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## editor's note:

It is a matter of immense pleasure to present Shaheed Benazir Bhutto University's first newsletter. We are looking forward to your valuable feedback and comments.

**Editors**

## SBBU SIGNS MOUS WITH TURKISH UNIVERSITIES

Shaheed Benazir Bhutto University (SBBU) entered into Memorandum of Understanding (MoU), with twenty national and international universities on September 23 and 24, 2013 during the Second OIC VCs Conference arranged by COMSATS Institute of Information Technology (CIIT), in collaboration with Higher Education Commission (HEC), Ministry of Science and Technology and the Islamic Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (ISESCO) at Serena Hotel, Islamabad. This list includes the following top class Turkish universities; Dicle University, Fatih University, Gediz University, Namik Kemal University, TR Erzincan University, Trakya Balkan University, Yildirim Beyazit University and Bozok University. The MoUs were signed by Prof. Dr. Khan Bahadar Marwat, Vice Chancellor, SBBU and the Rectors of respective Turkish universities.

These MoUs will pave a number of ways for collaboration of SBBU in the area of research, student exchange programmes, staff exchange and offering of dual degree programme, etc. Dr. KB Marwat expressed his opinion that there are a lot of opportunities for collaboration

between SBBU and Turkish universities. The Rectors of Turkish universities also shared their views with the Vice-Chancellor and spoke on the procedures followed for admission of students for undergraduate and graduate programmes of their universities in Turkey and the scope for exchange programmes. The exchange programmes would start from early next year. At the end of the ceremony, the Vice Chancellor presented the honourable guests with university souvenirs. Prof. Bacha Hussain, Registrar, Dr. M. Kamal Khan, Director QEC, Mr. Siraj Muhammad, HOD (Computer Sciences), Mr. Javed Iqbal, HOD (Forestry) and Mr. Ijaz Hassan, AD P&D were also present on the occasion. They termed the MoUs as an achievement for bilateral cooperation between Shaheed Benazir Bhutto University and international HEIs.



## PROTOCOL OF MEVLANA EXCHANGE PROGRAMME SIGNED

### Vice Chancellors' Forum 2013

Universities in the Islamic World:  
Challenges of Internationalization

September 23- 24, 2013  
Islamabad - Pakistan  
www.vcforum.org.pk



The protocol of Mevlana Exchange Programme was signed by Shaheed Benazir Bhutto University (SBBU) with two Turkish universities i.e., Erzincan University and Bozok University. Dr. Khan Bahadar Marwat from SBBU, Dr. Ilyas Capoglu (Rector, Erzincan University) and Dr. Tamer Ucar (Rector, Bozok University) signed the protocol. Mevlana is a very prestigious programme of exchange of students, technical and academic staff between the Turkish and other HEIs in the world. This programme also includes cooperation in research, collaborative projects, seminars, symposia and workshops etc.

## SBBU PARTICIPATES IN TWO-DAY CONFERENCE ON UNIVERSITIES IN THE ISLAMIC WORLD: CHALLENGES OF INTERNATIONALISATION



SBBU participated in the two-day forum titled "Universities in the Islamic World: Challenges of Internationalisation" on September 23rd and 24th at Serena Hotel, Islamabad. The programme was inaugurated by State Minister for Education, Trainings and Standards in Higher Education Balighur Rehman and was also attended by Minister for Higher Education of Sudan and the head of the Islamic Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (ISESCO). The forum was organised by

COMSATS Institute of Information Technology (CIIT), in collaboration with Higher Education Commission (HEC), Ministry of Science and Technology and ISESCO. Over 200 VCs of universities and higher education institutes of Muslim states participated in the event. CIIT Rector Dr. SM Junaid Zaidi and HEC Executive Director Dr. Mukhtar Ahmed spoke to the inauguration ceremony of the conference. The plenary talk was undertaken by former HEC Chairperson Prof. Dr. Attaur

Rahman and was followed by a general discussion on the role of universities in the Islamic world. The forum aimed to help establish linkages and promote networking among the participating universities. A team of six members from SBBU participated in the event and represented the university in the conference. They introduced the university to the visitors and provided the information required. Through this opportunity SBBU got introduced to national and international level organizations. The Vice Chancellor, SBBU commended the efforts of the organizers for such a successful international event.



## STUDENT ENDOWMENT FUND ESTABLISHED

Shaheed Benazir Bhutto University, under the instructions of Vice Chancellor, Prof. Dr. Khan Bahadar Marwat, created its Student Endowment Fund (SEF). He initiated the fund by donating Rs. 100,000/- to it and directed

the staff and faculty to donate generously for the cause of student welfare in the university. The Registrar, Director Academics, Director QEC and a number of faculty and staff members announced their donations for the fund. The Vice

Chancellor appreciated the spirit of the members and ensured that the fund will be operated by a team of dedicated members to be nominated by the donors and under the rules and regulations of the endowment funds.

