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## **RAJA SB IS NO MORE WITH US**

Great never dies, they live on for all that they have done in their lifetime. While Raja Muhammad Ibrahim is no more with us, his rich legacy is a standing testimony of excellence at work whose fragrance will continue to inspire us. He left us on June 26, 2016.

## **LIBRARY STAFF VISITED RAJA IBRAHIM'S HOME FOR FATEHA KHANI**

All the library staff of COMSATS Lahore visited the residence of Raja Ibrahim at Islamabad, for fateha Khani. The staff met with their family members and talked about the great Raja sb. Through this conversation, the staff also know about many other aspects of personal life of the great librarian as he was a beloved father, a grandfather, a great husband, a loving brother and a kind hearted person. We were all sad because we lost our great mentor and guide. May Allah rest is soul in heaven with peace.



## **RAJA MUHAMMAD IBRAHIM A GREAT PERSONALITY AND A LEGEND PROFESSIONAL**

Raja Muhammad Ibrahim was born on May 1, 1955 and breathed his last on June 26, 2016 at the age of almost 61 years. He was one of the most prominent leaders in the academic library in Pakistan. He was highly skilled in developing solutions to business and technical problems, providing leadership, and working with others to achieve the organization's objectives and

worked in a closely-knit team of co-operating considerate and caring professionals and rendered vigorous and sincere labour to ultimately rise with the organization and institution. He served the LIS profession for more than 40 years and remained very active and contributed a lot for the uplift of the profession. Indeed, he was an asset for LIS profession in Pakistan with international repute. He left from temporary to permanent world while working as the Advisor COMSATS Library, Islamabad and President of Pakistan Library Association (PLA-HQ).



## **A MAN WITH RICH KNOWLEDGE**

Raja Muhammad Ibrahim completed his Master degree in Library Information Science from Balochistan University, Quetta and got 1<sup>st</sup> position. He was a trained librarian through practical Librarianship Training “How to Run British Council Library” from Brighton Polytechnic and the British Council, United Kingdom. (RBCLD UK) (Equal to Diploma –Certificate given by the British Council). He had excellent working knowledge of all Microsoft Office components including Microsoft Outlook; and Internet. He also designed, created and maintained library databases in the following Database Management Systems using LibSys; ALICE; LAMP; CDS/ISIS; WINISIS; EOIS; Electronic DDC.

## **PUBLICATIONS AND PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS**

Rajab Muhammad Ibrahim was engaged in the following presentations and he also was a skilled researcher. He had a number of publications which are as follows:

- The National Workshop on Resources Sharing and Networking of Libraries and Documentation Centre at National Agricultural Research Centre (11-15 April 2005)(Resource Sharing and Networking of Libraries Open Vision and Talk
- “Preparing Library Staff for the 21 Century” Pakistan Library Association Conference at the National Library of Pakistan (November 1997).
- “Role of the British Council Libraries in the Development of Information System in Pakistan” in the seminar on National Agricultural Information System in Pakistan at National Agriculture Research Centre, Islamabad (April 1986).
- Articles in various issues of Pakistan Library Association Journal
- Articles in various issues of InfoNews (the British Council UK publication)

## **TRAINING COURSES / WORKSHOPS ATTENDED**

Raja sb had attended a number of trainings and workshops which are as follows:

- Training of Master Trainers Workshop on “Digital Library” at the Higher Education Commission of Pakistan (23- 27February 2004)
- Training course on “Advance Use of Internet for Libraries” at the British Council Lahore
- Training course on “ Customer Care” at the British Council Islamabad (July 2000).
- Training course on “Providing Quality Services” at the British Council Lahore (May 1995).

- Training Workshop on “Performance Management” at the British Council Karachi (July 1994).
- Training Workshop on “ Quality Services, Managing Staff and Persuasive Presentations” at the British Council Islamabad (September 1993).
- The British Council Pakistan Libraries Staff Training Seminar at the British Council Lahore (March 1977).

