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During the 2013-14 reporting period, National University of Sciences and Technology (NUST) has engaged in a number of activities that underscore its on-going commitment to UNAI and its principles. The following examples stand out as particularly notable:

In August of 2013, UN Secretary General Ban Ki-Moon inaugurated NUST's Centre for International Peace and Stability (CIPS), which conducts research and training in matters related to UN Peacekeeping Operations. Two departments comprise the Centre: the Department of UN Peacekeeping Operations and the Department of Peace and Conflict Studies. Its adjunct faculty includes UN mentors, veteran UN peacekeepers, and subject matter experts from UN agencies. The Department of UN Peacekeeping Operations conducts courses for prospective peacekeepers, while the Department of Peace and Conflict Studies conducts academic programs in the disciplines of conflict resolution and international relations.

In November of 2013, a two-member team from Hanns Seidel Foundation (HSF) visited CIPS. HSF is a German political foundation working for the promotion of democracy, development and peace around the world. CIPS intends on sharing project proposals for joint ventures in teaching and research with German universities and think tanks in the near future.

During a February 2014 visit to NUST, a European Union delegation headed by Pierre Mayaudon showed keen interest in the research of CIPS and, subsequently, proposed potential areas of future collaboration.

Finally, NUST's BioReach Society (NBIOS) organized a high school outreach program held in collaboration with Pak-US Alumni Network (PUAN), from November to December, 2013. The two-day program was exclusively structured to train young thinkers in methods of scientific investigation related to molecular biology, DNA extraction, etc., and provide them with a chance to implement these skills practically.

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