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## **NEW ARRIVALS @ LIBRARY**

During the months of December 2010 to February 2011 more than two hundred books were added to the library stock on variety of subjects e.g. Electrical engineering, computers science, pharmacy, chemistry, geology etc. These books are now available for check out.



# VISIT of the Library Incharge CIIT Lahore

Mr. Tariq Najmi, the Library Incharge, CIIT Lahore, visited CIIT Abbotabad Campus on February 4, 2011.

During the visit he discussed various technical and professional issues with the library staff. Special focus of the discussion was the effective use of the Library Information Management Software (LIMS). Mr. Najmi also discussed the LIMS related issues with the software engineers team of CIIT Abbotabad.

# VPN Services Launched @ CIIT Abbotabad

COMSATS Institute of Information Technology has been providing access to more than 32,000 high quality, peer-reviewed journals, databases, and articles through HEC's Digital Library Program. In addition, access to thousands of E-books on a variety of subjects has also been provided through the same program.

Access to these numerous, valuable resources was so far available only within campus. We are now pleased to announce that the CIIT Abbotabad, in collaboration with the Central Library, starts providing off-campus access to all these digital resources. The access, however, is "user name-Password-controlled" and is available only to the faculty members and re-

search scholars of CIIT Abbotabad. On-campus access remains open for all the Students, faculty and researchers of CIIT, Abbotabad.

## ONE DAY VISIT OF SENIOR LIBRARIAN -CIIT ABBOTABAD.

Senior Librarian Mr. Raja Muhammad Ibrahim visited CIIT Abbotabad on December 15, 2010.

During his routine, quarterly visit, the Senior Librarian had a meeting with the Director Dr. Khan Gul Jadoon. He discussed with various library related matters with the Director e.g. library budget, hiring of new library staff, installation of E.M. Security System etc., at length. The Senior Librarian also had meetings with the library staff and discussed various issues relating to reference services, digital library, CIIT E-library, collection development, and staff training etc.

## **Library Mounted Book Exhibition**

A library mounted book exhibition was arranged @ the library for promotion of reading habits amongst the newcomers. Books purchased during the last six months were put on display; books from the library bookshop were also at display for sale. More than 100 books on a variety of subjects were sold during exhibition.

### **Library Visits**

A delegation from France, headed by the Ambassador to Pakistan, His Excellency Mr. Daniel Jouvenve, visited COMSATS Institute of Information Technology (CIIT), Abbotabad on February 2, 2011.

During the visit the ambassador had detailed meetings with the faculty and students. The delegation also visited the library later in the day, and was briefed by the director on several aspects of the Library resources and Information Services. **Mr. Daniel Jouvenve** highly appreciated the information Services provided by the library.

### Appointment as Deputy Librarian



Mushtaq, Laeeq Assistant Librarian CIIT Attock, has been promoted to the post of Deputy Librarian. With his new designation we hope that he would en-

hance the library services and would further improve the library functioning.

## **Library** Orientation of New Students

At the beginning of Spring Semester 2011, at the Attock Campus, the library arranged an orientation program for the newcomers on 7<sup>th</sup> February 2011.

All new students were briefed by Laeeq Mushtaq, the Incharge of the library. Detailed information regarding library rules/regulations, various resources and services offered by the library, was provided to the students. Students were also guided about using the brary through email. My request was always dealt library resources effectively and utilizing the Library services efficiently.

## **Faculty Members of the Army Public** College Visited CIIT, Attock Library

On January 14, 2011 around 100 Faculty members of Army Public College Visited CIIT Attock Library. The Library Incharge, Laeeq Mushtaq gave a briefing about the available resources and services of the Library.

The delegation visited different sections of the Library and highly appreciated the services offered by Library, especially the Digital and E-library services.

## **Library User's Comments**

The following comments were made by Mr. Subhan Ullah, Assistant Professor, Department of Management Science. We are thankful for his kind appreciation and ensure him that we would not only maintain the current standards, but will make every effort to provide our users with several new enhanced library and information services and resources.