## **SERVED IN DIFFERENT INSTITUTES**

Raja Muhammad Ibrahim served in different institute with dedication and commitment.

### **The British Council:**

Raja Muhammad Ibrahim started his career in 1973 from the British Council Islamabad as Assistant Information and Library Manager. He managed Islamabad Library and Information Services in line with Information Services Sector Policy and all Pakistan LIS Business Plan. He promoted overall library and information services through mailing all around Islamabad / Rawalpindi institutes. He exploited Internet and other electronic tools of information for effective provision of information. He also trained his staff in the use of BC Intranet and the BC Web site. He Produced information materials in coordination with Media Advisor for the target priority groups and organized Book Promotion Activities and AJK Book Exhibitions. He developed and maintained ELT resource center in consultation with the ADLISP and other stake holders. He provided specialist ELT advice relevant to the needs of the local English teachers and teacher trainers to ERC Manager with special emphasis on the teaching of English to young learners in primary education. He planned and organized various practical library training courses for librarians of The British Council, English Resource Centre, Gilgit; Aga Khan Rural Support Programme (AKRSP) Gilgit; Aga Khan Educational Support Programme AKESP) Gilgit; Aga Khan Educational Academy, Hunza.

Raja sb left the British Council in 2001as Information and Library Manager.

### **Ghulam Ishaq Khan Institute of Engineering Sciences and Technology, Topi:**

Raja sb joined Ghulam Ishaq Khan Institute of Engineering Sciences and Technology, Topi in 2001 as Director Library. He also served as Secretary/Member, Committee of Library Affairs (CLA). He gave lecture to the students about GIKI library service and how to use library. He developed website for the library to collect on line relevant information from concerned. His efforts underway to accelerate the library services for the convenience of Researcher, Scientist, Technologist and students community. He upgraded the Audio Visual section & CD-ROM workstation and Staff training.

Raja sb left Ghulam Ishaq Khan Institute of Engineering Sciences and Technology in 2002.

## COMSATS Institute of Information Technology, Islamabad:



Raja sb joined COMSATS Institute of Information Technology, Islamabad in 2002 as Senior Librarian. As a head he planned and implemented library policies and practices Acquisition. His Overall library management, looking after daily works and makes future policies for smooth running of library and information services played an important role. He organised Book Promotion Activities, including Islamabad Campus Involvement in Abbottabad, Wah and Attock Book Exhibitions and Book Fairs with the Collaboration of local booksellers. He upgraded of Audio Visual section & CD-ROM workstation. He explored how to get donation of books, periodicals and journals from The Asia Foundation, BC and other agencies. He prepared of subject bibliographies / printing of library brochures and Technical Adviser to all CIIT campuses for sitting up library, and for book exhibitions and sale.

He was the life member of Pakistan Library Association (PLA) and Information Management Professional Association (IMPA) Secretariat Pakistan Chapter. He elected member of the Executive Council of Pakistan Library Association (PLA) Headquarter and Federal Branch since 1995 and also elected member of “Champions of Reform Cell” Pakistan 2010 programme 1998/1999, Ministry of Planning & Development, Government of Pakistan. He was being nominated as a 15Consultant from PLA to National Library of Pakistan for Public Library Building design for the Capital Development Authority in Islamabad.



## CONFERENCES/ MEETING / WORKSHOPS ATTENDED

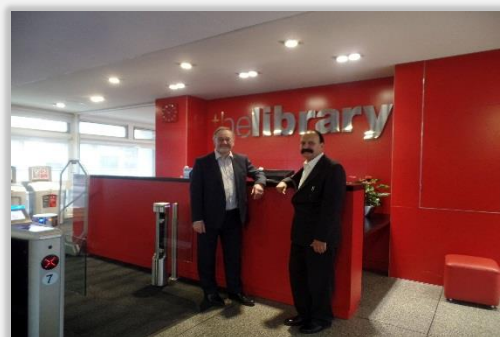
### National:

