The whole library team of CIIT wishes a very “Happy New Year 2013” and prays to Almighty ALLAH that may this year bring peace and prosperity in our lives, may GOD give us strength and wisdom to tackle the challenges of life and to follow the teachings of ALLAH and his Prophet Muhammad (Peace be upon him). The CIIT Islamabad library has commenced this new year with the resolve, to continue the efforts in providing the users more quality and quick services in it’s best possible ways.
Hats off to Mr. Abdur Rehman

Mr. Abdur Rehman, Deputy Librarian, at CIIT (Islamabad campus) library, who was on study leave for the last one year has resumed his duties after successful completion of his M.S. degree. He has done his “M.S in Librarianship” from the “Information School, University of Sheffield, UK”. It is worth mention that University of Sheffield is one of the UK’s leading Russell Group universities with an outstanding record in both teaching and research and it had also been declared the University of the year in 2011 by “Times Higher Education Awards”. Mr. Abdur Rehman was graduated on September, 2012.

The whole library team warmly welcomes him back, congratulates him on achieving this millstone and wishes him best of luck in future.

Many Congratulation's to Mr. Abaid Ullah

Mr. Abaid Ullah, Assistant Librarian, at CIIT (Islamabad campus) library, who was also on study leave has rejoined his duties after successful completion of his M.S. degree. Mr. Abaid has done his M.S from “University of Bedfordshire”, which is one of the leading Universities in UK. His area of specialization was “International Human Resource Management”. He was graduated on 22nd of November, 2012.

The whole library team cordially welcomes him back, applauds him on this marvelous achievement and wishes him a very flourishing professional career.

Sports week celebrations

Sports week was celebrated in CIIT Islamabad campus from 13th October to 20th October 2012. Number of games and competitions were organized by the “Sports Department” for students as well as for the faculty and staff members. Islamabad campus library professionals participated in Cricket, Badminton and table Tennis competitions.

In the closing ceremony prizes were distributed by the Chief Guest Mr. Majid Khan, a former cricketer of Pakistan, among the winners of different events. The worthy Rector with senior management of the CIIT was also present in the closing ceremony.

Earlier, a cricket match was also played between the HODs of all CIIT departments.
Many congratulations To Raja Muhammad Ibrahim

It is a matter of great pleasure that the Senior Librarian of CIIT has been promoted to the position of Chief Librarian in recognition of his continuous services for CIIT libraries. The whole library team of Islamabad campus and other CIIT campus libraries congratulates him for achieving this milestone and wishes him best of luck in future.

Book Exhibition and Sale @ CIIT (Islamabad Camus)

Library Information Services organized "Book Exhibition and Sale" at "Old Car Parking" adjacent to Academic Block 1. on March 5-7, 2013.

Formal inauguration was held on (March 5, 2013) in which large number of students, HODs, faculty members and library staff participated. Dr. Shahid A. Khan (Incharge Campus) was the chief guest at the occasion; he visited various stalls after officially inaugurating the exhibition and took keen interest in selecting books on various topics and subjects. Raja Muhammad Ibrahim (Chief Librarian), library staff members, CIIT faculty and staff members accompanied him during his visit to the various stalls set up for the occasion.

Library Information Services organized this event to promote the reading culture, to strengthen the library collection, and to provide an excellent opportunity to the educational community of CIIT for purchasing of books on discounted prices.

Country's renowned publishers and booksellers had set up their stalls in the exhibition and had put large number of books on various topics and subjects at display.

LIS is striving to meet the educational needs of the educational community of CIIT and raising the standards of the Institution by providing best available resources. That is why library keep on organizing such events, so that students, researchers, and faculty members can chose from variety of the resources available in their respective fields.
A six member delegation of University of Technology (UTP), Malaysia, visited CIIT (Islamabad Campus) on October 9, 2012. The purpose of the visit was to discuss matters of mutual interest like, students and faculty exchange, and development of research proposals etc.


Majid Jahangir Khan, a former cricketer and opening batsman, former captain of the Pakistan cricket team, and one of the greatest cricketers produced by Pakistan, visited CIIT (Islamabad Campus) library on 20th October 2012. Majid Khan was in CIIT to witness the closing ceremony of sports week and to distribute prizes among the winners of various events held during sports week. He was invited as Chief Guest of the closing ceremony by CIIT.

