the province and its geo-strategic importance in the region. He was of the view that consensus is necessary to settle the things involving the people in the mainstream development process.

The presentation was followed by the question answer session.

The sixth session was held on the "Factors Impacting Development in Balochistan (II)" which was chaired by



Mr. Sikandar Jamali, Former Chief Secretary, Government of Balochistan. Senator Raza Muhammad Raza, from Pashtoon Khwa Mili Awami Party (PKMAP), talked on the "Imperatives of Security for Successful Development Politics."

He was of the view that the on going mega projects in Balochistan are plan of occupation instead of development. He said that the rulers want to convert the majority of Baloch population into minority by launching Gwader Deep Sea Port demanding that the affairs of Port be given under the jurisdiction of provincial government. He said that instead of recommendations of Parliamentary Committee, currently government was spending Rs.9.5 billion to convert the following levies force into police.

Senator Jan Muhammad Jamali, Deputy Chairman Senate, talked on the "Stability and Development in Balochistan Which Way Forward?" He said that the future of Pakistan depends on the development of Balochistan, therefore, constant efforts should be made to implement the recommendations of the Parliamentary Committee and two sub committees Political and Constitutional. Apart from launching mega projects in the province, he said that present government has established Women, Marine and Information Technology universities in the period of four years.

The house was then open for the question answer session.

The Seventh Session was held on the "Mega Projects in Balochistan: Overall Perspective" which was chaired by Dr. Azmat Hayat Khan, Director, Area Study Center for Russia, China and Central Asia, University of Peshawar.

Mr. Martin Axmann, PhD Scholar, University of Freiberg, Germany, spoke on the topic "Mega Projects and Socio-Economic Development in Gwadar, Makran." He said that the Mega Projects, especially Gwadar Deep Sea Port would play an impressive role in the socio-economic development process of the province.



Dr. Shahida Wizarat, Director, Applied Economic Research Center, University of Karachi, talked on "A Sustainable Development Strategy for Balochistan". She said that fruit processing; fisheries and mineral based industries should initially be established based on the

comparative advantage of the region. These industries will therefore, get a big boost with the Gwadar Deep Sea Port, Makran Coastal Highway, development of link roads, water and power development projects.

Later on, Mr. Ahmad Shah Durrani, Research Associate, Department of International Relations, BUITMS, spoke on the topic "The Strategic Significance of Mega Projects of Balochistan for Southwest Asian Region." He said that mega projects of Balochistan in general, and Gwadar Deep Sea Port in particular, will promote huge transit to a large number of the regional countries of Southwest Asia along with the Middle East, South East Asia and SAARC.

The eighth (last) session of the two-day international seminar was held on the "Development Potential of Balochistan: Some International Perspectives" which was chaired by Brig (Retd.) Abdul Rahim Durrani, Former Governor of Balochistan.

Mr. Hu Shisheng, Associate Professor, Division for South Asia Studies, China Institute of Contemporary International Relations, Beijing, talked on the "Perspective from China about Development Potential of Balochistan."

He was of the view that in the coming years, China's strong demand of the mineral resources and their processed products would further enhance the economic relations between the two countries, which would enable Pak-China relations healthier and more balanced.

Mr. Essa bin Muhammad Al-Zedjali, Editor-in-Chief, Times of Oman, Muscat, spoke on the "Perspective from Oman on Development Potential of Balochistan." He said than Oman and Arab countries wanted to invest in the province of Balochistan and certain sectors should be explored for the purpose. He also said that we need more interaction when talking about investment in different sectors in the province.



Dr. Natalia Zamaraeva, Senior Researcher, Institute of Oriental Studies, Russian Academy of Sciences, Moscow, talked on the "Perspective from Russia in Economic Development of Balochistan." She said that some large Russian industrial companies have asked

her to convey to the esteemed participants of the conference their proposals for cooperation in various spheres of economic development, such as; Supply of Agricultural equipment to Balochistan, tractors specifically, Machine building products, Road construction equipment, and such like. She also

wished to see people from Balochistan in Moscow as a boost to the bilateral relations.

