CHINESE AMBASSADOR OPENS RESEARCH CENTER AT KOHAT UNIVERSITY

His excellency, The Ambassador of People's Republic of China to Islamic Republic of Pakistan, Yao Jing, along with Minister of State for Interior Shaharyar Khan Afridi inaugurated the Centre for Research at the Kohat University of Science and Technology (KUST). The Chinese ambassador Yao Jing highlighted the importance of ongoing projects between Pakistan and China. He said that such projects will strengthen our relations.

Mr. Shaheryar Afridi appreciated the matchless sacrifices of Pakistan and its security forces in the war against terror. He said that Pakistan wants peace and prosperity and such projects can help us achieve this. He also invited other foreign investors to Pakistan and assured his full support. Mr. Shaharyar Afridi further said that tribal areas have suffered a lot and their merger with Khyber Pakhtunkhwa will be good for bringing peace and prosperity in Pakistan. He hoped that economic projects will pave the way for economic stability in the region. He said, "We have opened our doors for all those seeking investment and coming for tourism to Pakistan". He said visa policy has been relaxed to promote tourism. He said that other such investment-friendly programs will be launched in the near future.

FIRST ALUMNI GATHERING OF KUST

University is a place where young minds are encouraged to develop new concepts and ways of thinking. The intellectual development that takes place on campus is an experience for which many alumni have a great appreciation. They want to maintain access to their alma mater intellectual riches after graduation. The alumni engagement are opportunities for alumni to stay connected with their alma mater and with one another.

Alumni are the most loyal supporters of an institution. They are role model for the present-day students and can support them in their career. This is an important
measure of an institution’s advancement activities for many reasons. So, keeping in view the need for such gatherings, Kohat University arranged its first ever alumni gathering in February 2019. A large number of alumni participated in this gathering and shared their views.

Dr Jamil Ahmed, Vice Chancellor of Kohat University of Science and Technology (KUST) was the chief guest. The honorable vice chancellor addressed the gathering and invited them to play their role in uplifting of their alma mater. The gathering ended with lunch and music entertainment.

KUST SIGNS MOU WITH HUAWEI TECHNOLOGIES PAKISTAN PVT. LTD.

Kohat University of Science and Technology (KUST) signed Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Pakistan Stock Exchange Limited (formerly Karachi Stock Exchange Limited).

Dr Jamil Ahmed, Vice Chancellor of Kohat University of Science and Technology (KUST), and Mr. Muhammad Saqib, Officer Operations-Islamabad on behalf of Mr. Richard Morin, Managing Director Pakistan Stock Exchange Limited, signed the agreement in KUST. Besides Dr Jamil and Mr. Muhammad Saqib, KUST officials and representatives from Spinzer Equities also attended the MoU signing ceremony. The sole purpose of the memorandum was to support each other to explore and achieve possibilities in relation to the development of Capital Market through Investor Education.

According to this memorandum, PSX shall organize and facilitate awareness sessions for students of KUST related to Capital Markets and their role in the economic development, providing stock market & company specific-data for academic research purpose to research, whereas, KUST will arrange two visits to PSX with at least 100 students in a given year, arrange seminars and start a short course on Capital Markets.

After the MoU signing ceremony, an awareness session was conducted for the faculty and students. Mr. Muhammad Saqib, Officer Operations-Islamabad gave a presentation about PSX. CEO Spinzer Equities Mr. Liaquat Ali Khan briefed audience about the stock market and answered their questions. At the end of the seminar, Professor Dr. Tasleem Hussain (Pro- Vice Chancellor KUST) presented KUST souvenirs to the guests and thanked them for their visit.

The sole purpose of the agreement was to promote studies of advanced technologies through research and development. Both parties agreed to set up and provide a platform for technical collaborations. ICT Skills will be beneficial for the students in the present era of technology. Hands-on training program by Non-Profit HAINA trainers will be an added advantage to the students. The importance of equipping the students with the skills in this fast-changing world cannot be ignored. The students will be awarded Huawei certificate which will be of immense importance for students’ practical life and career.
ORIC KUST JOINTLY ORGANIZES WORKSHOP YOUTH CAPACITY BUILDING WITH CSSR

Youth Capacity Building Workshop was jointly organized by the Centre for Research and Security (CSSR) and the Directorate of ORIC, Kohat University of Science and Technology, Kohat on December 19–20, 2018. Main theme of the workshop was "Rule of Law, Security and Governance". This Workshop was specially organized for the students of the universities from the south region of the KP.

Mr. Wahid Mahmood, District Police Officer (DPO), Kohat, delivered his lecture on “Can Police Become Institution Oriented for Public Service?”, in which he further explained the primary role of police in crime control through prevention and detection and maintaining law and order in the society. He said that without the support of public, no police can ensure smooth implementation and rule of law. He emphasized that public should believe and practice responsible citizenship. The primary responsibility of the public is to uphold rule of law and cooperate with the police and security agencies. The public–police relationship ought to be characterized by mutual trust, respect and cooperation. This will lead to the establishment of rule of law and stability in the society.

Dr. Hidayat Ullah Khan, Chairman Department of economics KUST, highlighted that the socio-political progress and economic development are directly proportional to the quality of democracy, governance and accountability. Mr. Shams Momand, Project Manager, CRSS emphasized the role of media including broadcast, print and social media to counter radicalization and disseminate the positive messages and tolerance perspectives. Mr. Malik Mustafa, Manager Programs, CRSS and Mrs. Shagufta Khalique, educationist, said that rights and responsibilities are inter–connected. Educating public on the rights and responsibilities anchored in their constitution as well as the international commitments like UDHR is absolutely necessary for social cohesion and peace. Dr. Mohammad Tariq Jan, Director ORIC, KUST, emphasized the need of tolerance and adjustability within ourselves. He concluded that our future depends on our youth and they should implement the theme of this workshop in their practical life and educate the members of society within their social and professional spheres.

