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Chairman Punjab Group, Mian Amer Mahmood conferred with Best Educational Network of the Country Award



Federation of Pakistan Chambers of Commerce & Industry organised 12th Excellence Awards Ceremony in President Secretariat with President of Pakistan, Asif Ali Zardari as the chief guest. Former Caretaker Minister of Trade Gohar Ijaz, President FPCCI Atif Ikram Sheikh, Chairman PGC, Mian Amer Mahmood and public figures from all walks of life were in audience. Prominent figures from different sectors were conferred upon awards for their notable contributions. Mian Amer Mahmood was conferred upon Best Educational Network of the Country award for his contribution in education. Punjab Group under Mian Amer's leadership has been making education "accessible to all" since 1985.

Workshops and Seminars

3rd One Day Technical Workshop on Endnote Management and Generative AI 2024



The Department of Basic and Applied Chemistry, Faculty of Science and Technology successfully hosted its 3rd One-Day Technical Workshop on Endnote Management and Generative AI 2024, under the supervision of Dean, Prof. Dr. Hafiza Rizwana Kausar and Director PG Programs, Prof. Dr. Muhammad Akhyar Farrukh by organizer team

of Dr. Sumera Zaib, Dr. Muhammad Afzal, Dr. Muhammad Riaz and Mr. Malik Abdul Rahim along with a training team of eight (8) members. The event drew participants from various universities, providing a platform for knowledge sharing and collaboration. The workshop focused on mastering Endnote Management for seamless reference organization and leveraging Generative AI to enhance research productivity. Through expert-led sessions and hands-on training, researchers gained valuable skills to work efficiently with references and harness the power of artificial intelligence. The workshop demonstrated the department's commitment to advancing research excellence, equipping participants with cutting-edge tools and expertise to elevate their research endeavors.

3-Day Digital Pakistan Cybersecurity Hands-On Training



Faculty of Information Technology & Computer Science organized 3-Day Digital Pakistan Cybersecurity Hands-On Training in collaboration with Ignite, Trillium, FIA and NCERT.

This workshop equipped all the participants with practical skills to tackle current digital threats in Pakistan. This event aligns with Pro-Rector, Dr Hammad Naveed and Dean FOIT&CS, Dr. Muhammad Amjad Iqbal's vision to raise awareness about the importance of cyber security. The event opened with keynote speeches from industry experts – emphasizing the importance of building local cybersecurity capacities to safeguard critical infrastructure and personal data.

Participants engaged in interactive sessions covering threat detection, vulnerability assessment, and ethical hacking. A large number of students of the University of Central Punjab participated in this cyber security hands-on training.

NCERT and FIA also provided lectures on cyber laws and how to secure yourself in the real world of cybercrime.

The second day took participants deeper into the technical aspects of cybersecurity. The primary focus of 2nd day's training was on payload creation, deployment and a deep understanding of how to utilize various software tools used in cyber-attacks and learning how to

protect against such threats. Instructors demonstrated practical knowledge of how cybercriminals design and deploy malicious payloads to compromise systems. Participants were introduced to the tools used in these attacks and learned about the structure and mechanisms. Interactive labs were attended by the participants on how to defend against these tactics, using advanced cybersecurity tools to mitigate potential damage. Third day focused on the critical domain of digital forensics, with sessions covering both mobile forensics and computer forensics. Participants were introduced to essential techniques used to recover, analyze and preserve digital evidence from mobile devices and computer systems. It provided real-world scenarios where attendees practiced using industry-standard tools to investigate cyber incidents and track digital footprints. Dr. Muhammad Amjad Iqbal concluded the workshop with a speech and awarded the certificates, commending participants for their dedication towards enhancing their cybersecurity expertise and also applauded the students of Cyber Security and ACM for their untiring efforts for making this event happen. He emphasized the growing importance of digital forensics in combating cybercrime and securing digital infrastructures.

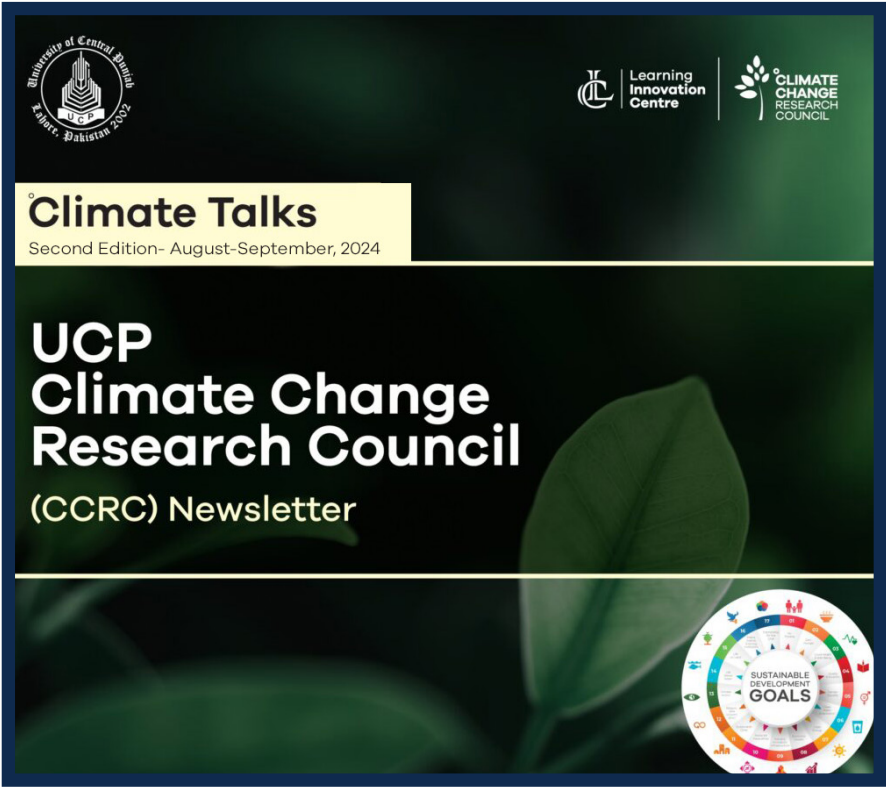
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6th-One Day Lab Introductory Hands-on Training Workshop



Department of Basic and Applied Chemistry organized a hands-on training introductory session for post-graduate students of Chemistry and Biochemistry on October 3, 2024. The session started with the recitation of Holy Quran by Muhammad Abu Bakr followed by Welcome note by Dr. Sumera Zaib, HOD Department of Basic and Applied Chemistry. She highlighted the need for laboratory exposure to students as they step into the lab, it is essential to ensure that they are well-prepared to handle sophisticated equipment and adhere to laboratory safety protocols. This workshop was designed not only to familiarize students with the lab environment but also to provide the necessary skills to help them succeed in future research endeavours. Later, Dr. Salma Batool talked about Practising Safe Science/ Lab Safety, Dr. Amina Arif talked about DNA and Protein Isolation and purification, Dr. Afzal talked about Natural products isolation for drug development. Dr. Sumera Zaib, Dr. Muhammad Riaz and Dr. Pervaiz helped the students get familiar with Lyophilization, fluorescence Spectrophotometer, ELISA, FTIR and Sample preparation. The Session ended with concluding remarks and a note of thanks by HOD.

CCRC Newsletter August-September 2024 “Climate Talk”



The University of Central Punjab recognized the urgency of addressing climate change – a crisis that has not only engulfed Pakistan but the entire world. A dedicated council has been established under the supervision of Dr.Hadia Awan, Dean Faculty of Law. The Climate Change Research Council (CCRC) will actively contribute to resolve climate related issues through impact & sustainable solutions. We aim to pass the healthy environment to future generations.