Prof. Rong Ying, Associate Research Fellow and Director of International Politics, China Institute of International Studies, Beijing, spoke on the topic "Furthering the China-Pakistan Economic Cooperation of Mutual Benefit for Common Development."

He believed that Pakistan can serve as a base for Chinese companies to manufacture and assemble and export to the Middle East and Africa and beyond. He said that investment of Chinese companies in Pakistan is the go-out strategy China pursues for its development. The main components of the strategy adopted back in China include the development of infrastructure, enticement of foreign investment, increased efforts on ecological protection, promotion of education and retention of talent flowing to richer provinces.

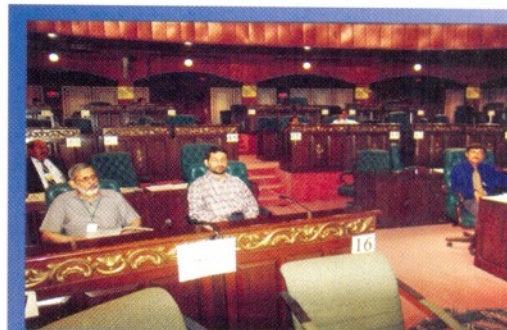
The President of the session Brig. (Retd.) Abdul Rahim Durrani said that Balochistan has immense potential of investment in different sectors including mining and minerals, oil and gas and coastal ones. What is needed is to explore and exploit these resources for the benefit of the province and its people in a big way.

The presentations were followed by question answer session.

At the end, the President of the last session distributed shields among the research scholars who presented their papers in the two-day International Seminar.

Finally, Professor Shameem Akhtar, Dean Faculty of Management and Social Sciences, made the

different universities of Pakistan participated in the workshop. The introductory speech and welcome address was made by Muhammad Kamran Naqi Khan, Prof and Director Hamdard Institute of Management Sciences Islamabad. He emphasized the importance of research in management studies. The resource persons were Dr. FARZAD and Prof Dr. JAVED GHANI, Dean, School of Business Administration LUMS.



BUITMS Delegation at the conference

In the preliminary session the keynote lecture was delivered by Dr. Javed Ghani on the basic methodologies of research in the local context. He told the participants about the basic tips of how to conduct research. The second session was conducted by Dr. Farzad on research philosophy. He differentiated the concepts into two parts i.e. the critical view and the positive (improvement) view of the problem. He divided research design into two parts i.e. qualitative and quantitative design. In the final session Dr. Javed Ghani again shared his extensive research work and guided the participants about research methodology and publishing issues. Finally the participants were awarded certificates.

PRECONFERENCE WORK-SHOP & CONFERENCE

Report by: Mr. Abdul Raziq &
Mr. Irfan Siddique

Balochistan University Of Information Technology & Management Sciences Quetta sent Prof. Barkat Ali, Mr. Irfan Siddique and Mr. Abdul Raziq to attend a 2-day (5th – 6th May 2006) conference on "Management Education and Practice, The Challenge of Relevance" arranged by the Faculty of Management Sciences, International Islamic University Islamabad and also a Pre- Conference Workshop on 4th May, 2006, in collaboration with Muhammad Ali Jinnah University & Hamdard University.

Pre-Conference Work Shop

The pre-conference work-shop was held at Hamdard University on current status and prospects of research in management on May 4, 2006. Delegates from

The Conference

The conference was held from May 5 to May 6, 2006. The delegates who participated in the conference were from different part of the country, as well as, from India. Every province of Pakistan got its due representation.

The principal organizing secretary of the conference was Dean, Faculty of Management Sciences, International Islamic university Islamabad Prof Dr. Ijaz Shafi Gilani.

The inaugural ceremony was held in the Convention Center on May 5, 2006. Dr. Salman Shah was the chief guest. The ceremony officially started with the recitation of Holy Quran. Later in his inaugural speech the Dean Faculty of Management Sciences Prof. Dr. Ijaz Shafi Gilani welcomed the respectable delegates. The daily proceedings of the conference were as follows:



Day 1

Formal Session: the session was chaired by Dr. Abbas Choudry, Vice Chancellor BUITMS Quetta. The Preliminary presentation was delivered by Dr. Abdur Rauf, Advisor, Dr. Rukhsana Kalim of University of Management and Technology Lahore on "Gaps in Management Education". Dr. Ahmed Kalim Assistant Professor and Miss Taseer Salhudin of COMSATS Islamabad presented a paper on "Personality traits of an ideal teacher." The third paper was presented by Muhammad Kamran Naqi Khan Professor from Hamdard Institute of Management Sciences Islamabad on "Empowerment through Social Marketing". At the end of day 1 Dr. Abbas Choudry gave his valuable comments on all the presented papers.