## THE SECOND MEETING OF THE ACADEMIC COUNCIL CONDUCTED

The second meeting of the Academic Council was conducted by SBBU at the main campus of the university on 6th April 2013. The Vice Chancellor presided the meeting. The Registrar, HODs, the Controller of Examinations and members of the Academic Council, Prof. Sahibuddin (Principal, Commerce College, Chitral), Prof. Abdullah (Principal, Hera Model College, Chitral) Prof. Safina Mughal (Principal, UPS, Sheringal), Prof. Zahoor Ahmad (Principal, UPS, Sheringal), Prof. Mohammad Israr, Prof. Ali Hazrat, Prof. Khan Sher (In Charge, SBBU, Warai campus), Prof. Shujaat Ahmad and Prof. Rifat Aziz. The participants discussed the agenda items in detail and approved the switching of the examination system from Term System to Semester System. They also approved other items such as the remuneration for internal and external examiners and various programmes which are newly offered by the university (MA/MSc and M Phil etc.).



**THE GOVERNORS OF KHYBER PAKHTUNKHWA AND PUNJAB VISIT SBBU**



**VC Dr. Shah receiving the honourable guests**

On the warm morning of May 4, 2013, His Excellency Governor Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and the Chancellor of Shaheed Benazir Bhutto University, Engineer Shaukatullah Khan along with Governor of Punjab, Syed Mahmood Ahmed arrived at the main campus, Sheringal. Vice Chancellor, Prof. Dr. Jehandar Shah received the honorable guests and took them to pendal for the formal inauguration of the

university. This has been indeed an auspicious occasion that two Governors made a visit to a university in the history of Pakistan. It is worth mentioning that professor Dr. Jehandar Shah is an imminent world taxonomist. He has the credit of being the Founder Vice-chancellor of University of Malakand and Shaheed Benazir Bhutto University Sheringal, Dir Upper. The governors then took



**Kids presenting flowers**



**Guests on stage**

part in the formal inauguration ceremony and appreciated the hard work of Vice-Chancellor Prof. Dr. Jehandar Shah. The Governor Khyber Pakhtunkhwa also appreciated the rehabilitation of infrastructure and people of the area after the devastating flood in the history of Pakistan. The following photographs are the glimpses of the memorable visit of the Governors to the university:

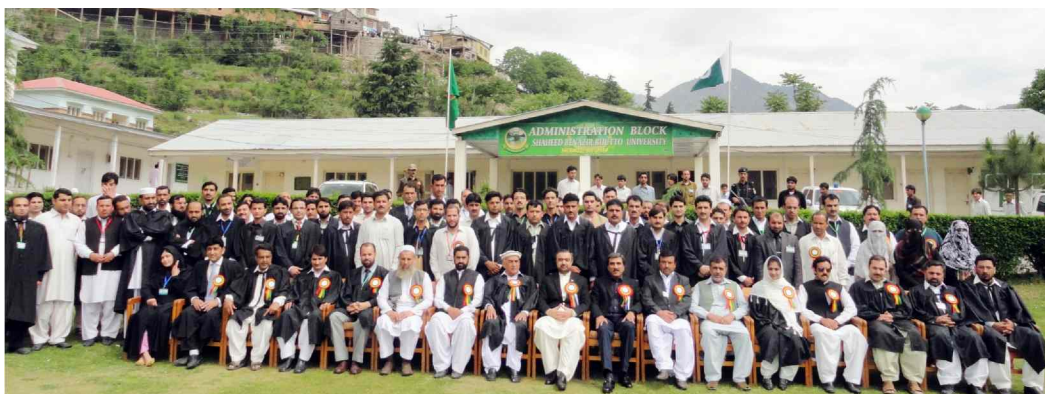


**The formal inauguration of Shaheed BB University by the Governor of KP**



**Vice Chancellor presenting shields to the guests**

The Governor in his speech reiterated the efforts of the honourable Vice Chancellor and assured of all the possible support for the future development of the university which will add values to the national buildup and the dynamic Pakistan. After the inauguration ceremony, Governor Punjab Syed Mehmood Ahmed visited the site of his planted tree accompanied by Vice-Chancellor and Governor KP. The distinguished guests also visited the Department of Pharmacy where they were briefed by Dr. Hamid, Dr. Aslam and Dr. Anwar. They also visited the university research center at the Department of Biotechnology where they were briefed by Prof. Sikandar Khan. Later on, the Governors were presented the university souvenirs by the honourable Vice Chancellor.