Climate Change Research Council (CCRC) Talk



Climate Change Research Council (CCRC) in collaboration with Learning Innovation Centre organized a talk titled “Some experiences of establishing a low-cost air quality sensor network to study spatial-temporal micro-climate variations in a public urban settings” by Dr Stefan Poslad from Queen Mary University of London, during his visit to UCP. During this talk, he shed light on his climate change research contributions, including the work he did in collaboration with the Faculty of Engineering at UCP. He also elucidated his experiences and results of creating low-cost devices for air quality monitoring. CCRC members and faculty members from different departments were in the audience.



Scratch for Educators (Three-day Workshop)



Faculty of Information Technology and Computer Science in collaboration with Learning Innovation Centre organized a three-day workshop on “Scratch for Educators” targeting non-CS faculty to get familiar with the Scratch programming language. The primary outcome was to inform the participants “how non-CS faculty can use scratch to prepare animated and interactive content to promote in-class fun, engagement, creativity”. The trainers were Prof. Dr. Ahmad Shabbar Kazmi, Mr. Mohsin Abbas, Mr. Awais Lodhi, and Mr. Muhammad Mustafa Hassan.

Masterclass on History, Culture, and Conflict



The Communications Department at the University of Central Punjab organized an inspiring masterclass titled History, Culture, and Conflict, featuring the renowned writer, historian, and storyteller Muhammad Hassan Miraj. Known for his profound insights and captivating narratives, Mr. Miraj shared his expertise on the power of storytelling in shaping societies, influencing ideologies, and igniting movements, with a special emphasis on the unique history and culture of South Asia. Throughout the session, Mr. Miraj delved into the intricacies of cultural and historical narratives that continue to resonate in modern society. Drawing connections between past events and contemporary conflicts, he highlighted how history not only records but actively shapes ideologies, social structures, and cultural identities. His presentation was filled with engaging anecdotes, thoughtful analysis, and reflections on South Asia’s complex past, creating a deeply educational experience for all attendees. The masterclass attracted a diverse audience, including faculty members, students, and staff, all eager to learn from one of today’s influential voices in cultural commentary. Through thought-provoking discussions, attendees explored the significance of historical narratives and how they can contribute to a deeper understanding of regional conflicts and identity politics. The session also offered an open floor for questions, allowing participants to engage directly with Mr. Miraj on topics such as the impact of colonial history, cultural preservation, and the role of storytelling in fostering social awareness. This event reflects UCP’s commitment to broadening perspectives and providing enriching learning experiences that go beyond the classroom. The Communications Department’s initiative in organizing this masterclass was

highly appreciated by attendees, who left the session with a newfound appreciation for the power of storytelling in understanding the forces that have shaped our world. As UCP continues to host events with distinguished guests like Muhammad Hassan Miraj, the university remains dedicated to fostering an academic environment that values intellectual curiosity, cultural awareness, and critical thinking.

ChatGPT for Educators (Two-day Workshop)



Faculty of Information Technology and Computer Science in collaboration with Learning Innovation Centre organized a two-day workshop on “ChatGPT for Educators” targeting non-CS faculty to get familiar with the large language model of ChatGPT and its possible usage in Education. The primary outcome was to inform the participants “how non-CS faculty can use ChatGPT to plan and prepare their classroom content to enhance a user-centric learning environment”. The trainers were Prof. Dr. Ahmad Shabbar Kazmi, Mr. Asif Farooq, Mr. Bilal Khan.

2nd Hands-on Training of Research Techniques – From Theory to Practice



Department of Microbiology, Faculty of Science and Technology, organized a workshop for research students of BS, MS and PhD programs titled “The 2nd Hands-on Training of Research Techniques – From Theory to Practice” on October 10, 2024, under the supervision of the Dean, Prof. Dr. Muhammad Akhyar Farrukh. Dr. Aatif Amin, Head of Department-Microbiology, outlined the objectives of the training and emphasized the importance of learning software tools such as SPSS (Statistical Package for the Social Sciences) and RevMan. The resource persons, Dr. Namrah Anwar provided an overview of data types and conducted hands-on training of SPSS software, while Dr. Naila Noureen led practical sessions on RevMan, a software used for meta-analysis. The workshop concluded with a certificate distribution ceremony attended by the Dean and Head of the Biotechnology Department.

UCP Hosts “Surbuland Talk Series – Chaupal: Kahani Sans Leti Hai”



In a significant stride toward fostering intellectual growth and creative expression, the University of Central Punjab recently launched the first session of its Surbuland Talks series with an inspiring event titled “Kahani Sans Leti Hai.” This unique gathering welcomed renowned personalities from Pakistan’s art and literary circles: Ms. Bee Gul, Mr. Sohaib Mugheera, Ms. Amna Mufti, and Mr. Muhammad Hassan Miraj, who shared their insights on the profound impact of storytelling.

Each speaker brought a unique perspective to the table, emphasizing that when viewed through the lens of art and literature, stories carry the power to evoke deep emotions and illuminate the complexities of human experiences. Their discussions explored how narratives, enriched with cultural, social, and historical nuances, hold the ability to transcend time and space, leaving a lasting impact on minds and hearts alike.

The session was not just a dialogue but an enlightening experience—a space where the power of ideas and imagination came alive. Through storytelling, the speakers illustrated how art and literature serve as mirrors to society, capturing its essence and evoking introspection and empathy.

This inaugural Surbuland Talk is part of UCP’s broader initiative to create enriching platforms that encourage critical thought, creativity, and cultural engagement. The university aims to continue hosting such events, bringing leading figures from various disciplines to share their journeys and philosophies with the academic community. Through Kahani Sans Leti Hai, UCP reaffirmed its commitment to not only academic excellence but also to nurturing a vibrant environment where students and faculty can experience the transformative power of literature and the arts. This event exemplifies UCP’s mission to cultivate a community that values intellectual exploration, artistic expression, and the beauty of diverse perspectives.



Agile conference Pakistan 2024



University of Central Punjab in collaboration with the National Accountability Bureau (NAB) organized a seminar on Anti-corruption. Additional Director, Attia Azmat and Deputy Director NAB Lahore, Munazza Tasneem’s, presence added significance to the occasion. Ms. Attia Azmat addressed the audience with a thorough presentation on various aspects of anti-corruption, discussing the mechanisms of corruption, its effects on society, and the legal frameworks established to counter it. Her presentation engaged students deeply, leading to a lively question-and-answer session where students raised thoughtful questions on the role they could play in fostering a corruption-free society.

Following the seminar, Dr. Muhammad Yaqoob, Provost of UCP, delivered a heartfelt thank-you speech, appreciating Ms. Attia and NAB officials for their valuable time and efforts in highlighting NAB’s role in preventing corruption and enforcing accountability. He emphasized the importance of such sessions in cultivating an informed and ethically responsible student community. The event concluded with a symbolic walk around the UCP campus, where students and faculty joined NAB officials in a show of commitment to combating corruption. The seminar was organized by the dedicated efforts of Syeda Ayesha Noor, Ms. Zasheer, and their team, reflecting UCP’s dedication to character building and ethical development. This seminar not only informed students about anti-corruption measures but also inspired them to take a stand against corruption, aligning with the university’s mission to instill integrity and social responsibility among its students.

IEEE Conference on Horizons of Information Technology and Engineering (HITE 2024)



The IEEE HITE 2024 conference successfully brought together experts, academics, and students for a two-day event focused on the latest advancements in artificial intelligence, data science, robotics, software engineering, power systems, and electronic communication. Organized by the Faculty of Information Technology & Computer Science (FoIT & CS) and the Faculty of Engineering (FoE) at the University of Central Punjab, in collaboration with the IEEE Lahore Section, IEEE Robotics & Automation Society (Islamabad-Lahore-Karachi) Joint Sections Chapter, and IEEE Geoscience and Remote Sensing Society Lahore Section Chapter, the conference provided a platform for presenting research, engaging in discussions, and exploring practical applications of emerging technologies.