Day 2

Three regular sessions were held on the second day of the conference. The first session was chaired by Dr. Zahoor Hasan, Vice Chancellor LUMS. The session was followed by a speech by Professor Vijay Kapur, professor of marketing, sales, Strategic Management, University of Delhi India. His key note speech was on challenges for Management Education in today's globalizing world integrating values, ethics and performance. The second session started with the panel discussion headed by Prof. Dr. Khawaja Amjad Saeed. He emphasized on the creation of human capital by different reputable universities. A discussion started among the five panelists, from different corporate sectors giving their own views on the current scenario of management issues in Pakistan. The third session was chaired by Prof. Dr. Mushtaq Ahmed Sajid, Dean Faculty of Management Sciences University of Azad Jammu & Kashmir. The first paper was presented by Said Shah Ph.D fellow of Muhammad Ali Jinnah University Islamabad on

"Allowance for Loan Losses as a Tool of Earning Management by Commercial Banks in Pakistan, The Impacts of Profit Rates on Deposits and Markup Rates on Advance." The second paper was presented by Dr. Safdar Ali Butt, Asst. Professor, Faculty of Management Sciences, Muhammad Ali Jinnah University Islamabad on "Impact of Capital Structuring on Return on Equity in Imperfect Markets". The third paper was presented by F.M. Shaikh & Chandan Lal, Business and Administration Department, Shah Abdul Latif University, Khairpur on "Job Market Performance of Business Graduates".

The concluding ceremony was chaired by the Dean, Faculty of Management Sciences, International Islamic University Islamabad Prof Dr. Ijaz Shafi Gilani. Dr. Gilani paid tributes to all the organizers of the conference and to all the guests. He also appreciated the efforts of all the presenters in the conference. He expressed his pleasure and satisfaction over the proceedings of the conference. In the end Dr. Gilani presented shields to the presenters, chairmen and co-chairmen.

French Ambassador Visits BUITMS

Report by: Ahmad Shah Durrani
Public Relations Officer, BUITMS

"The Balochistan University of Information Technology and Management Sciences (BUI-TMS) is playing a significant role not only in Balochistan and Pakistan but also in the whole region". It was said by the French Ambassador, Regis de Belenet, while addressing the faculty members and students during his visit to the BUITMS university campus on April 25, 2006.



VC talking to the Ambassador of France

He said that his country intends to give immigration to the engineers, doctors and other professionals from Pakistan in order to overcome the shortage of such professionals in France. Referring to the agreement recently concluded between Pakistan and France regarding bilateral cooperation in the fields of science and technology, he said the agreement would further strengthen the ties between the two countries.



Dr. Abbas Chaudhary presenting BUITMS plate to the French Ambassador

Earlier speaking on the occasion, Vice Chancellor, BUITMS, Dr. Muhammad Abbas Choudhary said on the occasion that the university has also been teaching French language online courses since the former French Ambassador visited university and signed an MOU with BUITMS in February 2005. He said that BUITMS has concluded many agreements with various universities of the world in the fields of engineering, information technology and management sciences.

He said that the university is considered as one of the best professional educational institutions in the country due to tireless efforts of the faculty members. He added that BUITMS is not a national university anymore rather it is an internationally reputed university, for students from various countries such as Jordan, Iran, Afghanistan and Bangladesh are facilitated here to get modern education in various educational fields.



His Excellency Regis De Belenet

Before addressing, the French ambassador along with his wife visited various departments and classrooms of the university and appreciated the efforts of the Vice Chancellor and faculty members for promoting education. At the end of the function, Vice Chancellor, BUITMS, Dr. Muhammad Abbas Choudhary presented university shield to the French Ambassador as souvenir.