- Training workshop on “Knowledge Management Applications” 12-13 July 2005 organized by The US Embassy and the International Islamic University Islamabad
- Digital Library –Train the Trainer workshop HEC Islamabad (23-27 March 2004)
- 16th PLA Conference at Islamabad (November 1997).
- Seminar on 21st Century’s Libraries in Pakistan (August 1997).
- 15th PLA Conference at Lahore (December 1994).
- Workshop on “Use of Electronic Media for Networking of Libraries” at Sustainable Development Policy Institute (November 1994).
- National Educational Management Information System (NEMIS) Meeting for Procedures of Educational Documentation at National Educational Council, Islamabad (January 1993).
- National Seminar on Library Development in Islamabad arranged by PLA (April 1992). Conference on Library Education in Pakistan: Problem and Prospects at Lahore (November 1990).
- Workshop on “Problems of Books Distribution in Pakistan” at the National Book Council of Pakistan (October 1988).
- 13th Pakistan Library Association Conference held at Quetta (1985).



## International

- 2nd International Workshop on Frontiers of Information Technology Islamabad (20-21 December 2004)
- International Workshop on Frontiers of Information Technology Islamabad (23-24 December 2003)
- Meeting of the British Council Information Managers from the South Asia Region at Dhaka Bangladesh (February 1999).
- Meeting of the British Council Information Managers from the East Asia & Pacific Region and from the South Asia Region at Bangkok, Thailand (August 1999).
- 65th IFLA Conference on “Libraries as Gateways to an Enlightened World” at Bangkok Thailand (August 1999).
- Seminar on “Public Library Developments in East Asia” at Tampines Regional Library, Singapore (August 1999).



## VISIT OF RAJA IBRABIM AT LAHORE CAMPUS

Raja Muhammad Ibrahim was the Senior Librarian of CIIT Lahore and also looked after the professional activities of other CIIT campus libraries. He was a committed and very senior professional of the country. He visited the CIIT Lahore Library on equal intervals or when needed by the CIIT authorities. All the library professional of CIIT Lahore always got guidance and expert professional opinion whenever they need.

As per available record, following are the dates when Senior Librarian visited this library

First visit	September 14-15, 2005
Second visit	November 6-7, 2006
Third visit	November 12-13, 2007
Fourth visit	March 31 & April 2, 2008
Fifth visit	August 20-21, 2008
Sixth visit	December 01-02, 2008
Seventh visit	March 30 & April 01, 2009
Eight Visit	December 07, 2009
Ninth Visit	December 06, 2010
Tenth Visit	December 27, 2011
Eleventh Visit	November 06, 2013

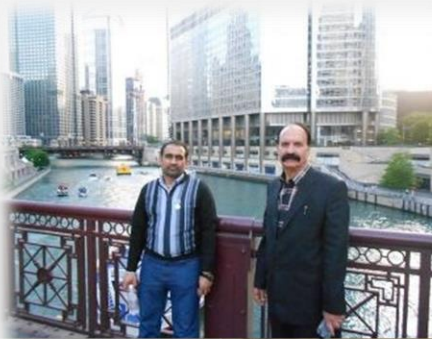




## PICTORIAL BIOGRAPHY:







## HE WILL REMAIN IN OUR HEARTS AND MEMORIES:

### **Tariq Najmi**

Incharge Library, COMSATS Institute of Information Technology Lahore

*My first interaction with Raja sb was in 2006 when I joined CIIT Lahore. In first meeting, due to his face gestures particular a big mustaches, I thought, he will be the strictest boss. Later on, his attitude false my thinking. He was very polite, cooperative and a man with friendly behavior.*



*The people who knows him should agree that he was the friend of his friends. He was my mentor, guide, senior colleague and a friend. He use to visit CIIT Lahore library quarterly and we discussed lot of professional things with him. He always guide me positively and in right direction. He was the source of inspiration and motivation for me and for other colleagues as well.*