Tech for Tomorrow 2024



University of Central Punjab’s Tech for Tomorrow (TFT 2024), held from October 17-19, 2024, empowered girls and underprivileged students by offering workshops and hands-on sessions in emerging technologies. The event aimed to make technology education accessible to all participants, including specific sessions for kids and girls. Day 1 Highlights (October 17, 2024):

- The event opened with the recitation of the Holy Quran by IEEE RAS Student Chapter’s Interim Chair, Mr. Abdur Raffay, followed by a welcome note from Dr. Muhammad Amjad Iqbal, Dean, Faculty of IT & CS at UCP.
- Mr. Shazeb Rathore, Chair of the IEEE Lahore Section, delivered the opening address as Chief Guest, emphasizing the importance of IEEE and its initiatives for students, faculty members, and professionals.
- Dr. Tanweer Bukhari, Project Lead, highlighted that Tech for Tomorrow (TFT 2024) has been honored as one of the five recipients of the prestigious IEEE Computer Society (IEEE CS) Diversity and Inclusion (D&I) Fund grants for 2024. This recognition celebrates TFT 2024’s dedication to promoting diversity, equity, and inclusion within the global computing community. Out of 124 proposals, TFT 2024 was selected for its significant impact on educating and empowering underrepresented and underprivileged groups, especially women and girls, through transformative technology education. Dr. Bukhari emphasized that this grant enables TFT 2024 to advance its mission of providing dynamic learning experiences in robotics, programming, and digital literacy, further strengthening a commitment to building a more inclusive and innovative technological future. He expressed heartfelt gratitude to the IEEE Computer Society for their support, which will enable the creation of meaningful, accessible learning opportunities that inspire the next generation of diverse tech leaders.
- Keynote speakers included Prof. Dr. Andrew Ware (University of South Wales, UK), discussing “Learning from Data,” and Prof. Dr. Yasar Ayaz (Chairman, National Center of Artificial Intelligence, Pakistan), presenting on “Robotics on the RISE.”
- An invited talk on “Environmental Data Science” was delivered by Prof. Dr. Saman Shahid (Fast NU, Lahore).
- Hands-on workshops included Internet of Things (IoT) led by Dr. Stefan Poslad (Queen Mary University of London), Remote Sensing ABC for Kids led by Dr. Adnan Siddique (Information Technology University), EV3 Lego Programming led by Ms. Ifra Ayesha (University of Central Punjab), Arduino Workshop led by Mr. Jawad Khalid, Programming Educational Robot in Webots using Python led by Dr. Syed Tanweer Shah Bukhari, and another Robotics Workshop led by Dr. Khawaja Fahad (NUST), all of which attracted great participation.

• A group photo and presentation of souvenirs closed the opening ceremony and the first day, leaving participants energized for the upcoming sessions.

Day 2 Highlights (October 18, 2024):

- Workshops were led by Dr. Adnan Siddique (Information Technology University), EV3 Lego Programming led by Ms. Ifra Ayesha (University of Central Punjab), and Programming Humanoid Robot (myBuddy280) led by Mr. Hassan Jahangir (University of Central Punjab), with sessions held at multiple times to accommodate enthusiastic participants.

Day 3 Highlights (October 19, 2024):

- Workshops continued with advanced sessions in AR/VR, Robotics, EV3 Lego Programming, Programming Humanoid Robot (myBuddy280), Arduino Workshop, and Programming Educational Robot in Webots using

Python, showcasing the role of Robotics and AI in various applications.

- Invited talks included “Robotics and Sensing in Smart Agriculture – An ABC” by Dr. Yasir Niaz Khan (Punjab Safe Cities Authority) and “Changing Landscape of Cyber Security Due to Generative AI” by Ms. Asma Basharat (FCCU, Lahore).
 - The closing ceremony featured a keynote address on “AI as a Catalyst for Change: Empowering Underprivileged Females in Pakistan” by Dr. Arfan Jaffar (Superior University) and “The Future of AI in Oncology: What We Need to Know” by Dr. Amjad Zafar (Allama Iqbal Medical College). Closing remarks were shared by Dr. Muhammad Amjad Iqbal, Dr. Sarwar Ehsan, Dr. Abbas Khalid, Dr. Andrew Ware, and Dr. Stefan Poslad.
- TFT 2024 successfully delivered on its promise to provide valuable technological training to girls, kids, and underprivileged students. The variety of workshops and keynotes ensured a comprehensive learning experience, driving engagement and interest in technology.

Student Pedagogy Partnership Program Orientation Fall 2024



The Student Pedagogy Partnership Program (SPPP) conducted its Orientation Training for the Fall 2024 cohort, welcoming new participants to the initiative. This training introduced students to the program’s mission of fostering collaborative teaching and learning through active engagement with faculty. The orientation covered key concepts in student-faculty partnerships, emphasizing the importance of mutual respect, shared responsibility, and reflective practice in enhancing classroom experiences. Participants were briefed on their roles, expectations, and the tools available for effective collaboration. Through interactive sessions and activities, the cohort was equipped with strategies to contribute meaningfully to course design, delivery, and feedback processes. The orientation served as the foundation for the cohort to begin their journey in improving pedagogical practices and fostering a more inclusive, student-centered academic environment.

How to Get Published in W Category Journals?



The Faculty of Languages and Literature organized an insightful seminar on “How to Get Published in W Category Journals”. Prof. Dr. Tahir Saleem, Associate Head of Linguistics Department and an expert researcher in his field, focused on how to navigate the complexities of academic publishing, understand the journal requirements, and enhance the research impact. Dr. Saleem’s expertise was highly applauded by the attendees.

Shaping the Future of Global Health at the 7th Annual International Pharmacy Symposium



University of Central Punjab’s Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences brought together pioneering voices in pharmacy and healthcare to tackle critical global health challenges. Here’s a sneak peek into some extraordinary moments: Prof. Dr. Hammad Naveed, our visionary Pro-Rector, kickstarted the event with a keynote on harnessing AI to revolutionize pharmaceutical and medical sciences. His insights on merging technology with pharmacy left everyone eager for the future. Prof. Dr. Mahtab Ahmad Khan, Dean of FOPS, passionately discussed the role of computational tools in drug discovery, emphasizing that innovation is the key to solving Pakistan’s healthcare challenges. Our international guest speakers brought a blend of global perspectives, sharing fresh insights into clinical pharmacy practices and advanced photochemistry applications, lighting up the room with knowledge and inspiration. A special highlight was the poster competition, where young researchers presented groundbreaking ideas on nanocarriers, showcasing FOPS’s dedication to pioneering research. Together, let’s amplify these voices and ideas for a healthier world!