#### The Comments by Mr. Subhan Ullah, Assistant **Professor, Department of Management Science.**

"It is my pleasure to give just brief comment about our Campus Library. I have a very high opinion about the services provided by the library.

Whenever I visited the campus Library I learned a new marvelous thing. .. It is because I strongly believe that when you visit the library you learn every minute even if you don't pick a book/magazine

As you go through the books titles on the shelf, you learn about various new, remarkable additions in your field of interest. CIIT Attock library is outstanding place to read study and learn. The library staff is very efficient and cooperative, always willing to help you out. Even when you are out of the country you can depend on them.

One thing that I should mention here is that when I was on ex-Pakistan study leave and needed some research papers/books, I used to send request to the Liwith utmost care and the required material was provided within due time.

I am truly very grateful to the library Incharge and other library staff for their kind cooperation and support".

## **Library Quotes**

To add a library to a house is to give that house a soul.

- Cicero

I go into my library and all history unrolls before me.

- Alexander Smit

No furniture so charming as books.

Sydney Smith

The dissemination of knowledge is one of the cornerstones of civilization.

- John F. Budd

Professor Dr. Mohammad Noa B Karsiti, Director During his visit, Mr. Abdul Rauf Postgraduate Studies, University Technology Petronas, Malaysia visited library, Islamabad Campus

Professor Dr. Mohammad Noa B Karsiti, Director Postgraduate Studies, University Technology Petronas, Malaysia visited CIIT library. He had a meeting with the authorities and discussed various issues of mutual interest. The meeting was held at the conference room of the library.



### Delegation of the University of Nice Sophia Antipolis, France visited the library, Islamabad Campus

A delegation of the University of Nice Sophia Antipolis, France visited the library on January 17, 2011. Dr. Marc Diener and Dr. Francine Diener, who were heading the delegation visited different sections of the library. He highly appreciated the pleasant, colorful environment, modern facilities and services of the library. He was very pleased to see the implementation of RFID system, which is in progress these days.

Raja Muhammad Ibrahim, Senior Librarian briefed the delegation about the development, functioning and future plans of the library.



Impressed by the library facilities and services, the visitors congratulated the whole team and expressed their best wishes for future projects and plans.

#### Visit of Secretary, Ministry of Labor and Human Resources, Government of the Punjab

Mr. Abdul Rauf Khan, Secretary, Ministry of Labor and Human Resources, Government of the Punjab visited CIIT Islamabad Campus and Library on January 26, 2011. His visit was in continuation of the visit by Mr. Ashraf



Sohna, Minister of Labor and Human Resources, Punjab, who visited CIIT Islamabad Campus and Library f e w weeks ago.

Khan was briefed by the Raja Muhammad Ibrahim, Senior Librarian about the available resources and the services offered by each section of the library. Mr. Abdul Rauf Khan appreciated the excellent



infrastructure, facilities and the services of the library.

#### A delegation from different universities of Afghanistan visited Library, Islamabad Campus

A delegation comprising of the Vice Chancellors and eminent professors from different universities of Afghanistan visited CIIT Library on January 18, 2011.

The main purpose of the visit was to seek academic collaboration and cooperation between the two countries Raja Muhammad Ibrahim, Senior Librarian briefed the delegation and satisfied many gueries of the visitors.



#### British Council arranged a library tour for the students of different schools

As part of the project: "Connecting Classroom," of the British Council, Islamabad, arranged a CIIT library tour for the students of different local schools. The Program was launched to encourage young generation of Pakistan to use libraries and to promote reading culture among them.

A guided tour was conducted on the occasion by Muhammad Idris Khan, the Deputy Librarian. The delegation, comprising more than 70 students was briefed about the changing concepts and role of modern academic libraries by the Senior librarian Raja M. Ibra-

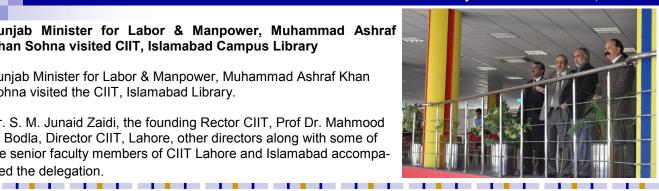
him. The librarian, Syeda Nasreen Sultana briefed the students about how to use various kinds of reference and research sources, including the online information sources .



