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Certification course on "Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) Studies"

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Office of Research Innovation and Commercialization (ORIC) in collaboration with Institute of Peace and Diplomatic (IPD) Studies organized one-week certification course on "Shanghai Cooperation Organization Studies" from July 16-20, 2018 at National University of Modern Languages (NUML).

Course was session-based comprised of lectures, talks and briefings. At Foreign Office, Ministry of Foreign Affairs - Government of Pakistan, a briefing was arranged for the participants. At NUML, session titled, 'SCO, BRI and CPEC - Emerging Regional Connectivity' was conducted by Mr. Hassan Daud, Project Director/CPEC Coordinator, Ministry of Planning Development and Reform - Government of Pakistan.



Dr. Adam Saud, Associate Professor - Bahria University conducted session, 'Unfolding Shanghai Cooperation Organization - An Introduction to SCO and Structures'. Session titled, 'Geo-Economics and SCO' was conducted by Dr. Shazia Ghani, Team Lead, Prime Minister's Performance Delivery Unit (PMDU) at Prime Minister Secretariat.



Mr. Qamar Cheema, Assistant Professor - NUML conducted session, 'SCO and Security Dynamics in the Region'. Session titled, 'SCO and Recent Heads of State Meeting in Qingdao China' was conducted by Mr. Mei Jing, Director of Political Section, Embassy of People's Republic of China. Diplomat from Uzbekistan Embassy gave presentation on Uzbekistan.



A lecture on 'Role of Kyrgyzstan and SCO' was organized at Embassy of Kyrgyz Republic Islamabad.



Closing ceremony was held on July 20, 2018. H.E. Mr. Erik Beishembiev, Ambassador of Kyrgyz Republic to Pakistan graced the ceremony as Chief Guest; he distributed certificates among the participants. Director General - NUML Brig. Muhammad Ibrahim, Director ORIC Prof. Dr. Karamat Ali, Founder President - IPD Ms. Farhat Asif and Founder Director - IPD Mr. Muhammad Asif Noor attended the ceremony.



NUML Advance Training Program

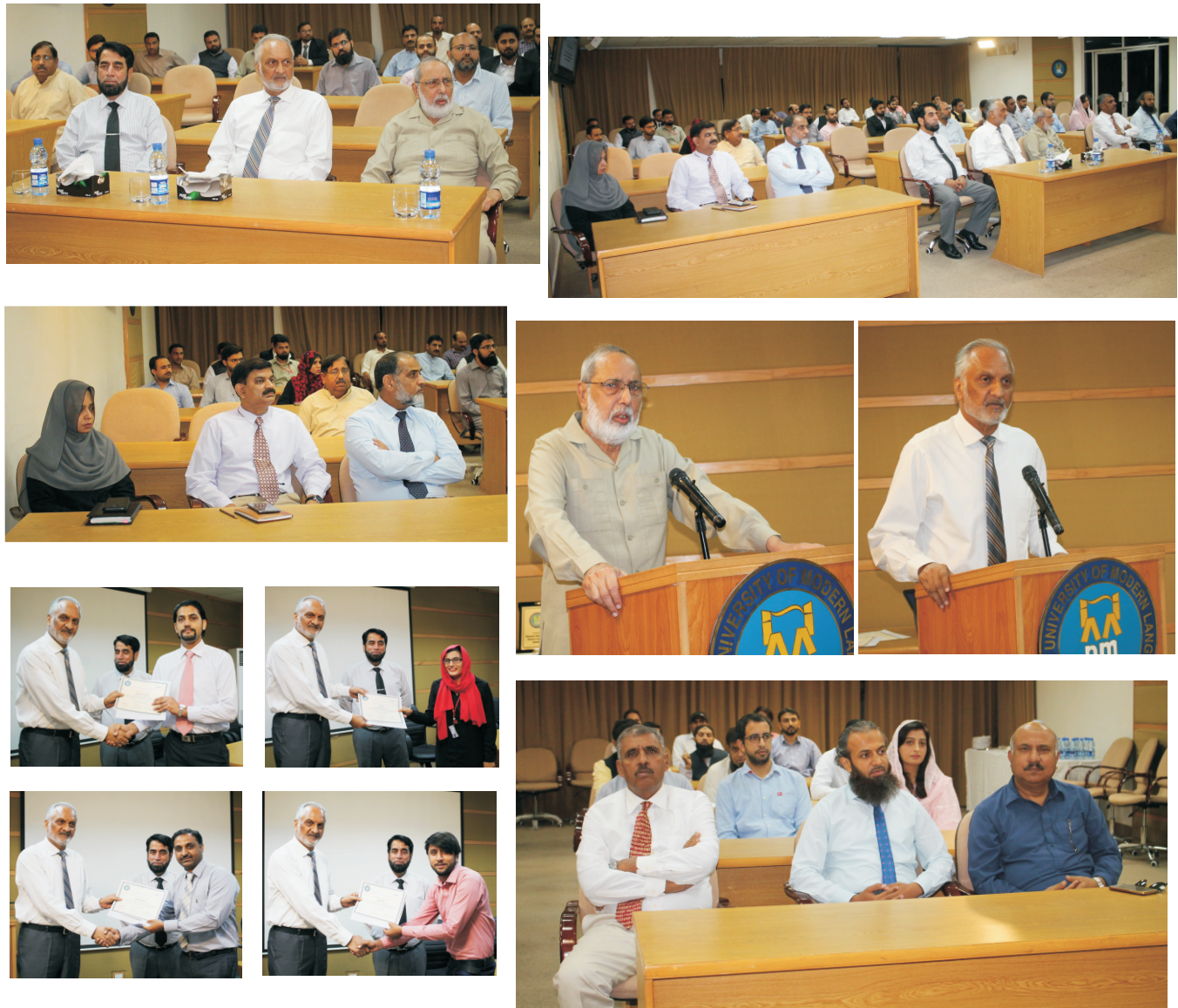
ORIC organized six weeks (July 02 - August 10, 2018) training program for Administrative and Clerical staff. Program aimed at enhancing skills of the staff to efficiently execute day-to-day activities by proficiently using resources, through effective communication with use of Information Communication Technology. In two years, its third training organized by ORIC for Administrative staff.