*I was in USA when I came to know about his death. I was shocked and stunned. I share this news with Michael Dowling, Director International Relations ALA, he was also shocked because he know Raja sb very well. He left us but he will remain in our heart and memories. May Allah rest his soul in Jannah with peace, aamin.*

### **Muhammad Ishtiq**

Assistant Librarian, COMSATS Institute of Information Technology Lahore

*It is very difficult for me to write that Raja Muhamamd Ibrahim is no more with us. He was my mentor, guide, senior professional, friend and above all a great human being. He always supported and guided us, almost in all my professional works. My relation with him was beyond COMSATS. He was a lucky and successful person. He was positive attitude and responsive personality.*



*A great loss for his family, for COMSATS, for library professional community. May Allah rest his soul in Jannat-ul-Firdos.*



**Nasira Muneer**

Assistant Librarian, COMSATS Institute of Information Technology Lahore

*I am so depressed to hear of the death of our great leader and professional colleague Raja Muhammad Ibrahim, Advisor COMSATS Library and President PLA. This is a really sad and great loss to all of us. He was an excellent librarian with an ability to get on well with everybody. He was the most respected and influential librarian of the current era in Pakistan. He was gentle, soft spoken, down-to-earth person who always believed in making time for his professional colleagues and patrons. We don't have another to equal to him. May Allah grant him a place in Jannah and give patience to his family to cope with this tragic loss.*

**Fatima Usman**

Assistant Librarian, COMSATS Institute of Information Technology Lahore

*I was shocked to hear the news of our leader, guider and monitory. He was one of the most prominent leaders in the academic library in Pakistan. He was retired but his dedication, enthusiasm, courage and good behavior always impressed the youngster of the profession. He was a positive thinker, influential and kind hearted to all professionals. His last and everlasting service at COMSATS will never be denied. May Allah swt reward him Jannatul firdaus and patience to his kith and kin for this irreparable loss. (Aameen)*





**Naveed Siddique**

Assistant Librarian, COMSATS Institute of Information Technology Lahore

*First of all I must say that Raja sb was a very humble person. In spite of his seniority in the profession, he was very kind and polite to his juniors and sub ordinates. He was a great professional and had a firm grip on every aspect of library science especially digital library.*



*He was very fine personality. He had a great sense of dressing and humor. He was a great asset for library profession which we have lost now. May Allah rest his soul in peace.*

**Abdul Rehman**

Senior Librarian, COMSATS Institute of Information Technology Islamabad

*I started working with Rajab sb and I found him a visionary personality. His presence was always a source of comfort and encouragement for all of us. He remained an ardent member not only for COMSATS library Islamabad but for all other campuses libraries as well. He was not only a great administrator but he worked for the establishment as well. He designed an altogether different architecture for Islamabad library which is liked by all. It is appreciated by every visitor.*



*His death was sudden and shocking for me because he attended the office two days before of his death. May Allah Rest his soul in heaven and peace.*

**Laeq Mushtaq**

Deputy Librarian, COMSATS Institute of Information Technology Attock

Raja sb was a great teacher for us. He was gave respect of his sub ordinates. I learnt all things from him because I started my career from under his supervision. He was also great architect because he designed Islamabad library and also Attock campus. His dead was very shocking for me because I talked him one day before of his dead. Allah may rest his soul in heaven.



**Abida Hanif**

Assistant Librarian, COMSATS Institute of Information Technology Vehari

Raja sb treated me as a teacher, guider and monetary. He was a perfect guide whom I can talk anytime regarding any of my professional [problems. He used to listen to me with great concern and was very generous and honest in his suggestions. His death is a great loss for me as a guide a mentor and a supervisor.

**Michael Dowling**

Director International Relations, ALA, USA

Raja Muhammad Ibrahim was great man and a great librarian. He was not among the best library professionals in Pakistan but outside it as well. We are feel really sorry on his sudden death.



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