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DEPARTMENT OF COMPUTER SCIENCE
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CONVOCATION

A CIIT convocation 2010 was held on 24 July 2010 at Lahore EXPO Center. Because of large participation of degree awardees, their parents and invited guests, the event was conveniently divided into two sessions of 3-hour durations each from 11:00AM and 3: 00PM The two sessions were held the same day. The faculty took part in both the sessions. 385 and 309 students were awarded Bachelor and Master degrees in the disciplines of Computer Science, Electrical Engineering, Chemical Engineering and Management Sciences. Inclusive in the numbers are Master's degree (MS) in Computer Science and Management Science awardees as well. In a preceding, rather hefty, engagement the faculty and students participated in rehearsal a well. Mr Muhammad Furqan Aziz, Mr Rashid Maqsood, Mr Atta ur Rahman Shah and Mr Fareed ud Din acted a usher and managed the hall activities in relation to seating of students and ushering them on stage. The said ushers were served high tea at Park View Plaza Lahore and also toured to Abbotabad where the master of ceremony was the Rector CIIT. The two sessions were graced by the presence of pre-eminent chief guest

Morning session

- Mr **Muhammad Azam Khan Swati**, the chancellor of the CIIT
- **Bob Mackinly**, Deputy Vice Chancellor Lancaster university, UK

Afternoon session

- Mr **Muhammad Azam Khan Swati**, the chancellor of the CIIT

Madam Tehmina Daultana also graced the occasion.

In a rare show of respect to their teacher, Dr J S Mirza advisor department of Computer science CIITLahore, the Rector Dr Junaid Zaidi (SI) and the Director Dr Shaukat Ali Hayat of the CIIT Lahore proffered a distinguished guest shied to Dr J S Mirza. The event was honored when Mr Swati sahib was requested to present the shield. Incidentally Dr JS Mirza happened to be the teacher of the Rector and Director during their MSC studentship in the department of Physics, Punjab university, Lahore.

LANCASTER BLOCK OPENING

The same day, at the closure of the degree awarding sessions, a luscious ceremony of official opening of Lancaster block was celebrated. Lancaster block is the name of building situated about a kilometer from the main campus of the CIITLahore. The block is self contained and houses the classrooms, laboratories, library and faculty rooms . A lavish spending has gone into the block which gives it an elite look for the privileged class of students; but thank heaven the dichotomy of the elite and general masses was totally absent. A day earlier in an official opening the writer participated in a meeting of the bigwigs held at the Lancaster block which was chaired by the Deputy Vice Chancellor of the Lancaster University of the UK, Mr Bob Mackinly. Lancaster University enjoys a high ranking in the reputed universities which have made their name in teaching and research. Briefing was given in terns of all the matters that were deemed necessary and a round trip of the block was arranged. The arrangement is for 125 fresh students even though I heard, about 800 have shown interest.

ADMISSION

Admission for the semester 2010 Fall for undergraduate and graduate programs were initiated in the main campus. Even though the popularity of the engineering programs were evident, the quarters of the computer science did not lag in giving a brimming look. It might be a bit too early to say that popularity between the two disciplines is switching but that day does not seem to be that far. In Fall 2010, 200 CS first semester students were admitted. 5 new teachers were recruited; 1 assistant professor, 4 lecturers and two research assistants.

PhD

For the first time CIIT CS Lahore is offering PhD programs at it premises. Its principal seat at Islamabad, CIIT Islamabad at Chak Shahzad which debuted a year earlier from Lahore Campus had already ventured into it. As per the advertisement in the NEWS dated 15 August the Lahore campus this fall is offering PhD program in

PhD in Computer Science
PhD in Electrical Engineering
PhD in Management Sciences

The last date of the application is 21 August. Te students which have acquired 3 or more than 3 CGPA are eligible.

The specializations for PhD program currently in CS include
- Software engineering,
- Network,
- Data base
- Web Semantics

UCP CONFERENCE

The University of Central Punjab Lahore is holding a conference at its premises. From the CS department CIIT Lahore, following faculty's papers have been accepted for presentation.

1. J S Mirza, jsmirza@ciitlahore.edu.pk, (CS-CIIT Lahore)
2. S A Hayat director@ciitlahore.edu.pk, (CIIT Lahore)
3. M Shahid Bhatti msbhatti@ciitlahore.edu.pk (CS-CIIT Lahore)
4. Sana Rizwan, sana@ciitlahore.edu.pk, (CS-CIIT Lahore)
5. Sami Ullah, samiforlisten@yahoo.com (Virtual University of Pakistan)
6. Dr Rizwan Jameel (CS-CIIT Lahore)
7. Mr Rab Nawaz and Shahid Bhatti (CS-CIIT Lahore)
8. Mr Hannan and Mr Shahid Bhatti (CS-CIIT Lahore)
9. Mr Abid Sohail (CS-CIIT Lahore)

MORE PUBLICATIONS

Mr Tayyab Ch of CS department has published a paper whose details are given below.

Cederman, Daniel, Tsigas Philippas; Chaudhry Muhammad Tayyab
Towards a Software Transactional Memory for Graphics Processors.
Proceedings of the Eurographics Symposium on Parallel Graphics and Visualization 2010,
http://publications.lib.chalmers.se/cpl/lists/publications/people/html/index.xsql?ids=138153&lyear=1900&hyear=2020&reviewlist=true

BEGINNING OF NEW SEMESTER

The Fall semester 2010 will start on 16th September 2010 . The orientation ceremony will be held on 15th September in the morning.

FLOOD RELIEF CENTRE

A flood disaster relief centre has been opened at CIIT Lahore. A new account has been opened in the bank for further details contact Mr. Asif Ullah (PA HOD CS-CIIT Lahore). The contributions can be deposited in the said account.