Workshop was interactive - methodology was activity based; sessions of the workshop were based on Team Building, Emotional Intelligence, Contract Management, Official Communication, Stress Management, Personality Development, Leadership Skills, Financial Management, Professional Ethics, Attitudinal Change, Performance Management and Appraisal, Recording and Indexing, Performance Management and indexing, Employee Relations, Good Governance and Advance Microsoft Excel.



Closing ceremony was held on August 15, 2018. Rector - NUML, Maj. General (Retd.) Zia uddin Najam graced the ceremony as Chief Guest; he awarded certificates to resource persons and participants.

Director General - NUML, Brig. Muhammad Ibrahim, Registrar - Brig. (Retd.) Amin Ullah, Director ORIC - Prof. Dr. Karamat Ali, Director Administration - Brig. (Retd.) Muhammad Zia ul Hassan Shahi, Director Publications - Dr. Farheen Ahmed Hashmi and Director QEC - Dr. Naveed Akhtar attended the ceremony.



B ICONs' Second "Supervisory Committee Meeting"

Second "Supervisory Committee Meeting" of Business Incubation Center of NUML (B ICON) was held on July 17, 2018. Ideas of start-ups selected by 'Selection Committee' were discussed. Rector - NUML, Maj. General (Retd.) Zia Uddin Najam chaired the meeting. Director General, Brig. Muhammad Ibrahim, Director Finance, S. Tufail Khalil, Acting Director Incubation Center, Dr. Gulfam Baghoor and CEO Mishal Pakistan, Amir Jahangir attended the meeting.



'Supervisory Committee' approved three ideas. Start-ups, i-Learn and Paprecious for incubation, Hepatitis Awareness Program as virtual incubatee and Environmental Control System for pre-incubation were approved.

"Bank of Future - Master Class" by Paul Rohan

Business Incubation Center of NUML (B ICON) in collaboration with Global Center for Innovators (CGI) arranged a session on Open Banking – an emerging and high-profile area in financial services on August 14, 2018.

Paul Rohan is executive educator, author and management consultant on API Economy and Open Banking.



Open Banking is an emerging and high-profile area in financial services. Open Banking Strategy Formation will help existing and new market participants to judge how and when their businesses can become part of Open Banking Ecosystem.

The session was for Entrepreneurs and FinTech Founders, Strategic Planners, Advisors and Consultants.