**Group photo of the faculty members with the distinguished guests, the Governors of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and Punjab**

**MEHFIL-E-MUSHAIRA AT SBBU**



Like previous year, Shaheed BB University arranged a grand Mehfil-e-Mushaira (a poetic symposium) at the main campus on the night between 11th and 12th September, 2013. Deputy Director Societies, Mr. Bakht Zada Danish, lecturer in English was the in-charge of the event. Vice Chancellor, Prof. Dr. Khan Bahadar Marwat inaugurated the symposium and highlighted the importance of co-curricular activities in the character building of the students. He reiterated that achieving excellence in technology is not completed without promoting the language and culture of the people. The gathering was attended by a

large number of renowned poets of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa. They included; Prof. Abaseen Yousafzai, Dr. Israr Atal, Aziz Manerwal, Noor Said Qureshi, Shahid Ali Shahid, Zafar Khan Zafar, Hanif Qais, Mohammad Gul Mansoor, Habib Aadil, Iqbal Shakir, Akmal Lewaney, Anwar Manerwal, Sajid Afghan and many others. At the end, the distinguished guests were awarded souvenirs by the Vice Chancellor, the Registrar and other senior officials of the university. Mr. Danish thanked the Vice Chancellor, the Registrar and participants for their interest and making the event an excellent activity.



**THREE DAY AIT (ASIAN INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY, THAILAND) CASCADING PROGRAMME**

Three days AIT (Asian Institute of Technology, Thailand) Cascading program was successfully completed at Shaheed Benazir Bhutto University Sheringal Dir Upper. The aim of the training was to train the faculty members and administrative staff of the university, and to enable them to cascade the given module effectively. The resource persons of the training program were the faculty members who got training at AIT Thailand i.e. Dr. Abdul Khaliq Jan, Dr. Hamid Afridi, Mr. Haleem and Dr. Kamal. In the training modules, the transfer of training, Result Based Management (RBM) Reporting & Evaluation, HRD and Organization and Adult Learning Principles & Application were focused. During the opening ceremony, Vice Chancellor of the University Prof. Dr. Jehandar Shah, appreciated the efforts of the coordinator and organizing committee, to conduct such valuable events in the remote slot of the country. The chief guest of the closing ceremony Mr. Hayat Shah, Additional Assistant Commissioner, Sheringal Dir

Upper, distributed the certificates and presented gifts to the resource persons. After the concluding remarks by the chief guest, the HEC training coordinator Mr. Abdul Khaliq Jan offered thanks to the chief guest, LID-HEC Islamabad, Shaheed Benazir Bhutto University administration, organizers and participants of the training programme.

**03 Day AIT Cascading " Ensuring Training Effectiveness"**

27-29 March, 2013

at

**Shaheed Benazir Bhutto University, Sheringal**

Sponsored By:

**Higher Education Commission**

Learning Innovation Division, H-9, Islamabad (Pakistan)



## TRAINING BY BRITISH COUNCIL IN UK

The Registrar, Shaheed Benazir Bhutto University Professor Badshah Hussain was among the 15 Registrars of leading universities of Pakistan who visited United Kingdom. This visit was sponsored by the British Council as the part of the advanced training of the managers of Pakistani universities.



## TRAINING WORKSHOPS ATTENDED

Mr. Israruddin, Assistant Librarian attended one week training workshop on “The Role of ICT in Library Management” organized by NCRD at Islamabad from 7th to 11th December, 2012.



Mr. Anwar Zada, Assistant Registrar (Academics) attended one week training workshop on “Discovery of leadership within you” and “Publication in High Impact Factor Journals” organized by IBMS UET at Lahore from February 17-21, 2013.

## ONE WEEK ELTR TRAINING ON “RESEARCH METHODOLOGY AND SKILLS”



A workshop was organized by the Department of English Language and Literature in July 2012 to build the capacities of English language teachers of the university and its affiliated colleges in the area of Research Methodology and Skills. The workshop was especially designed for newly appointed faculty. A group of fourteen scholars who were going to take up

their MS/PhD research work at different universities were also among the participants at the workshop. Thirty (30) Participants from three districts of Northern Pakistan-Dir, Kohistan and Chitral, attended this workshop. Along with the HOD, Department of English Language and Literature, Muhammad Kamal Khan two senior lecturers from UMT, Lahore, Hafiz Bilal Farooque and Salma Khan (Fulbright Scholar) and one from HEC, Bashir Khan were the resource persons who were involved in planning the sessions and in facilitating discussions with their expertise. The Vice Chancellor of the university shared his learning experiences at the workshop. Chief guest, Prof. Dr. Jehandar Shah Vice Chancellor SBBU, awarded certificates to the participants, resource persons and organizers.