Third National Youth Convention

Report by: Haris Rehman

Conventions and such platforms encourage an approach that builds national character, integrity and pride. The youth can come forward with a sense of responsibility and zeal of participation in analyzing the issues faced by the country and thus provide a solution for them. It is important that the youth esp. students are made to think through their own vision, ardour and patriotism to keep Pakistan national interests supreme.

It is the call of time to emphasize the need for consensus through dialogue among the youth on critical issues of national importance as well as to create a sense of participation among the students in the formulation of national policies. It is in this context that the Higher Education Commission, with the basic idea coming from none other than President Pervez Musharraf, organized the first National Students' Convention in May 2004. Its success made it into an annual event as it now plays a constructive role in national dialogue and intellectual interaction. Students' Convention 2005 was the second in the series with 95 students from all over the country participating on the basis of their talent and their ability to express themselves through public speaking.



BUI-TMS team with Dr. Atta-ur-Rehman

The third National Students' Convention was held at the Convention Center Islamabad from April 20th to 22nd 2006. A total of 103 students who had been selected from provincial and regional conventions held earlier in respective provincial capitals and regional headquarters participated in the convention. Thus the best and brightest of youth gathered at the Convention Center Islamabad not only to air their views and interact with others of their age from different provinces but also with the President of Pakistan.

Najeebullah Khan, Yasir Rizwan Taqqi, Zafar Saeed, Zulfiqar Mushtaq and Haris Rehman represented BUITMS in the convention.



BUITMS delegation outside the convention centre

Themes for the Students' Convention 2006 were:

Gender Empowerment for Socio-Economic Development
Volunteerism in Natural Disasters: 'Challenges and Strategies'
Pakistan: My Identity

The Convention was divided into five sessions. The first session consisted of the inauguration of the convention. Speaker National Assembly Chaudhry Ameer Hussain was the chief guest of the inaugural session while Chairman HEC Dr. Atta-ur-Rehman and Executive Director HEC Dr. Sohail H. Naqvi accompanied him on the stage.

Chaudhry Ameer Hussain termed the convention as a historic event for the youth of the country as it provided them the highest platform to express their opinion on issues critical to the country. Prof. Dr. Atta-ur-Rehman, in his speech, said that it was important to keep curiosity alive and the reason we were lagging behind the developed nation was that we had ignored research. Now Pakistan has entered a new era, which is seeing some changes, the impact of which would be felt in the next decade. He mentioned HEC's many programs which had been initiated to enhance faculty development and capacity building. Only an educated nation could face the global challenges that face Pakistan,



Haris Rehman, speaking at the Youth convention

he concluded. The next three sessions covered the speeches and discussions of participating students on the said themes of convention. Each session lasted for about 4 hours and 30 minutes with the proceedings of each session facilitated by two moderators and a resource person. Ten participants were given 4 minutes each for presentations, followed by a discussion for 20 minutes. Subsequently, another 10 participants would speak ending up in a discussion session and so on. The forum provided the participants a chance to put across their suggestions and views on the pertinent issues of national importance. They also expressed views on what expectations they had from the Government and what contributions they could make.

The third day's only session i.e. the final session was graced with the presence of President of Pakistan, Gen Pervez Musharraf, who heard the nine best speeches and attended a lively and invigorating question answer session with the participants.

In his keynote address, the President touched upon many important issues such as Kashmir, Terrorism, Balochistan, Development and military intervention after being nudged in that direction by politically aware and vocal students. He emphasized the need for tolerance in society projecting moderation and curbing the menace of extremism and terrorism. Pakistan, he stated is an Islamic state where no law repugnant to Islam can be enacted.

Elaborating on Balochistan issue, the President asserted that writ of law and government would be maintained and that process of development in all walks of life would continue in the province. He admitted that Balochistan had been neglected in the past; however, he remarked that his government had laid more emphasis on development and progress of Balochistan than any other party of the country. He cited the example of the establishment of three public sector universities i.e. BUITMS, SBKWU and Lasbella University of Agriculture and Marine Sciences during the last four years which is no less than a revolution in the education sector of the province.