Learning Innovation Centre’s Faculty Townhall



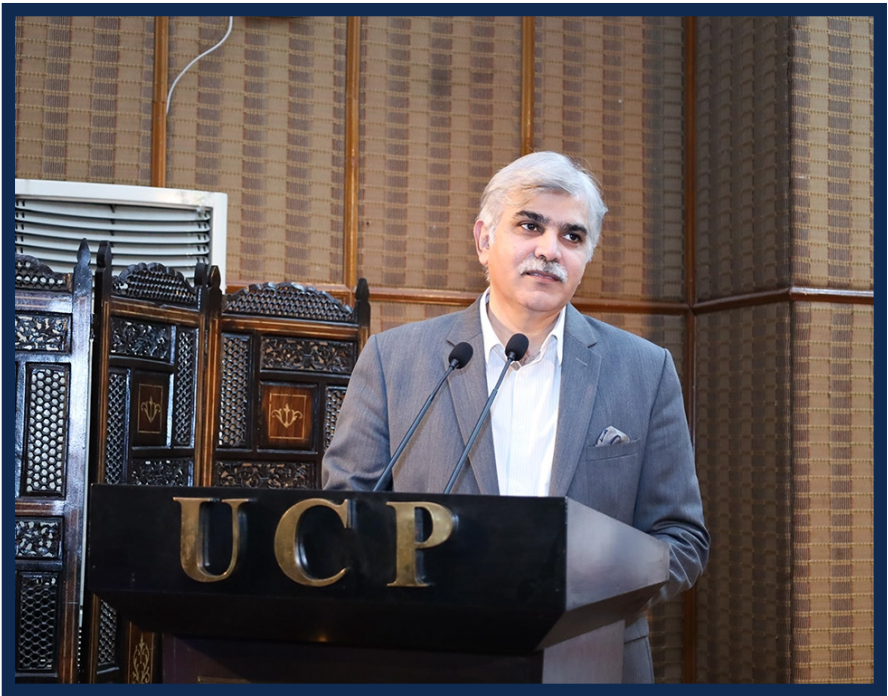
Learning Innovation Centre in collaboration with Human Resource Department held a Town Hall meeting for faculty members to strengthen open communication. This session provided updates, addressed questions and explored ways to enhance collaboration. Faculty members participated actively, sharing valuable insights and suggestions that reinforced our shared goals and commitment to continuous improvement.



National Accountability Bureau’s seminar on Anti-corruption



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NASA Space App Hackathon 2024



Lahore, Pakistan – The NASA Space App Hackathon 2024 was successfully conducted at the National Aerospace Science and Technology Park (NASTP) in collaboration with Airman’s Ground on October 5-6, 2024. This prestigious global competition challenges students to develop innovative solutions based on real-time data provided by NASA.

This year, the event in Lahore saw an impressive registration of over 500 participants. The hackathon provided a platform for students to tackle real-world problems with guidance from experienced mentors. Mr. Syed Asim Azhar Shah, Director of Quality Enhancement Cell (QEC), and Mr. Jawad Khan, Director of Student Affairs, were invited as mentors and judges, respectively. Their expertise and insights were invaluable in evaluating the projects.

Throughout the two-day event, mentors worked closely with the student groups, offering guidance and support as they developed their solutions. The judges rigorously evaluated the projects through detailed presentations and simulations, ensuring a thorough assessment of each team’s work.

The NASA Space App Hackathon continues to inspire and empower students worldwide, fostering a spirit of innovation and collaboration. The success of the Lahore event is a testament to the dedication and creativity of the participants and the support of the organizing bodies.

Workshop on Systematic Literature Review



UCP Business School to strengthen the quality of research and publication in top-tier journals organized a workshop on Systematic Literature Review. Dr Waris Ali, Associate Professor/Chairperson of Business Administration Department (University of Sahiwal) was the trainer of this workshop. Dr Waris Ali shared the specific modules to teach Systematic Literature Reivew that he developed at University of Waterloo as his postdoctoral work. He also comprehensively described the basic philosophy and requisites of publication of systematic literature review in top tier journals. Faculty of business school, faculty of social sciences, PhD Scholars and MS students attended this session. The session was highly appreciated by all the participants and attendees.

Faculty of Science and Technology’s Breast Cancer Awareness Seminar



The Department of Microbiology, Faculty of Science and Technology, organized an impactful seminar on Breast Cancer Awareness for students and faculty on October 30, 2024. This event was held in collaboration with Hormone Lab and Pink Ribbon Pakistan, under the esteemed supervision of the Dean, Prof. Dr. Muhammad Akhyar Farrukh. The Head of the Microbiology Department, Dr. Aatif Amin, welcomed the guest speakers and highlighted the importance of early detection and treatment of breast cancer in Pakistan. Esteemed guest speakers included Mr. Omer Aftab, CEO of Pink Ribbon Pakistan, Prof. Dr. Talat Waseem, Surgical Oncologist at Shalamar Medical and Dental College, and Prof. Dr. Amna Javed, Consultant Surgeon at Lahore General Hospital, who shared invaluable insights into national screening initiatives, treatment options, and preventive strategies. In his concluding remarks, the Dean shared his thoughts and expressed gratitude to the speakers for their invaluable contributions. The guests praised the efforts of organizers Dr. Naila Noreen, Ms. Iqra Jamil, and their team for putting together such a well-executed event. The event concluded with an awareness walk and a souvenir ceremony attended by Hormone Lab representatives, Mr. Jahan e Khalid, Dr. Ahmed Naseem, and Dr. Rimsha Munir, with giveaways from both Hormone Lab and Pink Ribbon Pakistan presented to the distinguished guests. This seminar successfully fostered knowledge-sharing and awareness, reinforcing the importance of early detection in combating breast cancer.

Breast Cancer Awareness Session



The Human Resource Department hosted an informative session on Breast Cancer Awareness on October 9, 2024. The session, led by Dr. Huma Majeed, a Consultant from Evercare Hospital, focused on the early signs and symptoms of breast cancer. With the theme “Pink” to highlight breast cancer awareness, the event aimed to educate attendees on the importance of early detection and encourage proactive health practices.

Faculty Meetings

26th Academic Council Meeting



The 26th Academic Council meeting of the University of Central Punjab (UCP) was held on Tuesday, focusing on enhancing quality education and updating curricula to align with industry standards. The meeting was chaired by Pro-Rector, UCP, Prof. Dr. Hammad Naveed, all the UCP deans, relevant heads of departments (HoDs), and directors were the participants. The academic council approved launch of two new MS programs and gave approval to revise roadmaps for various undergraduate programs.

Dr. Mazhar Iqbal, Dean Academics at UCP, presented the agenda of the meeting, which featured discussions on working papers submitted by eight faculties, various departments and directorates. These include the Faculty of Engineering (FOE), Faculty of Science and Technology (FOST), Faculty of Media and Mass Communication (FMMC), Faculty of Law (FoL), Faculty of Management Sciences (FoMS), Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences (FHSS), Faculty of Languages and Literature (FLL), and Faculty of Information Technology (FoIT).

The Academic Council approved revised roadmaps for FOE, FOST, FMMC, FoL, FoMS, and FHSS. Furthermore, the council approved the addition of new courses to the programs in the Faculty of Engineering (FOE), Faculty of Science and Technology (FOST), and Faculty of Languages and Literature (FLL) to enrich the curriculum and align with contemporary academic standards.

A major highlight of the meeting was the approval of two new MS programs: Engineering Management under FOE, and Physical Education and Sports Sciences under FHSS. These programs aim to cater to growing demand in these fields and align with UCP's commitment to quality education.

Moreover, the council approved prerequisite deficiency courses for students seeking admission to interdisciplinary BS programs in FOE and FoIT. In a significant move, the council also approved admissions for pre-medical students into FOE and FoIT, provided they complete the necessary deficiency courses.

The revised faculty workload policy and summer semester regulations were also endorsed, reflecting UCP's ongoing efforts to optimize academic operations.

Pro-Rector Dr. Hammad Naveed thanked the participants for their input and lauded the faculties for their commitment to adapting curricula to the evolving needs of the time. He emphasized the importance of continuously aligning educational programs with industry standards to maintain UCP's reputation for academic excellence.

Faculty of Science and Technology's 7th Faculty Meeting for Academic Year 2024-25



Faculty of Science and Technology organized its 7th Faculty Meeting on October 11, 2024. The meeting was chaired by the Acting Dean Prof. Dr. Muhammad Akhyar Farrukh, and it covered key topics related to faculty progress and strategic planning for the upcoming academic session. The FOST strategic goals for 2024-2025 were outlined, focusing on academic excellence, research innovation, and industry partnerships.