TRAINING WORKSHOP ON IEEE XPLOREREMOTE ACCESS

Universities are the institutions of higher education where academic research is conducted to generate ideas, innovations, bring economic prosperity and improve citizen’s quality of life. The advances in Information and Communication Technology (ICT) have offered library and information centers more efficient ways of acquiring, organizing, storing and disseminating information to researchers. Therefore, keeping in view, the importance of ICT in research and to enhance the use of digital resources in KUST, a training workshop on the use of digital library, particularly IEEE Xplore Remote Access was conducted by the Central Library, KUST, with the collaboration of IEEE, Pakistan.

Mr. Rashid Pervez Senior manager admin and training of A & J DEF TEK Consultant Pakistan and Mr. Majid Murtaza
Lodhi manager IT of A & J DEF TEK Consultant were the resource persons of the workshop. The workshop was scheduled for two days. A large number of students and staff of the university participated in the training workshop to get benefits of IEEE Xplore Remote Access.

Dr. Jamil Ahmed, Vice Chancellor of Kohat University of Science and Technology (KUST) was the chief guest. The honorable vice chancellor presented KUST souvenir to the resource persons and thanked them for their efforts to uplift the standard of higher education.

QEC KUST PARTICIPATION IN PNQAHE ACTIVITIES

Director QEC KUST attended meeting of Executive Committee of Pakistan Network of Quality Assurance of Higher Education (PNQAHE) at KMU on 22nd February 2019. The international conference regarding quality assurance to be conducted by PNQAHE on 23–25 April 2019 at University of Education, Lahore & signing MOUs between PNQAHE and International Quality Assurance Agencies of Higher Education (INQAAHE) were thoroughly discussed. The conference theme was “Quality Assurance to Revolutionize Higher Education in 21st Century.” Eleven subthemes were also highlighted. Membership of the PNQAHE was also discussed and the universities were requested to speed up the process.

PROFESSOR DR. WASIULLAH MALIK APPOINTED AS REGISTRAR KUST

Dr. Malik has more than 30–year rich experience in research, planning, management and teaching in university/government. He was working as Director, Quality Enhancement Cell (QEC) in KUST before this appointment. He remained Director, Amir Muhammad Khan Campus (Mardan) in The University of Agriculture, Peshawar from 2012 to 2018. He remained as Project Director in KUST from 2008 to 2011. During this period, he shouldered additional responsibilities of Controller of Examinations KUST also for a year. He has been Director Research Planning in Directorate General Research from May 2006 to February 2008. He worked as Technical/planning Officer in the DG office, Agricultural Research System, The University of Agricultural Peshawar, (2001 to 2006). He remained Research Officer & In–charge Soil and Water testing laboratory Kohat (1989 to 2001). Dr. Malik remained member of Editorial board of Sarhad Journal of Agriculture 2001 to 2004 and is life–time member of Soil Science Society of Pakistan. He is Executive Member of The Pakistan Network of Quality Assurance in Higher Education (PNQAHE). He has attended more than 15 workshops and certificate courses regarding research and management and published 31 research papers in scientific journals of national and international repute and 3 technical reports.

PRINT & PUBLICATION UNIT PPU

KUST is growing day by day both horizontally and vertically. This necessitates a full–fledged Press and Publication department that may look after the press releases and various printing at the University. Therefore, Press and Publication Unit (PPU) has been created with immediate effect with the following functions:

- To develop the overall strategy for printing and press at the University.
- Printing of the official newsletters Connect and student magazine, etc.
- Making design and printing of all official stationary.
- Prospectus, other activity related to printing & providing unique printing (Colors, 3D) facilities to students.
Intervarsity Basketball Zone “A” Championships 2018–19

Intervarsity Basketball Zone “A” Championships 2018–19 was held in The University, Haripur from 11 to 14 March 2019. All the universities of zone “A” including Gomal University Dera Ismail Khan, University of Science and Technology Bannu, Hazara University Mansehra, University of Haripur, University of Malakand and Kohat University of Science & Technology took part in the championship. KUST team won the Quarter Final match from Gomal University and played Semi Final. KUST Basketball team has been regularly participating in the Intervarsity Basketball Championships for the last thirteen years and has qualified several times for final round championship.

Intervarsity Volleyball Zone “A” Championships 2018

Intervarsity Volleyball Zone “A” Championships 2018–19 was held in Hazara University, Mansehra from 11 to 14 February 2019. All the universities of zone “A” including Kohat University of Science & Technology team participated in the Championship. KUST team played well and reached the semifinal in the championship.
Meeting of Army Officials with VC KUST, Deans, Faculty Members and students at Signal Center

The worthy Vice Chancellor and Dean Faculty of Physical and Numerical Sciences visited Army Signal Center along with faculty members and students on the invitation of Army officials. A group discussion sessions was scheduled by Army official with Faculty and Students to discuss the currents prevailing political and security scenarios in the country and the role of defense forces. The faculty member and students visited Museum area and different segments of Signal Center Kohat. The Director Administration KUST was supervising and coordinating this visit.

Honouring the invitation of Army officials, the worthy Vice Chancellor and teachers visited Qila Bala Hisar, Pesha war where they were warmly received by the Army officials. Vice Chancellor, faculty and students were apprised of the history of Qila Bala Hisar and informed about the various steps taken to bring peace in the region. All the participants took keen interest in it.