Mr. Laurent Koch, who is serving as Educational Attache at French Embassy in Islamabad, visited CIIT (Islamabad Campus) library on 20th October 2012.

Professor Gabriella Caterina, University of Naples Federico II, Italy, visited CIIT (Islamabad Campus) library on November 1, 2012. The senior Librarian Raja Muhammad Ibrahim briefed the delegation, the guests praised the library infrastructure.

Professor Said Irandoust, President Asian Institute of Technology, Thailand visited CIIT (Islamabad Campus) and library on November 5, 2012.

More than hundred library professionals from all over Pakistan visited CIIT (Islamabad Campus) library on 13th November 2012.

**Interesting Fact**

Do you know that, at the beginning of 2013 only 35% of the world’s population is connected to the Internet.
A delegation of officials from Headquarter of National Accountability Bureau (NAB) visited CIIT (Islamabad Campus) library on November 27, 2012. The delegation visited different sections of the library where they were briefed about the various services and facilities being provided by the library.

A group including 19 senior members of Senior Management Wing of National Management College, Lahore, visited CIIT (Islamabad Campus) library on November 20, 2012.

Ms. Jo Nesbitt (Deputy Director of International Office), Professor Nick Hopkins (Faculty of Law), and Dr. Richard Wills (Senior Consulting Engineering) of University of Southampton (UK) visited CIIT (Islamabad Campus) and Library on November 27, 2012.

Dr. Haroon-ur-Rashid (Pro Rector CIIT) along with other senior CIIT officials welcomed the top educationists of the country and later had a meeting with them to discuss various matters of mutual interest. Dr. S. M. Junaid Zaidi (Rector CIIT) also participated in the meeting and accompanied them to the visit of various departments of CIIT. Later on Dr. Shahid A. Khan (Incharge Campus) took the guests to the various departments, laboratories, labs and briefed them about these facilities and how students are being benefitted by them. Library, which is one of the hallmarks of CIIT (Islamabad Campus), was also visited by guests. Raja Muhammad Ibrahim (Chief Librarian) welcomed them in the library and briefed them about the various resources, services and facilities being provided by the library.

Two member delegation of Cito (Netherlands) visited CIIT (Islamabad Campus) and Library on March 4, 2013.

Dr. Cyrill Nunn, Ambassador of the Federal Republic of Germany visited CIIT (Islamabad Campus) and Library on March 9, 2013. He was invited as Chief Guest by Rector CIIT, Dr. S. M. Junaid Zaidi (SI), on a special dinner hosted by him in honor of the delegation from Technical University Berlin, Germany.

Interesting Fact

With some 6 billion mobile subscriptions now in use, 3/4 of the world's inhabitants now have access to a mobile phone says a World Bank Publication.
A group of Chinese, who were in Islamabad to attend the Pak-China Business Forum, visited CIIT (Islamabad Campus) library on 21st March 2013. It is worth mentioning that CIIT is one of the hosts of Pak-China Business Forum being held at Pak-China Friendship Centre from 23-26 March 2013.

Ambassador of Sudan, HE Mr. Alshafie Ahmed Mohamed visited CIIT (Islamabad Campus) and Library on 20th March 2013.

Participation in PLA National Conference 2012

CIIT library professionals of Islamabad campus enthusiastically participated in the PLA’s National Conference on “Career Development of LIS Professionals and Overall Improvement of Libraries in Pakistan” held from 12th November to 14th November 2012 at Islamabad.

The conference was jointly organized by Pakistan Library Association (Federal Branch) and National Library of Pakistan. Around 250 library professionals from all over Pakistan were in Islamabad to attend this mega library event. In the conference research papers were presented by national and international scholars.

At the end of the conference, Souvenirs and Certificates were given by the chief guest to the paper presenters and event managers.

Raja M. Ibrahim, Senior Librarian, at CIIT (Islamabad Campus) presented his conference paper on “Establishing a 21st Century Library COMSATS Experience: from zero point to park road” while Tariq Mahmood, Deputy Librarian and Arslan Sheikh, Assistant Librarian played their administrative role in management of the conference.
Pakistan Day Celebration

A special function was held at CIIT (Islamabad Campus) to celebrate the 73rd Pakistan Day on 23rd of March in front of the library. Traditional zeal and enthusiasm was the hallmark of the activity as number of students was seen wearing the national colors and holding green Pakistani flag. It was on this day in 1940 that the historic Pakistan Resolution was adopted in Lahore, which led to creation of a separate homeland for the Muslims of South Asia.