**ONE MONTH ELTR TRAINING ON "ELT: AN INTEGRATED PART OF APPLIED LINGUISTICS" AT SBBU CHITRAL**

A workshop was organized from Sep 02 to September 28, 2012 by the Department of English Language and Literature, Shaheed Benazir Bhutto University to build the capacities of English Language Teachers of the University and affiliated colleges in the area of Chitral. A total of 30 English teachers were trained out of which 8 were the faculty members of SBBU while the remaining 22 were nominated from the



affiliated colleges. The course was consisted of total 108 hours of inclusive training sessions in which 10 modules of very important ELT (Applied Linguistics) topics were covered by the resource persons. The opening ceremony of the workshop was held on September 3, 2012 at the Chitral campus of SBBU where a large number of educationists, dignitaries and media-men were invited. Dr. Mir Afzal Tajik, Director, Professional Development Centre (PDC), Agha Khan University was the chief guest of the function.

The course methodology included lectures, group discussions, analyses of written material, film screening, debates, pair-work and role plays. The resource persons at the workshop were the top ELT specialists of the country. They include Dr. Cusrow Dubash (FC College University-Lahore), Professor Abbas Hussain (Director, Teachers Development Centre-Karachi), Assistant Professor Hafiz Bilal Farooque (UMT-Lahore), Assistant Professor Habib ur Rehman (NUML-Islamabad) and Mr. Bashir Khan (AD, Statistics, HEC-Islamabad). The HOD, Department of English Language and Literature, SBBU, Dr. Muhammad Kamal Khan was also among

the resource persons who were involved in planning the sessions and in facilitating discussions with their expertise. The course provided an opportunity for them to share their experience of working as researchers in the country and abroad. The Vice Chancellor of the university also came in to share his learning experiences and to provide feedback and suggestions to participants at the workshop.

Mr. Farman Ullah Anjum, Director General (Services), HEC of Pakistan-Islamabad attended the closing ceremony as the Chief Guest of the function. Prof. Dr. Jehandar Shah, Vice Chancellor (SBBU), Major Langland, renowned educationist and ex-Aitchison College teacher, Dr. Muhammad Ali, Director Academics (SBBU), Prof. Badshah Hussain, Registrar (SBBU), were also present in the certificate distribution ceremony. All the speakers praised the efforts of Learning Innovation Division, Higher Education Commission of Pakistan for the promotion of learning and teaching of English in this far-flung area of the country. Dr. Kamal specially thanked the project managers of ELTR, LID for their interest in this course at SBBU, Chitral Campus.

**SBBU SCHOLAR IN 4TH INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM AT HEJ KARACHI**

Mr. Abdul Khaliq Jan, Chairman Department of Chemistry, participated in the 4th International Symposium-Cum-Training Course on Molecular Medicine and Drug Research (MMDR-4), at HEJ International Research Institute of Chemistry, University of Karachi, Pakistan, during January 7-10, 2013.



Like the previous year, PURPLE DAY was celebrated as World Epilepsy day, organized by Social Welfare and Health Society (SWAHS), SBBU. Dr. Anwar-ul-Haq Yousafzai Chief organizer SWAHS and Dr. Zul Kamal Chief Coordinator SWAHS presented visual awareness about Epilepsy. The authorities of the university appreciated the commendable efforts of SWAHS for the eradication of Epilepsy from the area.



### THREE DAY WORKSHOP AT SUB CAMPUS WARI



A three day workshop on “Ensuring Training Effectiveness” was organized by SBBU at Sub Campus Wari. The aim of the workshop was to deliver the participants the image of the advanced training programme at Asian Institute of Technology, Thailand. Dr. Kamal, Dr. Afridi and Mr. Haleem delivered their lectures on various topics related to the main theme of the training.

### ENDNOTE WORKSHOP AT SHAHEED BENAZIR BHUTTO UNIVERSITY

A workshop was organized to train 30 faculty members, staff and library technicians of Shaheed BB University on the use of EndNote, the bibliographic software. The Workshop was held at the main campus of SBBU, Sheringal, Dir (Upper). Dr. Muhammad Kamal Khan, Chairman, Department of English Language and Literature delivered an EndNote X5 tutorial and conducted exercise session in the workshop. The main focus of the workshop was on two points:

- How to Write Scientific Manuscripts for High Impact Factor Journals, and,
- Cite While You Write.



### FAREWELL SPEECH BY PROF. DR. JEHANDAR SHAH, THE FOUNDER VC OF SBBU



Prof. Dr. Jehandar Shah, the founder Vice Chancellor of Shaheed BB University got retired on June 12, 2013. A grand farewell party was arranged by the staff and faculty of the university in his honour. The officials presented great tribute to the veteran scholar for his painstaking and untiring hardwork for the future of the university. They attributed every success of the university to this man of insightful vision and excellent leadership qualities. Dr. Shah, in his farewell speech declared time as the best teacher in life. He advised the faculty, staff and students of high discipline and academic integrity. Everybody present on the occasion bade him adieu with the swollen heart.