The meeting was attended by the HoDs, faculty members, and staff. Pro-Rector, Dr. Hammad Naveed, shared valuable insights into university-wide initiatives aimed at enhancing both faculty and student development. The session concluded with a strong emphasis to ensure the sustained growth and success of FOST.

Faculty of Information Technology and Computer Science's 3rd Industry Advisory Board Meeting



Faculty of Information Technology and Computer Science successfully conducted its 3rd Industry Advisory Board (IAB) Meeting on October 11, 2024. The meeting brought together esteemed leaders from the industry and our academic faculty to discuss valuable insights, suggestions, and feedback to align our curriculum with the evolving demands of the tech world.

External Members from the Industry:

- Mr. Noman Hassan, CEO, Resource Inn
 - Mr. Fahad Iftikhar, Director, Generix Solutions
 - Mr. Rehan Ahmad, PMP®, CTO, Danya Solutions
 - Mr. Sohail Asgher, CEO, Techhive.AI
 - Ms. Hafiza Saira, COO, Co-Build
 - Mr. Muhmmad Sufian, Manager Learning and Development, Purelogics
- Internal Members from FOITCS:**
- Dr. Hammad Naveed, Pro Rector and Professor FOITCS
 - Dr. Muhammad AMJAD IQBAL, (Dean FOITCS)
 - Dr. Abbas Khalid, (Associate Dean FOITCS)
 - Dr. Muhammad Sarwar Ehsan, (Associate Dean)
 - Dr. Mohsin Ashraf, (HOD-CS)
 - Dr. Imran Arshad Choudhary, (HOD-SE)
 - Dr. Naveed Hussain, (HOD-ACT)
 - Mr. Asif Farooq (FILO)
 - Mr. Usman Aamer (Director BSCS Program)

Civil Engineering Department's Industrial Advisory Board's 2nd Meeting



The Department of Civil Engineering, FOE, held its 2nd meeting of the Industrial Advisory Board on September 26, 2024. The meeting was attended by Dr. Muhammad Rizwan Shad, Dean Faculty of Engineering along with Dr. Kafeel Ahmed, HoD Civil Engineering and senior faculty members of the department. Representatives from some of the top industries like Izhar Construction, Packages Pvt Ltd, Bannu Mukhtar, Ittefaq Construction Associates and the project director of Punjab Irrigation Department also participated in the meeting.

Following important matters were brought to discussions for seeking input of the board members:

- Attainment of the Program Educational Objectives by the civil engineering graduates of UCP
- Industry Oriented Final Year Design Projects with support and collaboration from Industry
- Review of Curriculum in the light of emerging trends like Building Information modelling, augmented reality, advanced building materials, sustainable and smart building designs & Artificial Intelligence.
- Industrial and Government support for PhD scholars working on industry or Government projects
- Collaboration from Industry for the 2nd International Conference on New Trends In Civil Engineering at UCP
- Mandatory supervised internships for UCP engineering undergrad students.

These industrial partners of UCP have recently provided internships to the students of F-21 Batch of Civil Engineering Department. Some of our civil engineering graduates are also working with them as employees. The board members from the industry expressed their satisfaction on the performance & commitment of our students and graduates.

The members also expressed their jubilation at the three batches accreditation of Civil Engineering Program by the Pakistan Engineering Council at level-II.



FOIT & CS Industry visit to Programmers Force



FOITCS (Faculty of Information Technology and Computer Science), in collaboration with Programmers Force, organized an insightful experience on 29th October 2024 for students to gain hands-on exposure to the industry. 15 faculty members accompanied students for the visit to Programmers Force.

This partnership symbolises the commitment of departments like FOITCS to harness the power of IT and provide world-class tech solutions.

This initiative is part of the Strategic Plan for 2024 to 2025, which aims to transform our students into polished IT professionals.

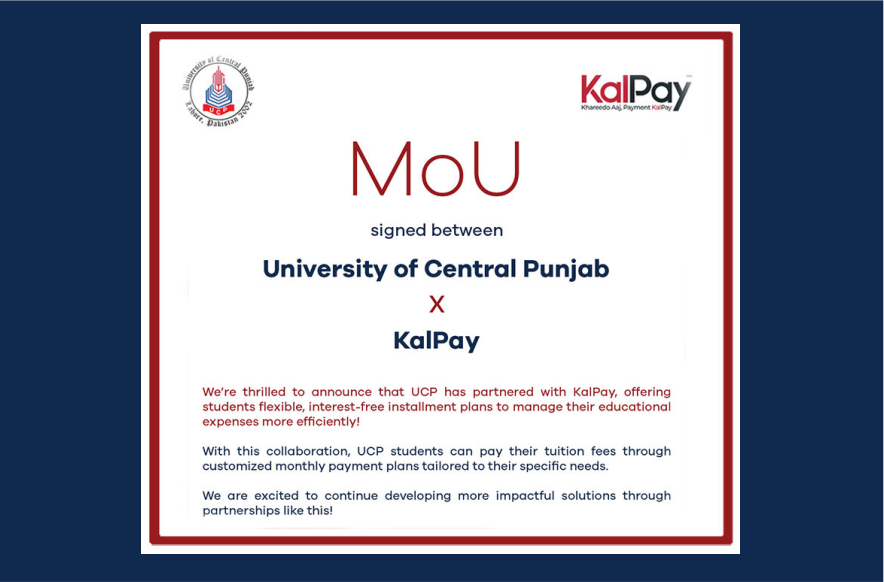
We thank our esteemed faculty members and the Programmers Club. Your support and dedication have made this achievement possible.

This experience has equipped our students with real-world experience and networking opportunities. FOITCS looks forward to more partnerships that enrich the learning experience and prepare students for successful careers in technology.



MOUs

UCP x EduFi MOU



We are excited to announce that the University of Central Punjab has signed an MoU with EduFi, offering an interest-free education loan that allows you to pay your fees in convenient monthly instalments. This service operates on the Study Now, Pay Later model. This partnership underscores UCP's dedication to providing financial ease and accessibility, ensuring that our students can focus on their academic success without the stress of financial constraints. Together, we are paving the way for a smoother, more supportive educational experience.

UCP Signs MoU with Sahara for Life Trust for First Aid Training Program



The University of Central Punjab (UCP) has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Sahara for Life Trust to implement a comprehensive First Aid Training Program. This initiative aims to equip UCP students with essential life-saving skills, such as wound management, CPR, and emergency response procedures. Under this collaboration, certified trainers from Sahara for Life Trust will conduct monthly training sessions, ensuring that participants become qualified First Aid Providers. The program will also include regular follow-up sessions to enhance the skills of all participants. This partnership reflects UCP's commitment to creating a safer campus environment while contributing to the broader societal goal of health awareness and emergency preparedness.

UCP x Surgimed Hospital MOU



University of Central Punjab has signed an MoU with Surgimed Hospital, Lahore. This initiative reflects the FOPS commitment to bridge the gap between theory and practice. The purpose of this MoU is to establish a collaborative relationship between UCP and Surgimed Hospital to facilitate clinical training opportunities for Pharm. D. students. This collaborative relationship will provide the students with hands-on-training and will promote the interprofessional collaboration between pharmacy and healthcare disciplines.

UCP Signs MoU with University of Salerno, Italy for Strategic Collaboration



The Faculty of Information Technology and Computer Science at UCP has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the University of Salerno, Fisciano, Italy. This strategic partnership will foster collaboration in research and academic programs, including joint research projects, faculty exchanges, and student development. The MoU aims to strengthen both institutions in cutting-edge research and shared educational initiatives, paving the way for innovative collaborations.

Faculty of Languages and Literature signs MoUs with Key Industry Partners



Faculty of Languages and Literature signs MoUs with Key Industry Partners Faculty of Languages and Literature hosted an MoU signing ceremony on September 30, 2024, under the leadership of Dean, Prof. Dr. Fehmida Sultana. The event marked a key step in fostering academic-industrial collaborations as FLL signed MoUs with Comprehensive Disaster Response Services (CDRS), Deaf Welfare Awareness Foundation (DWF), and Times Consultant.