Dr. Shahid A. Khan (Incharge Campus) was the chief guest at the occasion. The ceremony started with the recitation of the Holy Quran followed by the speeches from the students, faculty and staff members. Dr. Shahid A. Khan hoisted the national flag along with the senior faculty and staff members of CIIT. Later, he addressed the gathering highlighting the positive image of the country and emphasizing about the need of developing nationalism in the country.

Sports week celebrations

Sports week was celebrated in CIIT from 23rd to 30th March 2013. A healthy participation of students, faculty and staff members made this event successful. The students, faculty and staff members of all departments participated in various game competitions e.g. Cricket, Basket ball, Badminton, Tug of War, Volleyball, Table Tennis. During the sports week “CIIT Science Society” invited the renowned engineer of Pakistan Dr. A. Q. Khan for addressing the students.

Dr. A. Q. Khan emphasized the need of quality education for all. After his addressed, he answered students questions and interacted them.

At the end of the Student Week Mr. Saeed Anwar, a former cricketer of Pakistan visited CIIT campus for addressing the students and distribution of prizes among winners and runners up of game competitions. Addressing the community of CIIT Mr. Saeed Anwar emphasized the students on adoption of Islamic values.
13TH BOOK FAIR 2012

The Library Information Services, CIIT Lahore campus Organized 13th grand two days BOOK Fair 2012 on 12 & 13, December 2012.

The worthy Director CIIT Lahore, Dr. Mehmood Ahmed Bodla, along with Convener Library Affairs Committee, Dr. Talat Afza, Library In charge, Tariq Najmi, along with faculty members, Staff and Students participated in the inauguration ceremony of the book Fair.

More than twenty renowned book sellers from all over the country participated in this book fair and displayed their reading material on all the subjects particularly on Chemical Engineering, Architecture & Design, Management Sciences, Computer Sciences, Computer Engineering, Electrical Engineering, Mathematics, Physics, Economics, Finance, History, Islam and English Urdu Literature.

All faculty members and students participated in the event and purchased books for their personal use as well as recommended the reading material for library collection.

Movie Hour

With the collaboration of Network Operations Center (NOC) and Movie Hour Organizing Committee, Library Information Services, CIIT Lahore, has planned to start a new service entitled “Movie Hour”.

With this service, the viewers will get knowledge and information through entertainment. As per plan, movie show will be arranged on every Friday.

Purpose of this activity is to provide the entertainment venue for students of COMSATS Lahore. Good movies will be selected for the show.

Rector Visit in the library

Honorable Rector Dr. S. M. Junaid Zaidi (SI) visited CIIT Lahore on December 18, 2012. During his campus visit, honorable guest was accompanied by Dr. Mehmood Ahmad Bodla, Director CIIT Lahore, Additional Registrar, HODs, visited the main library.

The Library In charge Mr. Tariq Najmi welcomed the guests and briefed them about the library resources and services.

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Information Commons

To provide the discussion venues for the students, information commons has been developed near the library hall. This information commons, will provide the opportunity to students to discuss and share their knowledge with class fellows and junior / senior students. Information Commons are being very welcomed by the university students.

Track your book request

This value added service provides the facility to the library users of CIIT Lahore to track their request regarding purchase of books, journals, audio visual material and other library resource.

Chinese Delegation visits CIIT Lahore

A group of Chinese students and faculty members visited CIIT Lahore Library on March 27, 2013. Mr. Tariq Najmi welcomed them and briefed them about the library resources and services. The Chinese students and faculty members visited different section of the library and took special interest in digital resources.

Ms Fatima Usman Rejoined Library

Ms Fatima Usman, Assistant Librarian, re-joined Library after her medical leave. She took up the charge of Electronic Resources Section and working enthusiastically. We welcome her with warm greetings.

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PEC Visit
The Pakistan Engineering Council (PEC) team visited CIIT Lahore on January 17, 2013 for the accreditation of Chemical Engineering Degree Program. As per their schedule, PEC team visited Library and observed the library resources in detail.

RECTOR Visit
Honorable Rector Dr. S.M. Junaid Zaidi (SI) visited CIIT Lahore on February 15, 2013. During his campus visit, honorable guest was accompanied by Dr. Mehmood Ahmad Bodla, Director CIIT Lahore, Additional Registrar, HODs and visited the main library. The Library In charge Mr. Tariq Najmi welcomed the guest and briefed them about the library resources and services.