## M PHIL & PHD DEFENCES



Mr. Sajjad Ali, Assistant Registrar (Establishment) defended his MS thesis entitled “Optimal Homotopy Asymptotic Method for the Approximate Solution of some Burgers' type Equation” on January 9, 2013 at NARC, Islamabad. He was supervised by Prof. Dr. Mukhtar Ahmad

and was evaluated Prof. Dr. Arshad Ali. The faculty and staff congratulated him for his achievement.

Dr. Muhammad Kamal Khan, the HOD, Department of English defended his PhD thesis successfully on February 18, 2013 in an open public defence held at UAJK, Muzaffarabad. Earlier, he completed his PhD research under the supervision of Dr. SJ Hannahs, a well-known phonologist from the University of Newcastle, United Kingdom and Dr. NH Bukhari, UAJK. Previously Dr. Kamal was sent

to United Kingdom by Higher Education Commission of Pakistan, Islamabad under IRSIP-International Research Scholar Initiative Plan for his PhD research in 2011. He is also the Master Trainer of HEC and British Council. Vice Chancellor Prof. Dr. Dil Nawaz Gardezi, Dr. Raja, Dr. Bukhari, and others congratulated Dr. Kamal for his achievement. He has published a number of research articles in national and international research journals.

Dr. Midrarullah, the Assistant Professor and HOD, the Department of Biotechnology defended his PhD thesis entitled “The Application of Plant Growth Promoting Rhizobacteria as Biofertilizer for Cereal Crops Wheat, Rice and Maize in District Swat” on June 25, 2013 at Peshawar University, Peshawar. The thesis was supervised by



Prof. Dr. Khanzadi Fatima and Prof. Dr. Bashir Ahmad. The faculty members and staff congratulated him for his historic achievement. Dr. Midrar is among the senior faculty members of Shaheed Benazir Bhutto University.



## QUALITY ENHANCEMENT CELL ACTIVITIES

- Attended first meeting of 24 QECs at Regional Center Karachi,
- Conducted first introductory presentation,
- One day workshop on “Character Building of the future leadership in fighting against corruption,
- 1st Self-Assessment was conducted in six programmes,
- Conducted Two Day cascading workshops on Master Trainers, FPDP in Sheringal and Chitral.
- Participated in second meeting of 24 QECs at Lahore.
- Designed monogram for QEC.
- The culture of orientation classes in the start of semester were disseminated.
- Best Teacher Award ceremony was conducted. The evaluation report was generated by the data collected from the students during Self-Assessment survey.
- 3rd meeting of 24 QECs at HEC Regional Peshawar.
- One day Workshop on Quality Assurance in Higher Education and How to prepare SAR at Chitral Campus.





**NEW APPOINTMENTS**

Mr. Arif Jan, Mr. Hussain Shah, Mr. Faiz ur Rahman and Iftikhar Ahmad joined as lecturers in the department of Zoology.

Mr. Shah Zaman, Mr. Zahid Fazal and Ms. Rizwana Bilqis joined as lecturers in the Department of Botany.

Mian Shah Bacha joined as Assistant Professor and Chairman while Ms. Nusarat Saeed, Mr. Abdul Qadar, Mr. Mehran Ilyas and Ms. Asma Khalid joined as lecturers in the Department of English.

Mr. Wajid Raza and Mr. Kaleem Ullah joined as lecturers in the Department of Management Sciences.

Mr. Hamid Hussain Afridi, Dr. Aslam and Mr. Shafiq ur Rahman joined as Assistant Professors while Mr. Abid Ullah joined as lecturer in the Department of Pharmacy.

Mr. Asghar Khan and Mr. Tofeeq Ahmad joined as lecturers in the Department of Geology.

Mr. Siraj Muhammad joined as Assistant Professor while Mr. Mahmood Khan and Mr. Muhsin ul Mulk Sidique joined as lecturers in the Department of Computer Sciences.

Mr. Sami Ullah joined as lecturer in the Department of Biotechnology.

Mr. Muhammad Adnan joined as lecturer in the Department of Sociology.

Mr. Fazle Aziz joined as lecturer in the Department of Environmental Sciences.

Mr. Anwar Zada, Assistant Registrar (Academics) has been appointed as University Public Relation Officer (PRO) in addition to his other official responsibilities.

Mr. Bakht Zada Danish, Lecturer in English has been given the charge of Deputy Director Sports as an additional charge.

Dr. Muhammad Kamal Khan has been appointed as Director Human Resources in addition to his other official responsibilities.

Dr. Nasir Mehmood joined the Department of Bio-Technology as Assistant Professor.

Dr. Farman Ali Khan joined the Department of Chemistry as Assistant Professor.



Dr. Muhammad Kamal Khan has been appointed by the honourable Vice Chancellor, as the new Director, Quality Enhancement Cell. The Director Academics, the Registrar and others congratulated him on this new assignment and expected him to be very instrumental for the promotion of quality education in the university. Dr Kamal thanked them for their best wishes and assured them of his sincere efforts for the sake of quality improvement in the institution.