This initiative reflects FOLL's commitment to bridging the gap between theory and practice, with FOLL being the first to introduce Sign Language as a course at the BS Level. Faculty members including Dr. Baber Sultan Ali Khan, Dr. Habib Qazi, Dr. Shafaat Yar Khan, Dr. Irfan Abbas, and others participated in the event, organized by Mr. Nohaiz Mehmood and Ms. Fatima Urooj. The ceremony concluded with exchanging souvenirs and a group photo, symbolizing the successful partnership.

Faculty of Media and Mass Communication x Creative Junction (Pvt) Ltd MOU



Faculty of Media and Mass Communication has signed an MOU with Creative Junction (Pvt) Ltd, a prominent marketing and advertising agency, on September 27, 2024, to strengthen collaboration between academia and industry. The agreement was officially endorsed by Dr. Fawad Baig (Dean of FMMC, UCP), and Brig. (Retd) Muhammad Zubair Rehan (CEO of Creative Junction, Lahore). They were joined by Dr. Fahad Anis (Head of the Department at FMMC), and Mr. Qasim Rehan, focal person from Creative Junction. The key points of understanding and cooperation include: a) offering internship opportunities and educational visits for FMMC students at Creative Junction; and b) promoting the exchange of expertise in advertising and marketing through various seminars and workshops. The FMMC delegation visited the sections of audio/visual recording, designing, and editing. To conclude the event, Dr. Fawad Baig and Dr. Fahad Anis presented UCP souvenirs as tokens of appreciation to Brig. (Retd) Muhammad Zubair Rehan and Mr. Qasim Rehan.

Community Service

Tree Plantation and Awareness Drive



Volunteers in Service (VIS) department in collaboration with Al-Khidmat Foundation and Punjab Horticulture Authority (PHA), has planted around 300,000 trees in and around Lahore. This project aims to plant 1 million indigenous trees in and around Lahore. Volunteers of University of Central Punjab have stood up to the occasion and Tree Plantation Drives are organized at different intervals throughout the year at different places in Lahore. This is 4th planation drive for 2024. Plantation was done in green belts near Quaid-e-Azam Industrial Estate.

VIS Volunteers participation in National Youth Peace Festival 2024



Volunteers in Service (VIS) department and UCP Welfare Society's volunteers represented University of Central Punjab at the 14th National Youth Peace Festival 2024. UCP Volunteers actively engaged in insightful discussions on youth empowerment over the two-day event. They participated in interactive sessions with prominent speakers and raised critical questions about the role of youth in shaping the future. A key highlight of the festival was the opportunity to meet and have an inspiring conversation with Ms. Kristin K. Hawkins, U.S. Consul General, making the experience truly memorable.

CM Punjab Himmat Card Launch



Volunteers in Service (VIS) Department in collaboration with UCP Welfare Society, played a pivotal role in organizing the launch ceremony of the Chief Minister Punjab's Himmat Card for Persons with Disabilities, hosted by the Social Welfare Department. UCP Volunteers provided hands-on support to participants with disabilities, ensuring smooth navigation throughout the event, both inside and outside the venue. Their dedication and efforts in making the event accessible and comfortable for all attendees were highly praised by the Social Welfare Department. This collaborative initiative underscores UCP's commitment to empowering individuals with disabilities and fostering an inclusive society through meaningful community service. This activity aligns with SDG#1 No Poverty, SDG#3 Good Health and Well-Being, SDG#10 Reduced Inequalities.

**Head Volunteer in Service (VIS)
Department visit to Aleem Dar
Foundation**



Muhammad Hammad Ur Rehman, head of Volunteers in Service (VIS) Department visited Aleem Dar Foundation – a dedicated organization working in the fight against Thalassemia. During the visit, he was given a tour of incredible facilities and had insightful discussions about the continuous efforts to provide top-notch care for thalassemic patients. Mr. Aleem Dar, renowned cricket umpire and Chairman of Aleem Dar Foundation praised the VIS Department’s vision and dedication and graciously requested a blood donation camp at UCP to support Thalassemia patients. He also presentation a souvenir to Mr. Hammad in recognition of this meaningful collaboration. Together, we are committed to making a difference!

**Faculty of Media and Mass
Communication Driving Efforts
Towards a Greener Planet**



The Faculty of Media and Mass Communication (FMMC), in collaboration with Pak Mission Society, organized a symposium on Climate Change Day titled “Youth Leadership in Climate Action: Solutions for a Sustainable Future” on 28th October 2024. The event took place from 10 AM to 2 PM at the UCP Main Auditorium. Dr. Fahad Anis, Head of Department (HoD) at FMMC, served as the Focal Person from UCP. Dr. Fawad Baig, Dean of FMMC, opened the event with a speech on Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and climate action, welcoming participants, including Mr. Ahmer Shahzad, Project Manager at Pak Mission Society. FMMC recognizes the power of communication and its effects on social, cultural, political, and global levels in a highly interconnected world. The United Nations’ Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) were highlighted, aiming for “Peace and Prosperity for People and the Planet.” The SDG on Climate Change emphasizes the necessity for humanity to limit and adapt to climate change, urging immediate action to combat its impacts. To actively engage students, four competitions were incorporated into the symposium, including video, poster, speech, and model competitions. FMMC successfully engaged students from UCP and various schools across Lahore in raising awareness about climate change. The symposium featured a panel discussion on climate change action. Our distinguished panelists included Dr. Atif Ashraf, Head of Department (HoD) at FMMC; Mr.

Hassan Bin Sadat, Lecturer at the College of Earth and Environmental Sciences, University of the Punjab; Mr. Umar Chaudhary, Senior Manager of Communication at Lahore Waste Management Company; and Mr. Sajid Qudoos Awan, Chief Conservator of Forest Extension and Research at the Forestry, Wildlife, and Fisheries Department, Government of Punjab. Mr. Syed Ibrar Abulhassan hosted the symposium and moderated the panel, while Mr. Ahsan Farooqi, Senior Lecturer, was part of the organizing team. Judges for the competitions included Dr. Muhammad Irfan Ali, Assistant Professor at the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences (FoHSS); Muhammad Shahid, Senior Lecturer at FMMC; Ms. Yakhshi Saleem, Senior Lecturer at FMMC; and Mr. Omer Saeed Qureshi, Lecturer at FMMC. This informative event concluded with remarks from Mr. Hammad Naveed, Prorector of UCP, who distributed shields to the panelists and competition winners in recognition of their efforts to promote climate change awareness. The symposium was a symbol of how FMMC is playing its role in fostering a greener planet.

**International
Office Initiatives**

**State University of New York
Delegates visit to UCP**



A delegation from the State University of New York, including Mr. Tze Teck Sim, Mr. Will Javian Dawson, and Ms. Sadaf Shahid, visited the University of Central Punjab (UCP) to explore opportunities for academic collaboration between the two institutions. The delegation was warmly welcomed by Mr. Sikandar Sethi and Ms. Zainab Bashir from the International Office and relevant members from the Faculty of Engineering. During the meeting, the delegation provided valuable insights into the F1 visa process and discussed the viability of credit transfer options for students wishing to pursue studies at state universities in the United States. Additionally, they explored scholarship opportunities for UCP students, emphasizing the importance of financial supportinfacilitatinginternationaleducationexperiences. The discussions also centered around potential areas for mutual collaboration, including student exchange programs, joint research initiatives, and other academic partnerships that could create pathways for students to enhance their academic experiences. The meeting concluded with a note of thanks from the UCP International Office, acknowledging the significance of the visit and the potential for future collaboration. UCP souvenirs were presented to the visiting delegation as a token of appreciation.