#### Punjab Minister for Labor & Manpower, Muhammad Ashraf Khan Sohna visited CIIT, Islamabad Campus Library

Punjab Minister for Labor & Manpower, Muhammad Ashraf Khan Sohna visited the CIIT, Islamabad Library.

Dr. S. M. Junaid Zaidi, the founding Rector CIIT, Prof Dr. Mahmood A. Bodla, Director CIIT, Lahore, other directors along with some of the senior faculty members of CIIT Lahore and Islamabad accompanied the delegation.



## the Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI) visited Islamabad Campus' Library

Dr. Tariq Banuri, the Consultant to the Ministry of Commerce, currently working as Director, Division for Expressing their views about CIIT, the members of the Sustainable Development, Department of Economic and Social Affairs in New York, visited the CIIT, Islamabad on January 4, 2010.

During the visit, Dr. Banuri delivered a lecture on the topic of the "Contribution of Research to Public Policy". A large number of the CIIT faculty members attended the lecture which was



held at the state of the art Video Conferencing Room of the library.

Dr. Banuri also took a round of the different sections of the library. He highly appreciated the modern services and the facilities offered by the library.

Appreciating the commendable progress made by CIIT, Dr. Banauri said that credit for the great achievements certainly goes to Dr. S. M. Junaid Zaidi, Rector A delegation of TIKA visited CIIT, Islamabad Campus CIIT.

#### A 16 member delegation of 14th General Assembly Meeting of Organization of the Islamic Conference (OIC), Committee on Scientific and Technological Cooperation (COMSTECH), visited CIIT, Islamabad library

A 16 member delegation visited CIIT, Islamabad library on January 13, 2011.

During their visit, a special briefing for the delegate was held at the Conference Room of the library, where, Dr. S. M. Junaid Zaidi, Rector CIIT and Dr. Arshad S. Malik, Registrar CIIT briefed



the delegation about the development of CIIT and future plans and vision.

**Dr. Tarig Banuri, one of the founding executives of** The delegation later took a round of the library. Raja Muhammad Ibrahim, Senior Librarian briefed the visitors about the resources, facilities and services the library provides for its users.

> delegation congratulated the honorable Rector Dr. S. M. Junaid Zaidi and his team for establishing the prestigious organization such as CIIT. They specially appreciated the state-of-the-art library of Islamabad campus, terming it as good as any modern library in the United Kingdom or USA.

#### A Delegation of Turkish International Cooperation and Development Agency (TIKA) Visited CIIT Library

The Turkish International Cooperation and Development Agency (TIKA) has coordination offices in 20 countries across Africa, Asia and Europe. TIKA offers development assistance to partner countries through various development projects.

on February 22, 2011. The members of the delegation had a meeting with CIIT high officials. The meeting was chaired by Mr. Tahir Naeem, Director Planning and Development, CIIT. Various issues of mutual interests were discussed at length in the meeting. The delegation also visited the CIIT Library and were briefed by the Senior Librarian, Raja Muhammad Ibrahim. The delegation appreciated the modern facilities, services and resources of the state of the art library.

#### Representatives of Bedfordshire University and HEC Visited CIIT Library

Dr. John Beaumont-Kerridge, Sub Dean (International) & Director Marketing and Communications, along with Dr. Fiaz Hussain, Faculty Sub Dean (International) of Bedfordshire University, Uk visited CIIT Library on February 26, 2011.

### **DG Planning and Development, Higher Education Commission Visited CIIT Li**brary, Islamabad

Mr. Talat Khursheed, DG Planning and Development, visited the CIIT Library on February 26, 2011. Appreciating the commendable efforts of CIIT for establishing the sort of high-tech library, Mr. Talat Khursheed said that it was an excellent initiative to be replicated all over Paki- French Ambassador Visited CIIT Library stan.