Dr. Farzana Parveen, Associate Professor of Zoology has been appointed by the honourable Vice Chancellor, as the new Controller of Examinations, SBBU in addition to her own teaching and research duties. The Director Academics, the Registrar and the Director QEC congratulated her on her new assignment.

**FOREIGN PhD SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED**

Foreign PhD scholarships were awarded to the following scholars in various fields of studies. This scholarship programme is the part of faculty development programme for SBBU by HEC.

S.No	Name	Discipline and Country
1.	Atif Shah	Law(UK)
2.	Fazli Haleem	Management Studies (Germany)
3.	M. Faran Majeed	Computer Sciences (Thailand)
4.	Riaz Ahmad	Computer Sciences (Germany)
5.	Sami Ullah	Forestry(Germany)
6.	Javed Iqbal	Forestry(Zchee Republic)
7.	Alam Zaib	Forestry(Canada)

**BOARD OF STUDIES DEPARTMENT OF ZOOLOGY**

A meeting of the Board of Studies of Zoology Department was held. Dr. Farzana Perveen Head of the Department of Zoology chaired the meeting. She emphasized on various issues regarding curriculum and courses of Zoology. She is a well-known zoologist and author of more than 40 books. The Board of Studies approved the newly offered programmes of MSc and M Phil in the meeting.



## SBBU FACULTY AT AIT BANGKOK, THAILAND

Three of the faculty members were nominated by the Higher Education Commission of Pakistan for Advanced Master Training programme at AIT, Bangkok, Thailand during November and December 2012. They included Dr. M. Kamal Khan, Dr. Hamid Afridi and Mr. Fazle Haleem. All of them are the certified master trainers of HEC and



their selection for the said course was a reward for their contribution in the field of teacher training and mentoring. The main theme of the course was "Ensuing Training Effectiveness". They were taught four module courses and they also studied the educational policy of Thai Government. They also visited more than eight Thai universities for the purpose. On their return they reiterated the need for quality teaching and conducted their cascading programmes at Chitral and Wari campuses of the university.

## PROFESSIONAL COMPETENCY ENHANCEMENT PROGRAMME FOR TEACHERS (PCEPT)



National Academy for Higher Education (NAHE) HEC, Islamabad arranged One Month PCEPT for the teachers of Shaheed BB University at Sheringal. The coordinator for NAHE at SBBU, Dr. Kamal organized this program from May 5 to May 31. Total 35 faculty members and scholars got trained on eight modules. Dr. Kamal taught the module on Teaching as Profession. Other experts from various universities were invited for teaching to

the participants. They included Prof. Azhar Parvaiz (University of Sargodah), Prof. Imdadullah (University of Malakand), Prof. Sufia Sultana and Prof. Fareeha Nadeem (Pakistan Institute of Fashion and Design, Lahore) and Prof. Hafiz Bilal (Punjab University). Prof. Hamid and Prof. Siraj from SBBU also took sessions with the participants. Vice Chancellor, Dr. Jehandar Shah and Registrar Prof. Badshah Hussain also shared their experiences with the participants. Mr. Zaheer Ahmad Awan, Regional Director HEC and Vice Chancellor distributed the certificates among the participants in the closing ceremony. They hailed the efforts of Quality Enhancement Cell for quality education at Shaheed BB University. Dr. Kamal, Director Quality Enhancement Cell, thanked Learning Innovation Division, HEC for supporting such programmes at SBBU, Sheringal.



## SPORTS

Directorate of Sports, Shaheed Benazir Bhutto University Sheringal is putting in its best efforts to develop and promote Sports and always encourages individuals who make efforts to promote sports actively in the University. Directorate of Sports, Shaheed Benazir Bhutto University Sheringal arranged Inter-Departmental Games consisting the following 18 events: Cricket, Football, Volleyball,

Badminton, Lawn Tennis, Table Tennis, Tug of War, 100 M Race, 200 M Race, 400 M Race, 800 M Race, 1500 M Race, 4×100 M Race, 4×400 M Race, Long Jump, Triple Jump, Hot Put, Discus Throw. Almost all the Departments of the University and University Public School and College (UPS) participated in these Games.] The authorities appreciated the efforts of Director Sports for the promotion of games in SBBU.

### 1ST POSITION IN INTERVARSITY FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

Shaheed Benazir Bhutto University Sheringal took part in four events (Football, Cricket, Badminton and Volleyball) in Intervarsity Championships in 2012-13. SBBU Football Team got 1st position in Inter Universities Football Championship Zone-A, held at Gomal University D.I Khan by defeating Gomal University in final match and qualified for the All Pakistan Intervarsity Football Championship (Final Round). Shaheed Benazir Bhutto University Badminton team won Runner-Up cup in Intervarsity Badminton tournament 2012-13. Team consisted of Ibrar, Syed Asim Shah, Abid, Ihsan Khaliq and others.