Study in Ireland Education Fair



UCP International Office in collaboration with Education in Ireland (a government subsidy of Irish Government) is organizing an Education Fair at UCP on October 11, 2024 from 2 PM to 6:30 PM. 12 Irish Higher Education Institutes will set up their stalls and official representatives from these universities will provide information and guide students on higher education opportunities in Ireland.

UCP x Education in Ireland Education Fair 2024



An international delegate from leading universities in Ireland along with officials from Education in Ireland office visited UCP on Friday 11th October, 2024 to explore opportunities of academic collaborations between the two countries. The Deputy Director International Office, Mr. Sikandar Sethi received the guests and provided them with the overview of UCP, its faculties and different internationalization initiatives followed by one-on-one discussion of delegate members with the Deans and faculty members to discuss opportunities to establish partnerships on student/staff exchanges, faculty development and research collaborations. The University of Central Punjab also organized on-campus booths for each visiting Irish university for the interaction of students directly with the Irish officials to explore opportunities for further studies and scholarships in Ireland. The delegate appreciated the efforts of UCP to provide international higher education opportunities to its students and establish academic ties with leading universities around the globe. The event concluded by vote of thanks by the UCP International Office and presentation of souvenirs from Provost UCP, Mr. Muhammad Yaqoob to the esteemed members of the Irish delegate.

ISC Paris Business School and EPITECH Paris delegate visits UCP



A delegate from ISC Paris Business School and EPITECH Paris lead by Ms. Mathilde Loustalniau, Head of Campus France along with her team members visited UCP to discuss opportunities for academic collaborations and partnerships. The Prorector UCP, Dr. Hammad Naveed, along with UCP International Office and relevant Deans from different faculties welcomed the guests and discussed on the areas of mutual interest and opportunities for mutual collaboration. The delegate was also briefed about the portfolio of University of Central Punjab along with different internationalization initiatives carried out by the International Office with different faculties. It was agreed that UCP will continue to exploring opportunities with Campus France and work with ISC Paris and EPITECH for academic exchange opportunities and potential progression agreements. The meeting was concluded by vote of thanks by Dr. Hammad Naveed and presentation of UCP souvenirs followed by campus visit by the foreign delegate.

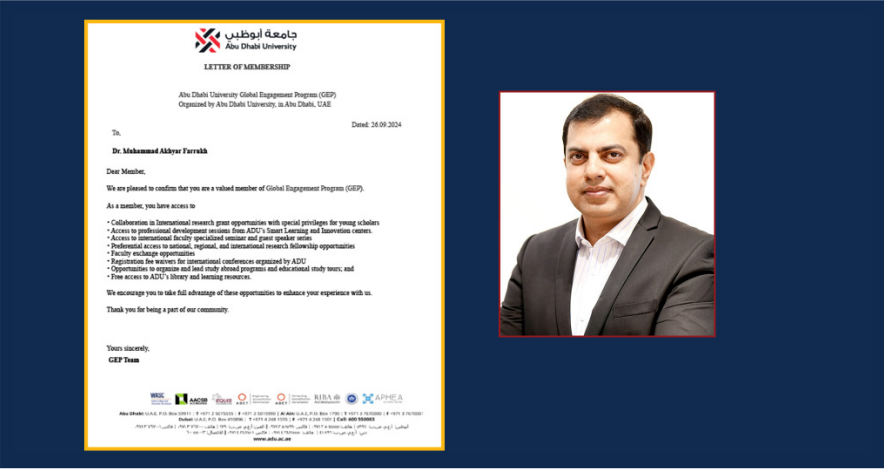
Yunus Emre Institute, Turkish Cultural Center Lahore Delegate visit to UCP



Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences held a meeting with the Yunus Emre Institute, Turkish Cultural Center Lahore to discuss the signing of a MOU. Dean, Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences, Prof. Dr. Khalid Manzoor Butt, met with officials Mr. Furkan Karastas and Dr. Amir Ali from the Institute. The MoU will aim to strengthen academic and cultural ties, promoting exchange programs, joint research, and the introduction of Turkish language courses at UCP. Both sides have expressed enthusiasm to formalize this partnership soon.

Faculty Achievements

Prof. Dr. Muhammad Akhyar Farrukh has become a member of Abu Dhabi University’s Global Engagement Program



Prof. Dr. Muhammad Akhyar Farrukh has brought yet another honour to UCP by officially becoming a Global Engagement Program (GEP) member of the Abu Dhabi University (ADU). This program provides significant benefits, improves the university’s global reach and nurtures impactful collaborations. Through Prof. Dr. Farrukh’s membership in the GEP, UCP will gain enhanced access to collaboration in international research grant opportunities, specialized seminars and guest speaker series, preferential access to Fellowships, and faculty exchange programs. This membership is a testament to UCP’s dedication to expanding its global influence and furthering relationships that will not only bring value to the university but also to the wider academic community. We congratulate Prof. Dr. Muhammad Akhyar Farrukh and look forward to the positive impact of this collaboration.

Students Achievements

Mechanical Engineering students secured 2nd position in Engineering Innovation Award



Mechanical Engineering Department’s students participated in Engineering Innovation Awards arranged by PAAPAM alongside Pakistan Auto Show. The project, “Design and Fabrication of a 5-Axis CNC Milling Machine,” of Mechanical Engineering Department, Faculty of Engineering, won 2nd prize and a cash prize of PKR 75,000, among nearly 45 entries from universities across the country, demonstrating the team’s exceptional innovation and technical skill. This accomplishment reflects their dedication and the department’s commitment to achieve excellence through professional development of our graduates.”

Sports Achievements

UCP Student won Fastest Man in Pakistan Title



Superior University in collaboration with Pakistan Athletics Federation organized the Pakistan’s Fastest Man & Woman event, where 50 top athletes competed. Shajar Abbas, a student of BS Health & Physical Education secured the title of Fastest Man of Pakistan with a new national record. Shajar Abbas is the first Pakistani to qualify for the finals of both the 100m and 200m races, having represented Pakistan in several major international competitions such as the World Athletics Championships, Asian Games, Commonwealth Games and World Islamic Games. He currently holds the title of National Champion and National Record Holder in both the 100m and 200m races, marking a significant achievement for the nation.

UCP Students Secure 2nd Position in Speed Programming Competition at Superior University



We are proud to announce that our talented students—Muhammad Waqas, Iqra Rehman, and Muhammad Ahmad Zia—from the Faculty of Information Technology and Computer Science (FOITCS) have secured the 2nd position in the Speed Programming Competition at Superior University, Lahore. Their outstanding achievement highlights UCP’s dedication to fostering excellence in education and innovation. Congratulations to the team on this remarkable accomplishment!

UCP students secured 3rd position in 3rd Seafood Festival organized by Minhaj University



Department of Food Science and Technology’s students Mahrukh Zahid and Sehar Noor, under the supervision of Ms. Samia Tahir, secured 3rd position among 30 teams at the 3rd Seafood Festival, “Ocean of Opportunity: Celebrating Heritage and Innovation,” held on October 10th at Minhaj University. We congratulate our students for their hard work and dedication, bringing us significant recognition.

UCP students win gold and bronze medal at Senior National Weightlifting Championship 2024-25



HEC Weightlifting Team participated in the Senior National Weightlifting Championship 2024-25 where 10 players competed. 6 out of 10 players were from UCP. HEC won 3 medals in this championship (1 gold with national record and 2 bronze medals) Muhammad Yousaf, BS Computer Science student won gold medal for HEC in 61kg body weight with new national record and Suba Khan, BS Sports Sciences student won bronze medal in 73kg body weight.