Incubation Centers' Third "Selection Committee Meeting"

Incubation Center organized third "Selection Committee Meeting" on July 02, 2018. Five start-ups presented their ideas, which were, iLearn, Paprecious, Hepatitis Awareness Program, Project Hype and Environment Control System.

Among five start-ups, two were selected for incubation - one for pre-incubation and one for virtual incubation.



“Training Sessions” at Incubation Center

ICON, for capacity building of students, alumni and incubatees, organized training sessions from September 03 to 25, 2018. For convenience of students, sessions were arranged after lectures.

Mr. Rafi Ahmad Siddiqui (Senior Consultant, Murtaza Pirzada Law Associates (MPLA)) conducted information session on 'Business Structuring Dilemma'.



Mr. Ayman Zahid (Journalist/Producer) conducted session, “Role of Media in Pakistan”.



Session titled, “Brand Yourself” was led by Mr. Sikandar Ali Khan (CEO, Dream Counselling).



Design Experts, Mr. Wahaj and Ms. Maryam (Open Banking Team Lead - JS Bank) conducted sessions, 'How to pitch Final Year Project' and 'Presentation Skills and Professional Development'.



Session titled, 'Innovation and Design Thinking' was conducted by Mr. Imran Jattala (Co-Founder, Center for Global Innovators (CGI)).



In-Service Teachers Training (INSETT) - 2018

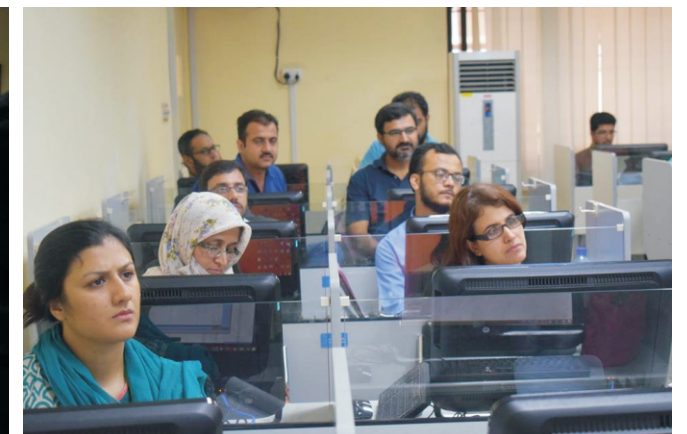
ORIC organized seven weeks In-Service Teachers Training (INSETT) under Faculty Development Program (FDP) of NUML, from July 11 to August 31, 2018. Purpose of the training was to equip faculty members with latest pedagogical and IT skills.



Objectives of FDP are a.) to familiarize faculty members with latest and innovative teaching strategies b.) to encourage them to practice research-based teaching c.) and to support them in opting advance teaching methodologies.



Training was designed after reviewing training programmes offered by various academic institutions to identify latest trends in teaching in higher education and after consultation with stakeholders (which included senior management, deans, hods and faculty members). From each faculty, a focal person was nominated for conducting Training Needs Analysis (TNA) and for getting recommendations for specific resource persons from faculty members.



Two-Days Training on "Basic Recycling Skills"

Paprecious - recycled paper crafts is Higher Education Commission (HEC) approved faculty led social entrepreneurial startup incubated at Incubation Center of NUML. The startup is committed towards empowerment of families of *Shohda-e-Pakistan* and other self-motivated unemployed individuals through skill development as artisans, to create environment friendly handmade recycled paper crafts.

On September 26-27, 2018, Paprecious organized two-days training for ten family members of two *Shuhada-e-Pakistan*, Havaladar 'Fayyaz Abbasi' and Spoy 'Ghulam Jilani', who embraced Shahadat on March 18, 2004 in operation "Al-Mezan" at Wanna, largest town of South Waziristan Agency in Pakistan. Two students of NUML also participated in the training.



Executive Director Paprecious, *Dr. Humaira Shahbaz* delivered introductory lecture on importance of "recycling" - it was followed by tutorial on process of paper making through paper recycling.



In the training, four different methods of creating different crafts by reusing process were practiced. Participants were taught different folds to make newspaper gift bags, greeting cards by paper quilling, paper coasters by rolling paper etc. Different ideas of storing used plastic bags and then reusing them to create more crafts were also introduced.