### THREE DAY AIT CASCADING PROGRAMME AT CHITRAL CAMPUS

The Quality Enhancement Cell, SBBU arranged a three day AIT Cascading Program on “Ensuring Training Effectiveness” at Shaheed BB University, Chitral Campus. Thirty faculty members from SBBU and affiliated colleges were trained on seven modules from the course of Asian Institute of Technology. The master trainers of AIT from batch IV, Dr. Kamal, Dr. Hamid and Prof. Haleem conducted twelve sessions during this three day course. Mr. Noorul Amin, Assistant Commissioner Chitral was the chief guest at opening ceremony. He praised the efforts of SBBU for the promotion of quality education in the area. The closing ceremony was held on July 3, 2013. The renowned scholar, Dr. Anayatullah Faizi was the chief guest at the closing ceremony who awarded certificates to the participants of the program. Prof. Badshah Hussain, Registrar SBBU, Mr. Ibrahim Jan, AR SBBU,



mediamen and a large number of guests attended the closing ceremony. In his address, Prof. Badshah Hussain praised the efforts of Dr. Kamal and his team for this and other training programs at SBBU. He also thanked Higher Education Commission for their support and highlighted the need for such programs in future. He also demanded from the authorities for provision of land and other facilities for SBBU at Chitral.

## NEED BASED SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMME (NBSP) AT SHAHEED BENAZIR BHUTTO UNIVERSITY



The Higher Education Commission (HEC) of Pakistan recently launched the Need Based Scholarship Program (NBSP) at Shaheed BB University. This programme aims to elevate the socio-economic position of the needy & deserving students by providing access to quality education through needs-based scholarships. According to the national income statistics (by GOP), 80 % of the families in Pakistan cannot afford the expenses of sending even one boarder to a local public university. The main objectives of the programme are:

1. To provide an opportunity for talented students who are financially disadvantaged and are incapable of meeting higher education costs.
2. To provide opportunities for academically qualified, yet financially needy, students to continue university studies, especially from remote and rural areas of FATA, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa.
3. To enhance the institutional capacity of universities in designing and implementing need and merit based scholarship projects.
4. To provide special opportunity to the needy female students of rural areas to continue their higher education.

For the said program, the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Dr. Jehandar Shah nominated Dr. Muhammad Kamal

Khan as the Focal Person at SBBU. He designed the program and called for applications from deserving students in April. On the recommendations of HEC and VC, the Institutional Scholarship Award Committee (ISAC) was framed who conducted the interviews of 132 students on June 11, 2013 under the yardsticks of HEC. The interviews were presided by the

Vice Chancellor Prof. Dr. Jehandar Shah. Two eminent scholars, two community members and Higher Education Commission representative were also present in the interviews. Finally 19 scholarships were awarded to the most deserving candidates of Shaheed Benazir Bhutto University. On his visit to Chitral, the Registrar, Prof. Badshah Hussain awarded the scholarships to the students from Chitral.

Dr. Shah thanked HEC for launching this programme and reiterated the idea of creating more scholarships for the students of SBBU. He also praised the efforts of Dr. Kamal and his team for conducting the programme in a transparent manner. He also commended the hard work of the members of ISAC. They included Director Academics, Dr. Muhammad Ali, Registrar, Prof. Badshah Hussain, Dr. Farzana Parveen, Prof. Zul Kamal, Prof. Shafiqur Rehman, and community members, Mr. Rehmat Zeb and Mr. Habibur Rehman. Dr. Kamal thanked the members of Institutional Scholarship Award Committee, the staff of QEC (Mr. Ibrar Hussain, AD, Mr. Nageen and Mr. Anwarul Haq, Assistants), Mr. Ibrahim Jan (SBBU Chitral), Mr. Khan Sher (SBBU Wari) and the KPOs (involved in the data punching process) for their help in making the programme a success.



NEWS IN PICTURES



The participants of 19<sup>th</sup> MT FPDP with Chief Guest Mujtaba Shuja ur Rehman (Education Minister) Dr. Leghari (Chairman, HEC), Dr. Naqvi (ED, HEC), Ma'm NoorAmna Malik (DG LID, HEC) and Prof. Talat Khursheed. Dr. Kamal represented Shaheed Benazir Bhutto University.



Dr. Kamal presenting his paper in International conference at Peshawar University (Nov-2012)



Pakistani delegates visiting NECTEC, Bangkok, Thailand (Dr. Kamal, Mr. Hamid and Mr. Haleem from SBBU were among the delegates)



The participants of TELS review committee with Dr. Jim from UK and Dr. Saeeda Asadullah Incharge TELS, HEC, Islamabad (February 2013) Mr. Siraj, Mr. Bacha, Mr. Jawad and Dr. Kamal from SBBU participated in the event.