The senior Librarian, Raja Muhammad Ibrahim, along with Syeda Nasreen Sultana (Librarian) and Muhammad Idris Khan (Deputy Librarian) arranged the conducted tour and briefed the honorable visitor about various resources, facilities and services of the library

#### **Delegation of Islamic Development Bank Visited CIIT Library**

A delegation of Islamic Development Bank led by Mr. Ahmed Saleh Hariri, Manger Country Operations for Pakistan visited CIIT library on March 14, 2011.

Raja Muhammad Ibrahim, Senior Librarian briefed the delegates about the facilities, resources and services of the Library.

The members of the delegation highly appreciated the features of the high-tech library. Expressing his views, Mr. Ahmed Saleh Hariri said that the facilities and services of the CIIT, Islamabad, library were as good as provided by the libraries of advanced countries.

H.E. Daniel Jouanneau, Ambassador of France in company with Ms. Sandie Favier, Attache for Science and Technology visited CIIT Library on March 16, 2011.

The delegation visited all the sections of the library. As briefed by the senior librarian, Raja Muhammad Ibrahim, the members of the delegation were highly impressed by the modern facilities and services of the library. The delegation also had a long meeting with CIIT high officials, faculty and senior staff, including the library's. Professor Dr. Rahil Qamar gave a detailed briefing about CIIT's progress achievements and future plans. Several issues of mutual interest and future plan of collaboration were discussed at length in the meeting. The meeting concluded on a very interesting guestion answer session.

## New Publications by the CIIT faculty

Protein Structure Prediction and Molecular Dynamics Simulation: Structure Prediction of Wild-Type Human MTHFR, Comparison with Mutants and MD Simulation of the Final Model by Khuram Shahzad, Asifa Ahmed and Zaheer ul Haq (Oct 17, 2010)

#### For further detail and the review please visit:

http://www.amazon.com/Structure-Prediction-Molecular-Dynamics-Simulation/dp/3639300270/ref=sr 1 1? s=books&ie=UTF8&gid=1300971428&sr=1

Bioremediation of Heavy metal ions and Organic pollutants by Microbes by Rani Faryal (Nov 12, 2010)

#### For further detail and the review please visit:

http://www.amazon.com/Bioremediation-Heavy-Organic-pollutants-Microbes/dp/3843371245/ref=sr 1 1? s=books&ie=UTF8&qid=1300971310&sr=1-1

### The Highlights

#### Library Information Services (Islamabad Campus) - 2010 Highlights and Achievements

- Launching of the "LIS Bulletin" which is a quarterly newsletter of libraries of all CIIT campuses
- Launching of web-portal of Library Information Services
- Launching of "Free Online Public Access Journals" database and web-portal
- Launching of "CIIT Thesis Repository" database and web-portal
- Launching of Union Catalog database and web-portal
- Launching of CIIT E-Library comprising more than 7000 e-books
- Launching of the Innovative Current Awareness Services (CAS) "Research Journals Latest Articles Alert"
- Book fair as part of collection development activity
- Book exhibition and awareness raising activities as part of celebrations of World Book Day
- Training Workshop for library staff
- Orientation programs for student, special lectures and information sessions for researchers and faculty members as part of user education and information literacy campaign

# Beta Versions of "Free Online Public Access Journals", "CIIT Thesis Repository", "Union Catalog" and "Mobile Interface for Accessing HEC Resources Launched

LIS web services grew phenomenally during the last quarter and at the end of 2010. A number of new projects were completed and number of new services was launched.

#### **CIIT Thesis Repository**

The main concept behind developing this database and web-portal is to provide access to massive amount of research produced by CIIT community. The repository includes theses, dissertations and project reports. The online thesis repository has widened the access to the thesis and other research publications of the CIIT community. Now users from to all the 7 campuses of CIIT can access to the valuable resources.

**The CIIT, Islamabad library web-portal** aims at educating the students and researchers of CIIT about plagiarism, copyrights, citation styles and other such issues. It also provides information about several software and other available technological solutions.

#### Free Online Public Access Journals Database and Web-portal

The purpose of this database is to provide a unique facility for the faculty members and researchers through collecting and organizing the scattered full text articles of the peer-reviewed journals that are available free of cost on the internet

#### **Union Catalog**

Union catalog provides the CIIT library users with the opportunity to search the collections of all the 07 campuses' libraries of CIIT, using single interface

The CIIT Union Catalogue provides the users with the following facilities

1- Unique single search interface for all CIIT Campuses' libraries.

- 2- Select and directly send requests of their required books using web interface.
- 3- Create a wish list of their desired books which they would like to borrow in future.
- 4- Search other University Libraries Online Public Access Catalogues (OPACs), by visiting the "Useful Links".

#### **Mobile Interface for Accessing HEC Digital Resources**

Internet and communication technologies have revolutionized the library services as well as their delivery methods. Use of portable devices like mobile phones and smart phones to access required information material is becoming more and popular day by day.

Responding to the demand of providing access to the library databases, through such portable devices, the CIIT, Islamabad library has launched a mobile version for accessing HEC Digital Resources. The mobile version for accessing is absolutely compatible to almost all mobile web browsers.

The CIIT Islamabad library has now become the first library of Pakistan which provides the users with such remarkable, modern facility.



## Delegation from the Lancaster University UK, Visited the CIIT Library



A delegation from the Lancaster University UK, International Affairs and David Simm, the Director three services can be accessed through the link: of International UG Programs, visited the CIIT <a href="http://library.ciitlahore.edu.pk/lib/index.html">http://library.ciitlahore.edu.pk/lib/index.html</a>\ Library, Lahore on February 7, 2011.

The delegation was briefed by Mr. Tarig Najmi, the Incharge library. Members of the delegation showed deep interest in the resources and services of the library. The members of the delegation asked several questions about various features of the library. Mr. Tariq Najmi responded to the queries and briefed them about various future plans of the library.

#### VISIT OF THE SENIOR LIBRARIAN

The Senior Librarian of COMSATS Institute of Information Technology, (CIIT) visited the CIIT Library, Lahore on December 6<sup>th</sup> --- 9<sup>th</sup>, 2010. During the visit he checked the routine work & services. He also had meetings with the Director, Convener Library Affairs Committee, Project Director. Lancaster Block. CIIT Advisor Administration. The Senior Librarian also hold discussions with the staff of the main library as well as the Lancaster Block on various professional and technical issues

### Resource Sharing with LUMS Library

The CIIT Library, Lahore has started a resource the CIIT library subscribed to, how the full text sharing program with LUMS Library. The CIIT Library, Lahore, has now access to all the digital etc. Mr. Najmi's talk excited a long question/answer resources of the LUMS Library. The shared session. During the session Mr. Najmi skillfully satisfied resources include over 37 databases having many queries and questions. thousands of journals in several disciplines. All the The participants highly appreciated the talk by Mr. Tariq shared databases of LUMS' Najmi.

library can be accessed through the Link: http:// library.lums.edu.pk/lrs edatabases ip.html

He appreciated the newly installed electromagnetic security system and instructed to fully implement the system,

#### Social Networking Services Library for the Users

Based on the web 2.0 technologies, the CIIT library, Lahore, has introduced three Social Networking Services for its users. The Social Networking has been provided for the users through flicker, facebook and instant messaging (IM). These services will provide the users with an including Bob McKinley, the Vice Chancellor, opportunity to share views, experiences and Steven Bradley, the Pro Vice Chancellor, expertise in many areas of mutual interest. All the

## Lecture by the library Incharge

Ms. Sadaf Fatima, Lectureer, Department of Humanities, arranged a talk on the Resources and Services of the CIIT Library, Lahore, on December 15, 2010.

The resources person, Mr. Tariq Najmi, (the Library Incharge), gave an elaborate talk on the subject.

During the talk, Mr. Najmi updated the students about the library resources and services. He also addressed various issues relating to the user education such as: how to



use the library resources effectively, what does OPAC mean, how one can search the required books on OPAC, how the digital and electronic library resources are accessed, Which databases articles are downloaded from these databases,

## 11th Book Fair CIIT LAHORE

The CIIT library, Lahore organized two days book fair on January 12-13, 2011.

Dr. Mahmood Ahmad Bodla, Director CIIT Lahore, and Dr. Talat Afzal, Convener Library Affairs Committee inaugurated the book fair.

Several well reputed & renowned booksellers participated in the book fair. A vast collection, on a broad range of subjects including, Architecture & Design, Computer Science, Electrical & Chemical Engineering, Physics, Mathematic, Statistics, Humanities, Literature etc., was available on the bookstalls.



Faculty and students showed keen interest in the collection on display. The faculty selected many books for the library. The students, staff and faculty also purchased many books for their personal use on special discount.



While inaugurating the book fair, Dr. Mahmood Ahmad Bodla, the Director CIIT Lahore, addressed the gathering. In his speech he highlighted the importance of books and libraries. He emphasized on arranging book exhibitions regularly and more frequently on the campus. Dr. Mahmood Ahmad Bodla appreciated the library staff for organizing the book fair. Electronic media such as City 42, Express News, Kohinoor, Wagat TV covered the event.

Dr. Talat Anzal, Convener Library Affairs Committee, distributed Certificates among the participants at the end of the book fair.

# Research Portal Launched by CIIT Lahore

The CIIT Library, Lahore plans to launch a Research Portal. The portal, which will serve as a hub of research activities at CIIT, Lahore, is expected to enhance research culture at the institute. Among various other resources and services, the portal will provide the users with a wealth of research related information e.g. national and international grants, scholarships, seminars, conferences, etc.

# **Library Orientation for New Students**

As the CIIT Lahore completed admission process for Fall-2010, the library arranged an orientation program for the new students on February 7, 2011. According to the scheduled. Mr. Muhammad Ishtiaq and Ms.Abida Hanif briefed the new students about the resources & services of the library.

## **EM Security System**

The much desired Electro Magnetic Security system has been successfully installed at the CIIT Library, Lahore on January 25, 2011.

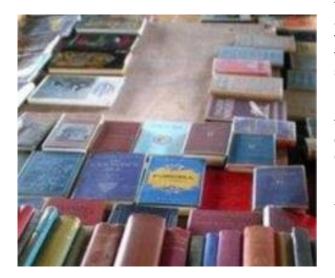
The EM security system will provide reasonable protection for the rich resources of the library which include many rare books, journal, audiovisual collection etc. The system will minimize chances of theft in the library.



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## **Book Exhibition**

The CIIT Library, Sahiwal arranged a one day book exhibition at the Campus on 9th November, 2010. Nine book sellers, from The CIIT library, Sahiwal is given a new, Lahore, including Vanguard Books, Multi-Line Books, Allied Book interior designer, Mrs. Sohail Afzal Qureshi were Company, Unique Books, Star Books, Eagle hired for the purpose who introduced new color Books etc. participated in the exhibition.



## Visit of Controller of **Examinations of CIIT**

Another visit was paid by Mr. Muhammad Sohail Ghani, The Controller of Examinations, CIIT, along with Mr. Adeel Ahmed Shah, Manager MIS and Mr. Faizan Shafiq, Assistant Program Officer, CoE Office, Principal Seat Islamabad. They highly appreciated the improved setup of the library.

These visits proved to be a great source of motivation, appreciation and encouragement to at CIIT Sahiwal the library personnel at CIIT Sahiwal.

# Reshaping interior of the library

Pak Book Corporation, beautiful face. The services of a well-known scheme to create an attractive environment in the library. The new colorful interior is appreciated by all the library users including the faculty members. Dr. Saleem who was visiting from Abbottabad Campus and under whose supervision the Abbottabad Campus library was run for several years, was very happy to see the new attracting environment of the library. With the new arrangement, as predicted, the number library users substantially increased. especially the students started spending more hours in the library than they used to spend before the new setup. The library users seem very happy and impressed by the new setup.



# Visit of Senior Librarian

Mr. Raja Muhammad Ibrahim, the Senior Librarian visited the Sahiwal Campus on 25th January 2011. He appreciated the new, colorful look of the library. During the visit he had meetings with the authorities and the library staff and discussed various library related matters.





