

UNAI MEMBER ACTIVITY REPORT 2016/2017

Balochistan University of Information Technology, Engineering & Management Sciences (BUITEMS)

Pakistan

During the 2016/2017 reporting period, Balochistan University of Information Technology, Engineering & Management Sciences (BUITEMS) undertook a number of activities that underscore its commitment to UNAI and its principles. The following examples stand out as particularly noteworthy:

Celebrating diversity through a cultural show

Balochistan University of IT, Engineering and Management Sciences (BUITEMS) work hard to inculcate the principles of tolerance, respect and understanding to its staff and students. University's Diversity Council, a student-run organization, promotes and celebrates diversity. The council organized an annual event called 'Celebrating Diversity: BUITEMS Cultural Show' on Thursday, October 26, 2017. The aim of this cultural show was to provide a platform to all diversified groups living in the Balochistan province of Pakistan and to showcase their cultures through dance, music, foods, rituals and costumes. Students of different cultural backgrounds performed during this large event to best portray their culture and identity.

The event was attended by more than 2,000 participants including students, teachers, community members, politicians and business people.

BUITEMS Cultural Show promotes peace, harmony, understanding, tolerance, creative environment and respect for other cultures. Through this forum, students and other stakeholders can understand all cultures and use this knowledge to help them accept and celebrate the diversity that exists in Pakistan and in the province of Balochistan.



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Community Service – Mentors in Enterprise Challenge Pakistan

Prince's Trust International in collaboration with Social Entrepreneurship & Equity Development (SEED) launched the Enterprise Challenge Programme for the first time in Pakistan in September 2016. The Enterprise Challenge Pakistan is an inter-school competition that is designed to inspire and instill entrepreneurial and business acumen amongst young people, and to encourage them to consider enterprise as a career option.

In its first year, the programme was delivered in 20 secondary schools across 10 cities of Pakistan leveraging the expertise of 34 mentors and benefiting 300 students aged 13-16. Two BUITEMS employee Mr. Muhammad Shah and Mr. Sameen Khan volunteered as mentors in order to train the students of two schools of Balochistan for Enterprise Challenge Pakistan. The first cycle of Enterprise Challenge culminated with the National Finals where six teams that had emerged from the Regional Finals with the highest scores pitched live in front of a panel of judges and audiences.

The final was held in British High Commission Karachi on November 18, 2016. The British High Commissioner H.E. Thomas Drew, Deputy High Commissioner Ms. Belinda Lewis, Prince's Trust International CEO Alan Kennedy, SEED CEO Mr. Faraz Khan, mentors from all cities and distinguished members of the business fraternity, public sector, academia, and media were present on the occasion.

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