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Dr. Kamal receiving Master Trainer certificate from Ms Noor Amna (DG, LID). Dr. Halen and Dr. Lina from British Council and Mr. Musa from HEC were also present (September 2012)



Group Photo of British Council Master Trainers at the end of MT workshop, Four MTs from SBBU attended this programme (Dr. Kamal, Mr. AK Jan, MS Bacha and Mr. Kashif Ahmad).

INTERNATIONAL LITERACY DAY CELEBRATED

The Quality Enhancement Cell conducted special activities regarding the International Literacy Day (Sep 08, 2013). These activities included the following:

**Awareness Campaign:**

A special awareness campaign was launched among the faculty, students and administration of the university. Dr. Muhammad Ali (Director Academics) and Dr. Muhammad Kamal Khan (Director QEC) led the awareness campaign. The following faculty and Administrative Staff also took part in this campaign:

- Prof. Siraj Muhammad (HOD Computer Sciences)
- Prof. Javed Iqbal (HOD Forestry)





Prof. Bakht Zada Danish (English)  
Mr. Anwar Zada (Assistant Registrar)  
Mr. Ibrahim Khan (PS to Registrar)  
Mr. Anwar ul Haq (Assistant QEC)

The following topics were the main components of the awareness programme:

- Brainstorming on the International Literacy Day
- Role of UNESCO in promoting literacy among the nations
- Literacy in Pakistan
- Questions and answers on the relevant topics
- The theme of Int'l Literacy Day 2013
- Literacies for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century

All the participants highlighted the importance of education and the promotion of literacy in the country. The students of the Department of Forestry took particular interest in the campaign.

#### Walk for Literacy:

As another step for the promotion of education, a special walk was arranged on the occasion of 'International Literacy Day'. Dr. Muhammad Ali Khan headed this walk which included participants from faculty, students and local

people. The walk started from the academic block of the university and ended at the main playground. The participants had placards and posters on the topic. At the end, Prof. Danish and Dr. Kamal highlighted the importance of the cause to the participants.

#### Among the School Children:

As a special activity, QEC, SBBU arranged a particular visit to the local school (University Public School) where the school children were involved in various activities regarding the International Literacy Day. Dr. Ali (Director Academics), Dr. Kamal (Director QEC) and Prof. Danish talked to the students on the topic. The Principal, Ms Shaheen and her colleagues took special interest in the activities and made it special day for the kids. The school children were very excited to participate in such activities and took deep interest in the celebrations. The participants highlighted the efforts of the university for awareness about literacy in the area. At the end, Dr. Kamal thanked the authorities of the university and UPS for sparing their precious time to conduct special activities on the day and allowing them for interaction with student.



## PROF. DR. KHAN BAHADAR MARWAT TAKES HIS CHARGE AS NEW VC



Prof. Dr. Khan Bahadar Marwat took over as the new Vice Chancellor of SBBU on June 13, 2013. In his introductory speech, he stressed on unity and highlighted the rule of team work for strengthening the institution. He emphasized on hard work, discipline and responsibility. He appreciated the founder Vice Chancellor of Shaheed Benazir

Bhutto University Prof. Dr. Jehandar Shah who not only established a university at the remote corner of the province but shaped it as per the needs of the people of this backward area, through his dedication and honesty. The faculty and staff of SBBU congratulated him and expressed their best wishes. They also hoped that under his leadership, the university will be a model progressive university in Pakistan.

## VARIOUS DEVELOPMENTAL PROJECTS COMPLETED

A number of new aesthetically designed buildings have been added to Shaheed Benazir Bhutto University. Departments of Computer Sciences, Biotechnology, Forestry and Humanities have moved into the new academic block allotted to them. Other offices which have shifted include those of the Registrar, the Controller of Examinations, Director Finance, Director Academics and Director QEC. Construction work for the Department of Pharmacy nearly completed. A three-storey full block is reserved for the Department of Pharmacy, as per the suggestions of Pharmacy Council of Pakistan. Building projects for library, an additional guest house at Kumrat Valley, Jandarai, Jazz Banda and the University, as well as Academic Building for the Department of Forestry are under way. The internal roads of the university along foot paths have been further developed. Expansion plans include the construction of a University Shopping Center, Girls' hostel, more residential units for faculty and staff.



Prof. Dr. Jehandar Shah Vice-Chancellor Shaheed Benazir Bhutto University Sheringal inaugurated Cafeteria and 1200 sq. ft. residential units for faculty. The Cafeteria is located at the bank of River Panjkora. The 120 seater cafeteria is well ventilated and most aesthetically designed. Ex-Minister Mr. Najmuddin Khan paid a visit to university and inaugurated the University Flood Protection Wall. This is a project of International Organization for Migration (IOM) Islamabad. The Project was granted Rs.18.00 Million for the purpose.



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