At the end, the President distributed shields and certificates among the nine selected students who made speeches on the final day. The students had a special group photo with the President, special because it was taken by the very single camera present in Convention Center Islamabad for nobody except the official photographer was allowed to bring any electronic gadget in the Convention Center for security reasons. It was special also because the photograph taken by the very single camera has not yet reached any of the participants.

Flower Exhibition & Poster Competition

Report by: Muhammad Saqib Mughal

The importance of flowers in human life moved us to hold a flower exhibition. The exhibition was presented by 'Dramatic Club' on 4th of May 2006, at Takatu Campus. All the students of the City and Takatu Campuses were very excited to participate in this colorful competition. Students presented different types of flowers with different traditional touch. This exhibition started from 11:00 am till 03:00 pm.



Prize-Winning flowers arrangement

Another competition was also held on 4th of May which is Poster competition, also represented by 'Dramatics Club'. Students of both Campuses also took part in this competition with great enthusiasm. The participants were giving the following topics to draw sketches:

1. Impact of technology
2. Rang De Basanti.



A new cabinet of Dramatic Club

Students drew very exciting sketches and paintings related to the given topic with different looks, aspects, and designs. Judges were also invited; it was they who announced the result of Poster exhibition and Flower exhibition. The judges were:

Mr. Muhammad Zeeshan Khan, Mr. Sir Buland Khan, Miss Ayesha Chaudry and Miss Nadia Ali Shah, on the other hand Miss Romana Aziz, Mr. Faisal Ameer, Mr. Syed Afraz Ali, and Mr. Muhammad Jehanzaib.



Dr. Bukhari Awarding prize to Ms. Hira Hameed

They all did a great job. Dean, Computer and Emerging Sciences Dr. Muhammad Nawaz, Chairman Department of Electronics and telecommunication Prof S. H. Bukhari were the guests of honors. According to the jury decision the following students were awarded with prizes.

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| 1st Attiya | BS (BA) 3rdB |
| 2nd Sadaf | BS (BA) 6th |
| 3rd Uzma Majeed | BS (Bio) 2nd |

From Poster competition Lucky winners were:

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| 1st. Hira Hameed | BS (BA) 6thC |
| 2nd Izzat Ullah | BS (CE) 4th |

A live Poster Competition winner was:
Hira Bashir BS (CS) 8th.

All Balochistan Inter University Sports Gala 2006

Report by: Masood A. Khan

The second sports Gala, under the aegis of the Higher Education Commission was held this time at the University of Balochistan. All the six universities in the province were expected to participate, but unfortunately the Balochistan University of Agriculture and Marine Sciences, Las-Bela could not, somehow, decide to attend. The Sports Gala 2006, was formally inaugurated by the Vice Chancellor, University of Balochistan, Mr. Ghulam Muhammad Taj on May 22, 2006.



Ms. Bisma Ashraf leading the BUITMS squad

BUITMS had the distinction of participating in all the events, allocated to our province. It was really an impressive spectacle to see BUITMS players (both boys & girls) marching in their sports garments wearing the University flag.

Mrs. Robina Ansar, Director Sports & Physical Health, who is responsible for grooming our youth into successful sports men and sports women was joined by the sports officer, Mr. Masood Khan in preparing the teams which took part in Football, Badminton (male & female), Table tennis (male & female), Tug of War (male & female) and Athletics. BUITMS men's' Badminton team and girls' Table Tennis team clinched victories in the final and managed to get the winner trophies; while in the remaining events, our teams reached the final in all events and got Runners up Trophies in Football, Badminton (female), Men's' Table Tennis, Tug of War (men & women events) and Athletics. It was a creditable achievement to win either the Winners or the Runners up Trophies in all the events in which our teams participated and the credit for the success goes mainly to, our Sports Director, Mrs. Robina Ansar who is always found to be moving briskly, giving tips and words of advice to the sports men and sports women.



Mrs. Robina Ansar receiving shield from Vice Chancellor U.O.B

The sports Gala was formally declared open by Mr. Ghulam Muhammad Taj, Vice Chancellor-University of Balochistan. He appreciated the sportsman spirit of the participating teams and hoped that the Gala would result in bringing the students from various universities closer to each other and create good will among them. He thanked HEC for the moral and monetary support in holding the Gala and advised the participants to demonstrate utmost unity and discipline during the three day contest. Mr. Talat Khurshid, Director General (sports), HEC also thanked the organizers and managers of the participating teams for making possible the holding of the sports Gala.