HEC All-Pakistan Intervarsity Taekwondo Championship 2024



Higher Education Commission has initiated the All Pakistan Intervarsity Taekwondo Championship on October 16, 2024, at the University of Central Punjab The opening ceremony was graced by esteemed guests, including Mr. Javed Ali Memon, Incharge Sports, HEC, director sports of various universities and officials of the Pakistan Taekwondo Federation. The championship is being commenced under the

supervision and guidance of technical officials including referees from Pakistan Taekwondo Federation so that the matches be conducted as per National and International standards. Further, the players have been given an equal opportunity of competition and an environment as of National or International championships, where failure to follow rules may lead to disqualification. The championship along with various other championships are held with an aim of promoting sportsmanship, teamwork, and physical fitness among university students, while providing a platform for talented athletes to showcase their skills and mettle in their favorite game. Teams from over 16 universities across Pakistan are participating in the event. In his remarks, Mr. Javed Ali Memon emphasized the importance of sports in fostering unity, discipline, and healthy competition among youth.

All Pakistan Intervarsity Taekwondo Championship 2024-25



University of Central Punjab organised All Pakistan Inter University Taekwondo Championship 2024-25 under the supervision of Higher Education Commission Pakistan. A total of 16 universities participated from across the country. UCP won the Championship with 13 Gold One Silver and Two Bronze Medals in total 16 events. University of Lahore got 2nd Position and Punjab University stood 3rd.

University Events Takhleeq Innovation & Entrepreneurship Challenge 2024: Round 3 Finalists Showcase



Takhleeq Business Incubator hosted the Round 3 Finalists of the Takhleeq Innovation & Entrepreneurship Challenge 2024 on September 27, 2024. The finalists presented their innovative ideas at the Takhleeq Business Incubator, where they received invaluable feedback from industry expert Mr. Yaser Awan, CEO of M-Labs, alongside Pro-Rector, Dr. Hammad Naveed and Director Takhleeq Business Incubator, Mr. Faizan Khalid. Mr. Awan also engaged with the students in an interactive session, sharing his thoughts on entrepreneurship and innovation. His insightful talk provided guidance and inspiration to the budding entrepreneurs. Both guests

appreciated the finalists' ideas and offered constructive feedback to help them refine their ventures. We are proud of our students' creativity and look forward to seeing them excel in their entrepreneurial ventures.

World International Girl Child Day 2024



On International Girl Child Day 2024, we celebrate the strength, vision and potential of girls everywhere. At UCP, we believe in empowering young minds through education, creating opportunities for girls to shape their future, lead change and build a brighter tomorrow. Together, let's continue to support their journey, as they learn, grow and make an impact.

Orientation Fall 2024



University of Central Punjab proudly hosted its Orientation Week Fall 2024 to warmly welcome the new batch of students into the UCP family. Held across the university's state-of-the-art campus, Orientation Week was a carefully curated mix of informative sessions, interactive activities, and engaging events designed to help students transition smoothly into university life.

The week began with an official welcome from UCP's leadership, where students were introduced to the university's values, academic programs, and the wide range of resources available to support their educational journey. Throughout the week, students participated in a series of interactive workshops, campus tours, and faculty-led sessions, giving them valuable insights into what life at UCP holds.

A highlight of the event was the chance for students to connect with faculty members, fellow classmates, and senior students through fun activities and group discussions. These sessions were aimed at building a sense of community, ensuring that every new student feels comfortable and supported from the very start.

At UCP, we believe that university life is more than just academics—it's about growing personally and professionally. Orientation Week is a reflection of this commitment, setting the stage for a fulfilling and successful journey ahead.

We are excited to see our students embark on this new chapter and look forward to their bright futures at UCP!

International Climate Action Day 2024



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Book Donation by Secretary, Provincial Quality Control Board



Dr. Muhammad Munawar Hayat, PhD, Secretary of the Provincial Quality Control Board generously donated 6 volumes of the United States Pharmacopeia (USP) 37th Edition to the Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences.

This contribution will greatly benefit the FOPS Research Lab. The visit was attended by Prof. Dr. Mahtab Ahmad Khan, Dean, FOPS, along with Dr. Muhammad Asad Saeed and Dr. Muhammad Shafeeq ur Rahman, who provided valuable insights during the event.

This collaboration reinforces our dedication to advancing pharmaceutical research.

A heartfelt thank you to Dr. Muhammad Munawar Hayat and the PQCB for your support!

Conversing Islam



Islamic Guidance Club UCP successfully organized an enlightening event Conversing Islam on October 22, 2024. The event attracted an audience of over 200 participants. The primary objectives of the event were:

- 1) promote understanding of Islamic teachings and it’s relevance in society.
- 2) to provide an open platform for dialogues and discussions about various aspects of islam, addressing misconceptions and questions.
- 3) to engage students and faculty in meaningful conversations about their faith and their application in daily life.
- 4) to present insights from knowledgeable scholars, offering research-based perspectives on islamic teachings.

The event features esteemed scholar Hassaan Ilyas, a respected scholar and researcher at Ghamidi Institute of Islamic Learning. His expertise captivated thought-provoking questions and discussions. The session was moderated by renowned public figure, Ex-CSS officer, and truth seeker Hamza Ali Abbasi. The event significantly impacted the audience in terms of understanding islamic principles and their applicability, engaging more deeply with their faith, connect to renowned scholars, and questioning the queries and misconceptions about faith.

World Food Day 2024



Department of Food Science and Technology celebrated World Food Day 2024 on October 23, 2024, with an impactful event to promote food security and innovation in food systems. The day began with an awareness walk, followed by creative competitions featuring, posters, paintings, and models highlighting innovative approaches to tackling hunger. Industry leaders from Carrefour, METRO, McDonald’s, KFC and other companies shared valuable insights through talks and panel discussions on global food security challenges, food wastage and quality assurance. The event concluded with a prize distribution ceremony capturing moments of creativity and collaboration through photography and videography. Together, we took an impactful step towards a hunger-free future!

Alumni Office Achievements

Fee Assistance of Students by Alumni through Endowment Fund



A total amount of PKR 780,633, recommended by the Alumni Association members (Mr. Zohaib Azhar, President UAA; Mr. Muhammad Ameer, VP Endowment UAA; Mr. Syed Al E Haider, VP Engagement UAA; and Mr. Wasif Waqar, largest donor) from the amount submitted to the UCP Endowment Fund by the UCP Alumni Association, was granted by the approval of the competent authority to support the fees of 17 students in Fall 2024.

UCP Alumni attended World’s largest Technology Conference TC Disrupt 2024 at San Francisco



UCP alumni Mr. Iftikhar (President, FO CS&IT Alumni Association), Mr Bilal Tariq (UCP Alumnus & Director Capitalstack) and Mr. Naumanuddin (UCP Alumnus & CEO of Nano Byte Tech) represented Pakistan’s Software Industry on the global stage by setting up a stall at TC Disrupt 2024, the world’s largest technology conference, held in San Francisco.

Alumnus brings Pride



Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) has appointed Salman Ali Agha as the vice captain of white-ball national team - a significant move to strengthen the squad ahead of upcoming tours.



UCP Alumni Association’s elected members General Body Meeting



UCP Alumni Association’s elected members convened a General Body Meeting to welcome their new leadership: Pro-Rector, Dr. Hammad Naveed and Provost, Muhammed Yaqoob had key discussions centred around strengthening the UCP brand, attracting top talent, and deepening alumni engagement. Pro-Rector approved several initiatives: allowing elected members to contest elections for two terms, dedicating a seat for differently-abled members and issuing official alumni cards. Financial aid, mentorship, and community revitalization were also on the agenda. Challenges were addressed, with discussions on discount cards, female student activities, and impactful campaigns. The meeting’s main outcome was the establishment of an autonomous Alumni Association serving all stakeholders. Provost concluded the meeting by ensuring maximum support for the alumni association and creating a welcoming environment for all on campus.







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