Library Orientation
Orientation program for new intake (Spring 2013) was held on Feb 03, 2013. The new students enrolled in different departments visited the library in groups along with their faculty members. The library staff Mr. Muhammad Ishtiaq, Ms. Fatima Usman and Ms. Nasira Muneer briefed them about library resources and services. The students were very happy to see the resources and know about the services of library.

Andrew Parkinson Visit
Andrew Parkinson, Senior Lecturer in Computing from Lancaster University visited CIIT Lahore campus. During his visit, he also visited the library along with Dr. Muhammad Ahamd Farooqui. Library In charge welcomed the guests and briefed them about library resources and services.

Lahore International Book Fair
Lahore International Book Fair Trust had arranged a Book Fair on February 14-18, 2013. To grab the opportunity, Library Information Services, CIIT Lahore has arranged a visit to International Book Fair on February 18, 2013. A good number of faculty members from all departments visited the Book Fair and selected books for the library and for their personal use, as well.

New Intake
Mr. Shahid Qamer has joined the CIIT Library Information Services as library Assistant on December 10, 2012. He has done Master in Library and Information Science from Sargodha University in 2011. To learn about the latest tools and techniques, he did his internship from LUMS library for three months. His areas of interest are technical processing of library material including books, journals, magazines and audio visual resources. We welcome him in CIIT Lahore family.

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Visit of Director, External Campuses, Dr. Haroon Rasheed to CIIT, Sahiwal Campus

The honorable Director, external campuses, Dr. Haroon Raheed visited the library on November 20, 2012. A comprehensive briefing about the progress of the department was given to the members of delegation. Dr. Haroon appreciated the services of the department.

Collection Development

Library Information Services, CIIT, Sahiwal is trying to enhance and build its best collections of books for students, faculty and staff members. At the moment, there are 8500 books in the department. In a meeting with Head of department Computer Sciences, honorable Dr. Shaukat Iqbal it was decided that the collection of electrical engineering should be enhance. The department is in the process of procurement for about 2200 books for electrical engineering.

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Visit of District Co-ordination Officer (DCO) of Sahwial to CIIT, Sahiwal Campus

The honorable DCO of Sahiwal along with worthy Director and HODs of CIIT, Sahiwal visited the library on March 04, 2013. Mr. Muhammad Akbar, Assistant Librarian, briefed the visitors about library resources and services. The DCO Sahiwal appreciated the progress of the department within short period since its establishment.

Visit of Chief Librarian to CIIT, Sahiwal Campus

Chief Librarian (CIIT, Islamabad Campus) visited the library on March 17, 2013. Mr. Muhammad Akbar, Assistant Librarian briefed him about the progress of the library. The Chief Librarian showed satisfaction on the overall progress of the library. The Chief Librarian also acknowledged the work of library professionals in increasing the library collection which has risen from 8500 to 9500.

Visit of Monitoring Officers from Planning and Higher Education Commission of Pakistan

Officials from Planning and Higher Education Commission of Pakistan visited the CIIT Sahiwal campus Library on March 01, 2013. The worthy Director, CIIT, Sahiwal was also accompanied with them. They were briefed by Mr. Muhammad Akbar who presented the progress of the library. The officials showed pleasure regarding the services and quantity of books on each discipline for students and faculty of the CIIT.

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Visit of Honorable Chancellor of CIIT and Minister for Science and Technology

Mr. Changez Khan Jamali, Chancellor of CIIT and Minister for Science and Technology, Govt. of Pakistan, visited the CIIT Vehari campus to inaugurate the new academic block. The delegation also visited the library, LIS Incharge, Ms. Abida Hanif briefed the delegation about the library services which are being provided to the students, faculty and staff members. The delegation appreciated the library and its services. They also gave valuable suggestions to enhance the library services.

Visit of ISO Audit Delegation

In October, ISO Auditors visited the Library Information Services Department (LIS) CIIT, Vehari. The auditors appreciated the standardization of the operating procedures opted by the LIS, CIIT, Vehari. The director campus also encouraged the LIS Staff upon their efficient work. The auditors thoroughly checked the process of LIS department and asked the management to issue a certificate of appreciation to the LIS department upon excellent services and ISO documentation.

