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Graduation Ceremony of IBA CED Science & Technology Entrepreneurship Program (STEP) Fall 2018 batch

The Graduation Ceremony of IBA CED Science & Technology Entrepreneurship Program (STEP) Fall 2018 batch held at IBA AMAN CED on 04th May, 2019. The event began with the recitation of Holy Quran followed by a welcome note and overview of STEP by program manager Mohammad Talha. The students then demonstrated their rocket pitch presentations based on their businesses which they have started during this certificate program. Also, students brought their sample products with them and showed them to the guests and participants. Some examples of the businesses which students have started during the STEP Fall 2018 course include: Abantech a web & mobile applications startup, Greeniz non-toxic hand wash at low cost, Harba is a moringa product which is a rich source of vitamins, minerals and amino acids, SEPL (Student Electronic Project Learning) is an educational firm which aims to spread knowledge of electronic sciences.

In his speech Dr. Shahid Qureshi, Program Director IBA AMAN CED threw light on the role of IBA AMAN CED for building an entrepreneurial ecosystem in Pakistan. He explained that most successful entrepreneurs possess an effectual mindset and they see opportunities from within and from the available resources around them. He appreciated the entrepreneurial passion of STEP students and ensured them about the continuous support of IBA AMAN CED.



This ceremony was graced by the Vice Chancellor NED UET Dr. Sarosh Lodhi, Dr. Najam Anjum faculty at IBA, Mr. Syed Rizwan Ali faculty at Bahria University Karachi and Mr. Nadeem Gohar Director Pak Swiss Training Center. The students were awarded certificates for successfully completing this course. At the end of the ceremony a "Farewell Dinner" was served to the students and respected guests.

IBA CED Science and Technology Entrepreneurship Program is a four months' weekend certificate Program especially designed for students and professionals having Science, Technology and Engineering backgrounds. STEP enables them to utilize their technical knowledge for creating and commercializing their Tech Business". IBA CED STEP Fall 2018 batch had 76 students from 16 different universities namely University of Karachi, NEDUET, Dawood University, FAST University etc.



IBA-CED launched Balochistan Entrepreneurship Project in collaboration with UNDP & University of Balochistan

On the auspicious day of Youm-e-Takbeer i.e. 28th May 2019, IBA Center for Entrepreneurial Development (CED) in collaboration with United Nations Development Program (UNDP) Pakistan and University of Balochistan has launched Balochistan Entrepreneurship Project (BEP) in Quetta.

Dr. Shahid Qureshi, Program Director IBA CED and Mr. Ignacio Artaza, Resident Representative UNDP Pakistan, signed Letter of Agreement (LOA) in University of Balochistan. As per this LOA, UNDP Pakistan will provide funding to IBA CED to facilitate entrepreneurship training to 100 young males and females of Balochistan. IBA-UNDP BEP will help the youth of Balochistan to discover and unleash their true entrepreneurial potential and to start small scale businesses based on their skills, passion, hobbies, family and friends network.



University of Balochistan will act as strategic partner to facilitate this project logistically. Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between IBA and University of Balochistan was also signed by Dr. Javed Iqbal VC UoB, and Dr. Shahid Qureshi (on behalf of Dr. Farrukh Iqbal, Executive Director IBA Karachi). The notable guests of the ceremony included Mr. Zahoor Buledi Finance Minister Baluchistan, faculty members of the University of Baluchistan and UNDP staff members.



IBA CED's Iftar Cum Dinner for CIE batch 9 and Alumni

IBA Centre for Entrepreneurial Development continued its myth of celebrating the holy month of Ramadan and organized an Iftar for its batch 9 students and alumni of previous batches. In the beginning naat and dua were recited and conducted by two of CIE's alumni Muhammad Hasan Asim, CEO of HUM Farm and Mufti Sufyan Buland, owner of BULAND Fashion. Our alumni was very generous as the water bottles were arranged by our CIE alumni, Asad Abbas, owner of Alkafeel. Some of our alumni graced the occasion like Syed Abu Faisal, Hassan Raza Tumbi, Mehboob Alam Mazari, Saad Shaikh, Suneel Kumar, Saad T. Hameed, Syed Hamza, Hasan Asim and CEO of Jhonum House of traditional wear. The blessed Iftar acted as the best platform for current and former students to meet, to network and to explore joint working possibilities. During this gathering, Summer Entrepreneurship Program was introduced by Ms. Zarrish and Ms. Misbah, part of CED women team also.



We are sincerely thankful to all teachers of IBA, CIE students of batch 9 who arranged it with help of Mr. Rao Israr Ahmed, Program Manager EDP and Alumni for their valuable participation. May ALLAH bless us all.