At the end of the training, Acting Director Incubation Center, *Dr. Gulfam Baghoor* awarded certificates to participants - and they were registered as regular artisans of Paprecious.



"Orientation Session" at Incubation Center of NUML

Incubation Center organized orientation session on model and mechanism of the center on July 19, 2018.

Acting Director Incubation Center, *Dr. Gulfam Baghoor* briefed faculty members of different departments about the center.

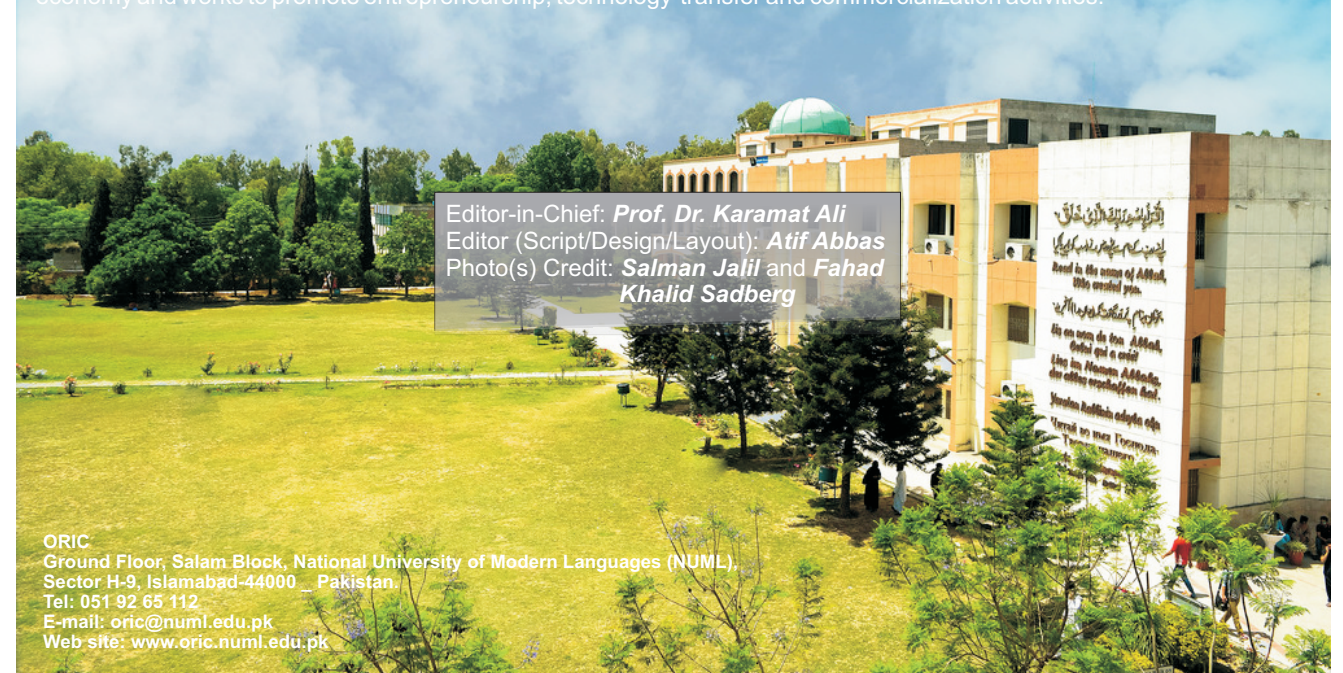


Fourth "Selection Committee Meeting" of Incubation Center of NUML

ICON organized fourth "Selection Committee Meeting" on September 19, 2018. Five start-ups presented their ideas, which were Oyster Mushroom Forming, Global News Pakistan, Habib Translation Academy, High On-Tech and Infinity. Ideas of High On-Tech and Infinity were not considered by the Committee.



Office of Research Innovation and Commercialization (ORIC) established in August 2014 in National University of Modern Languages (NUML) at its main campus to implement Higher Education Commission's (HEC) plan of developing research culture. The purpose of this office is to introduce and promote research culture within NUML by supporting university's strategic research directions and policies and by improving integration of research and education at all levels of the university. ORIC promotes and enhances cross-cutting and multi-disciplinary research initiatives and aims to increase external research funding. This office works to strengthen university-industry relationships and to support local and national economy and works to promote entrepreneurship, technology-transfer and commercialization activities.



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