Online Public Access Catalogue (OPAC)

COMSATS Vehari holds a library including valuable books, journals and digital material. Digital library is among the promising feature of the campus. Latest issues of the newspapers are displayed well. Library has a very wide and diversified range of helping material for faculty members and students. The whole library material can now be searched through library’s Online Public Access Catalogue (OPAC)

Access to e-Libraries

Patrons are accessing e-libraries which have been subscribed by LIS department of Vehari campus. These libraries provides the full text information on various subjects. They also provides very informative and valuable data for the researchers and scholars.

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ILO Delegation Visit to LIS Department

International Labor Organization (ILO) delegation, Mr. Manfred, Senior Expert, accompanied by Mr. Uzair Zaidi, and Prof. Dr. Khalid Rashid, visited the Library Information Services Department (LIS) CIIT Vehari campus on 4th March 2013. The delegation appreciated the library services available for the library users. They showed keen interest in mutual exchange of institutional publications. The Incharge LIS department, Ms. Abida Hanif, briefed them about the services which are being offered to the library users with in limited resources.

Visit to 27th International Book Fair, Lahore

To develop the collection of library, LIS In charge and faculty member visited the international book fair, held at Lahore. The fair was a good opportunity for librarians and faculty members to get low price current editions of books for libraries and for their personal use as well.

Visit of Central Executive Committee (CEC) CIIT

The central Executive committee of CIIT visited the campus on 16th March 2013. The committee specially visited library information services department. The worthy Rector CIIT Dr. Syed Junaid Zaidi was also accompanied the visit. The Rector was pleased to see the development of the library and gave some suggestions for further improvement. Dr. Khair uz Zaman, Director Vehari campus highlighted the library services department role and its contributions in educational activities.

Book Fair @ CIIT (Vehari Campus) 2013

Book Fair 2013 was organized from 3-4 April 2013 at the campus. Six well known booksellers of the country exhibited their collection on various subjects. It was inaugurated by the Director Campus Dr. Khair uz Zaman accompanied by library convener and other HODs. The faculty members selected the books for library. The book fair provided excellent opportunity of interaction and motivated for students and faculty members. At the end of the book fair souvenirs and certificates were distributed among participants and organizing team.

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Establishment of Central Library at CIIT Attock Permanent Campus

By the grace of Allah Almighty, Central Library, has been established in the permanent campus of CIIT Attock. The Faculty and Students of EE, CS and Mathematics department can use and borrow books from the new library. There are number of other facilities in process to make the library services more attractive and effective.

New Appointments at CIIT Library Attock

Mr. Zafar Iqbal has been appointed as Library Assistant at CIIT Attock campus library. We welcome him in CIIT Attock campus library team and hope that he would contribute his efforts in enhancing the library services.

Mr. Javed Iqbal and Zeeshan Saeed has been appointed as Library Attendant. The whole library team welcome them and wish them best of luck.

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**CIIT Rector Visits the Newly Established Library**

Dr. S.M. Junaid Zaidi (Sitara-i-Imtiaz), Rector CIIT, along with Dr. Muhammad Azim, Dr. Arshad S. Malik and Dr. Izhar Hussain visited CIIT Attock campus new library on 7 February 2013. The honorable Rector visited different sections of the library. The Rector appreciated the hard work of the Library staff in establishing new library in a short time span.

**Executive Director, HEC, Visited CIIT Attock’s New Library**

Professor Dr. Mukhtar Ahmad, Executive Director, HEC, visited Attock campus new library on 16th February, 2013. During his visit to the different sections of the library, Dr. Mukhtar Ahmed took keen interest in knowing about different facilities and services being provided to educational community of CIIT. Pro Rector CIIT, Dr. Haroon Rashid, Dr. Sherzada Khan, Director, CIIT Attock, along with other senior officials of CIIT Attock Campus accompanied the honorable guests during his visit to the library. Laeeq Mushtaq, In charge Library Information Services, CIIT Attock, briefed them about the services, facilities and resources. Dr. Mukhtar Ahmed also interacted with the students during his visit to the library and asked them about their studies.

**Appointment as Senior Library Assistant**

Mr. Tariq Mehmood Khan, Library Assistant, CIIT Attock, has been promoted to the post of Senior Library Assistant. With his new designation, we hope that he would further enhance the library services and work more enthusiastically.

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