It may be kept in mind, that the Mid Semester Exams were going on at the Balochistan University of Information Technology & Management Sciences, and some of our best players were unable to

participate in the sports Gala, otherwise our teams must have clinched more trophies.

Football

BUITMS Football Team, coached by Mr. Naseebullah started the contest by playing against the team from the University of Engineering & Technology, Khuzdar, on the University of Balochistan Football grounds. It was a feast to watch the BUITMS team making repeated attacks on the opponents' goal post and Mr. Shujaat particularly impressed the spectators with his deft ball control and body dodges. BUITMS qualified for the finals registering a 2-1 victory against UET, Khuzdar. The University of Balochistan was given a walk over, when Iqra University team failed to turn up.

The final match between BUITMS and UoB was a well contested match as both the teams made repeated inroads in the opponents' defense. However, BUITMS conceded a 2-1 victory to UoB when the final whistle was blown. Mr. Shujaat from BUITMS was declared to be the best Football player of the tournament.



Mr. Shujaat receiving the Best Footballer Trophy

Badminton (men's)

In Men's Badminton event, our team was once again pitched against UET, Khuzdar team. Mr. Sabir Kasi was the coach of BUITMS Badminton (men's) team and the contest was held at the Magsi Hall of Ayub Stadium.



Speaker Balochistan Assembly awarding the Champions Trophy to BUITMS Captain

Our team won the event by three matches to nil against the UET, Khuzdar team and reached the final to meet the men's Badminton team from the University of Balochistan. All the five matches in men's Badminton were very closely contested, but the BUITMS under the able guidance of Mrs. Robina Ansar beat their arch rivals by 3 matches to 2. Mr. Mudasir Altaf from BUITMS was declared to be the best player.

Badminton (women's)

Teams from the University of Balochistan, Iqra University, Balochistan University of Information Technology & Management Sciences and Sardar Bahadur Khan Women University participated in the ladies Badminton tournament. BUITMS sports women thrashed the SBK Women University team 3-0 and succeeded in making the finals, where again they were pitched against the University of Balochistan team. The final was sensitively balanced till the last game and both the team had two victories apiece. University of Balochistan managed to win the Badminton (women's) event by 3-2 and the BUITMS women's team had to be content with the Runners up Trophy. Ms. Shazia was the team manager for the event.

Table Tennis

The Table Tennis matches for the men and women were held at the University of Balochistan Hall. Mr. Sohaib Majeed was the team manager of the BUITMS (men's) team. Our team got a walk over from the Iqra University and qualified the Runner up Trophy in the final against UoB.

The women Table Tennis players from BUITMS proved too much for their opponents during the matches played at the Hall of the University of Balochistan. Ms. Bisma Ashraf led her team to the victory stand and lifted the Winner's Trophy.



Bisma Ashraf receiving the Winner's Trophy

Tug of War

The Tug of War events in the Men's and Women's categories provided great fun to the spectators. Our teams were declared to be the Runners up in both the events. The Men's team from the BUITMS was managed by Mr. Ansar



Mr. Saqib receiving the Runners up Trophy

while the Women's team was managed by Mrs. Sara Waseem.



Ms. Salomaz receiving the Runners up Trophy

Mr. Masood Khan was the manager of the Athletic team. Our Athletes won the following positions in their respective events.

100 meters (finals) Syed Fariduddin (Silver Medal)
200 meters (finals) Syed Fariduddin (Silver Medal)
800 meters (finals) Mr. Mudasir (Bronze Medal)
Our 100X4 meters relay team comprising Fariduddin, Usman, Asghar and Mudasir managed to win the Silver Medal.

In the Field events, Saqib won the Silver Medal in Shot Put, Zulfiqar Khetran (Discus Throw), Marjan Khan (Javelin Throw) got Silver Medals while the Long Jump our athlete Syed Fariduddin and Usman got the first & second positions respectively.



Mr. Masood Khan receiving U.O.B Shield