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954 graduates of IoBM awarded degrees



KARACHI: Sindh Education Minister Jam Mehtab Dahar giving away a degree to a physically challenged female student at the IoBM Convocation on Saturday.—Recorder photo

KARACHI: As many as 954 degrees were awarded to the students in business management and allied disciplines at convocation of the Institute of Business Management (IoBM) held at the varsity's campus on Saturday.

While speaking on this occasion, Professor Dr. Mukhtar Ahmed, Chairman, and HEC emphasized on the objective of a university as imparting education, personality grooming and career focused training. He underscored the significance of investing in education towards knowledge economy in order to address socio-economic problems. Faculty or teachers, as such are the "philosophers' stone" in shaping lives of the young generation and their efforts have added value to graduates' excelling with flying colors.

Jam Mehtab Hussain Dahar, Minister of Education and Literacy Sindh, appreciated the momentous success of IoBM during the last 2 decades and its emergence as the center of excellence in higher education. He assured government of Sindh will extend all possible cooperation to IoBM in making its presence felt at the national and global levels.

In his keynote address, Mr. Sirajuddin Aziz, President and CEO Habib Metropolitan Bank Limited termed graduates as architects of their own life and career and that they must follow integrity, honesty and impartiality to succeed. He underlined the importance of imposing self-discipline and self-regulation and that through clarity of

thought the graduates can reach their personal and professional objectives. Furthermore, he addressed the graduates as the ambassadors of this Institute, their family, their country and as the future leaders of Pakistan.

On behalf of IoBM President Mr. Shahjehan Karim, the Presidential Address was delivered by Mr. Talib Karim, Rector IoBM. During the speech, he emphasized upon IoBM's pursuit towards Experiential Learning initiatives in grooming students' management skills. He valued IoBM faculty's steady progress in research and accentuated upon the IoBM Outreach Program benefiting the less-privileged areas of Sindh and Balochistan. He also highlighted IoBM's state-of-the-art infrastructural expansion at the Institute's Main Campus. IoBM Chancellor Najmuddin A Shaikh mentioned of the intensive and demanding nature of comprehensive and contemporary courses offered at IoBM as facilitating its graduates in developing management and communication skills to excel in the corporate sector. Valedictorian, Kashmala Riaz attributed parents, faculty and management, besides students' perseverance, dedication and commitment to academic, career and life excellence.

Among the congregation of IoBM graduating stars, 11 were gold medalists. Certificates of merit were awarded to 27 graduates. Gold medals were awarded to Kashmala Riaz BBA (Honors), (S. H. Hashmi Memorial Gold Medal); Huma Nasir, BBA (Honors), (Westbury Group of Companies Gold Medal); Muhammad Ammad Afzal, BE (Electrical), (Imam Ali Kazi Memorial Gold Medal); Basit Saleem, BS (Actuarial Science and Risk Management), (Halima Fatima Memorial Gold Medal); Kiran Nadeem, BS (Computer Science), (Karachi Council on Foreign Relations (KCFR) Gold Medal); Merym Saudagar, BS (Media Studies), (Orient McCann Gold Medal); Marina Arif, MBA (Regular), (Janmohammad Dawood Gold Medal); