Inaugural Ceremony of Journalism & Mass Communication

By Hadayat Rahman

AWKUM: The Department of Journalism and Mass Communication was formally inaugurated on December 12, 2012 at Abdul Wali Khan University Mardan (AWKUM). Prof. Dr. Ihsan Ali, Vice Chancellor, Abdul Wali Khan University Mardan, inaugurated the department in a ceremony held at Riffat Mahal Campus of the university.

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Prof. Dr. Sher Ali Khan
Registrar AWKUM

Dean’s Message

I congratulate all the students and faculty members of the university on successfully completing four years of academic excellence and achieving innumerable goals in short span of time. The Fourth Foundation Day of AWKUM, reminds us that fact that together we can achieve the milestones of educational revolution and make this university a great seat of learning. The establishment of Abdul Wali Khan University Mardan is a phenomenal achievement; an eye catching development in the field of Higher Education and an enterprise inspiring effort in the struggle to promote higher knowledge. It would definitely be remembered as a leap forward in the annals of the country in general and the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa in particular.

Prof. Dr. Zafar Ali Haq
Dean Faculty of Arts

AWKUM and Mardan Press Club signs MoU

By Imran Younas

AWKUM: A memorandum of understanding (MOU) has been signed between AWKUM and Mardan Press Club on December 20, 2012. A decorous but simple ceremony was held at the Vice Chancellor’s office.

Later on, Registrar, AWKUM, Mr Sher Ali Khan and the President of Mardan Press Club Mr. Musarrat Ali signed the agreement in the presence of Professor Dr. Ihsan Ali, VC AWKUM and Mr. Farhad Safi, Chairman of Journalism and Mass Communication.

The Vice Chancellor highlighted that the agreement would be beneficial for both the organisations and will have long lasting effect on institutional strengthening. The world is moving to digital age due to the fast development in information technology sector and an individual or a group bears high responsibility comes on the journalists shoulder. This is the accurate time for students of JMC to come forward to get appropriate opportunity form the experience of Mardan Press Club and senior journalists.

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Pakistan was established on 14 August 1947 after a great struggle and sacrifices. The basic aim of the establishment of our sweet land was to have a state where all the Muslims would be treated equally. There would be equal consideration without any discrimination on the basis of religion, sex, caste, class, education etc. But today we are being detracted from our basic principles. Look at all the developments where there is an equal education system for all rich and poor. Now compare Pakistani education system with others. Unfortunately there is a great hierarchy. The elite class goes to school and colleges where western education is provided to them. This education system is faced by another education system that is madrasa education where the students are provided with religious education wholly. Our English education system promotes liberal ideology and the madrasa system stresses on religion. Both streams look at a different perspective towards life. This was the idea and strategy of the Britain who adopted that against us and as a result we lost our kingdom. Nations learn from their mistakes to develop a system of our own. Take the 1970’s incident, we lost the east wing, we lost our East Pakistan. We divided our nation again on the basis of language. We made it an ego problem. But we forgot that this is not the land, mountains and the rivers but this is the feelings which makes a nation. We failed to understand the feelings of our brothers and as a result we lost Bangladesh. I will deceive myself once again and will close the chapter of past. Now the question arises did we learn any lesson from our bad experiences? I think No because still we are divided as a nation in different sections. We are not Pakistanis first but we are Pathans, we are Baluchis, we are Punjabis and we are Sindhis. We are not Muslim but we are being ranked as Shia, Berahi, Sunni etc. It is our dual system which does not allow us to get united as a nation. The time has come when we should choose the right path. Religion gives us spiritual power. Modern education is necessary for scientific development and our culture represents our past. We should try to develop a harmony in every field of life.
AWKUM: Prof. Dr. Ihsan Ali, Vice Chancellor of Abdul Wali Khan University Mardan and Syed Aqil Shah formally inaugurated a Museum at Tourism Department on December 22, 2012.

The main objective of this museum is to educate and engage students and staff members in extracurricular activities. It will provide an opportunity to the students to improve and demonstrate their knowledge, communication, leadership and management skills. With such an opportunity they will become able to improve their level of understanding about past and present glories. The museum is equipped with ethnological materials which are systematically displayed in eight galleries. The first two galleries represent household objects, ornaments, armaments, coins of different periods and straw made items mostly purchased and a few donated. The third gallery is of Swat culture where a diorama of Swat valley has been established, embellished with wooden art pieces like engraved pillars, doors, and furniture's. The fourth gallery represents Kalash culture where the Gandhara Grave Culture objects, traditional Kalash household utensils, dresses, ornaments and armaments have been displayed. The fifth gallery represents contemporary art gallery where pieces of wooden, marble and straw artwork present the artistry of the region. The sixth gallery represents the color of the province in form of photographic representation, where the culture, traditional games, cuisines, built heritage, and beauty of the province has been captured. The seventh gallery is represents the vision of Islamic Art Quranic Calligraphy, books, objects of wooden block printings, tiles work and decorative household objects are displayed here. The eighth gallery represents traditional dresses and jewelry. This museum is one of the best in Pakistan in terms of evolutionary descriptions.
AWKUM stages sports day

By Farman Ullah

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The chief guest of the function Dr. Jangher Khan, Dean of Arts addressed the function. The guest of this session. An award ceremony was held where awards were distributed to the students of Journalism and Mass Communication and Pashto Language Congress.

The Second Convocation of Abdul Wali Khan University Mardan will be held on Feb 28. The Second Convocation of Abdul Wali Khan University Mardan (AWKUM) will be held on February 28th, 2013 at Garden Campus of the University. All Students from Second Batch (Spring 2009 to Fall 2010) of the University and Students from affiliated colleges will be awarded Degrees, Merit Certificates and medals.

Students of Islamiat Dept. defends MPhil Thesis

By Muhammad Ishaq, Zafar Ullah, Syed Ali, Muhammad Iqbal and Najam-ul-Hassan of Islamiat Department of AWKUM have successfully defended their MPhil viva on January 29, 2013. The viva was conducted under the supervision of Dr. Ishaq Sultani Unar Hayat, Prof. Dr. Ayaz Khan, Ex-Professor of Hazara University.

The students will cooperate in research with the University of Kentucky America and IMS Peshawar have also signed MOU with University of Kentucky America. The MoU was signed by Nancy Johnson, Associate Professor of Management from Kent University America and Prof. Dr. Ihsan Ali, Vice Chancellor, AWKUM. Prof. Dr. Muhammad Khaliq, Vice Chancellor University of Charsadda, Bacha Khan Trust, Pashto Academy Peshawar participated in the ceremony. The students highlighted the importance and value to Pashto language, Pashto literature and Pashto poetry.

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Miss Bibi Asia Naz Completes PhD in Education

Miss Bibi Asia Naz, Lecturer at Department of Education AWKUM has successfully defended her PhD Thesis on Feb 12, 2013 under the supervision of Prof. Dr. Umar Ali Khan Director I.E.R and Dean of Arts, Gomal University, D.I.K.

Her topic of study was ‘A Comparative Study of Administrative Practices of Public and Private Sector Universities of Pakistan’. At this occasion, Dr. Arshad Ali, External Examiner appreciated the efforts of the scholar and considered the study as beneficial and of significant importance for the universities. He congratulated the scholar and her supervisors on such a crucial study. Prof. Dr. Umar Ali Khan considered her as the 1st Doctor of the Institute of Education and Research and Gomal University D.I.Khan.

AWKUM hosts first ever Pashtu Language Congress

By Sundas Naseem Fahmida, Seema

AWKUM: The first ever Pashtu language congress in the history of KPF was held on February 3, 2013 at AWKUM Mardan. The Chief Guest of the congress, Prof. Dr. Ihsan Ali, Vice Chancellor, AWKUM empha-

sed the need to promote Pashto language and Pashto culture.

Many universities including Bacha Khan University, Mardan, University of Charsadda, Bacha Khan Trust, Pashto Academy Peshawar participated in the congress. The students highlighted the importance and value to Pashto language, Pashto literature and Pashto poetry.

On the special day, the PSWF also signed MOU with other institutes and assured support and full cooperation with each other.

Debate on corruption held on Anti-Corruption Day

By Luqman Ibrar

AWKUM: A speech competition was scheduled on December 6, 2012 at Rifat Mahal Campus among the students of Journalist-

ism and Mass Communication and Polit-

ical Science.

Faculty members of JMC and Political Sci-

ence along with the students attended the function. The chief guest of the function Dr. Jangher Chairman, Political Science awarded prizes to the students. Mahen, student of MA 1 Political Science stood 1st position in the competition. Azmat Ali Shah of JMC clinched 2nd and Afza of BS Political Science got 3rd position. The aim of the function was to create aware-

ness among the students about the evils and eradication of corruption.

Foundation Day celebrations given final touch

AWKUM: The Foundation Day of Abdul Wali Khan University (AWKUM) would be celebrated on February 25, 2013 says a press release issued by Provost office AWKUM.

The university has done full preparations to celebrate the 37 years of the university and the students of the university and the faculty will cooperate in research and promote the university. It is part of the three years project of the university and the program will be taken fully.

It is also worth mentioning that University of Peshawar, University of Bannu, KUST, Khyber College for Women also have MOU with University of Kentucky America.

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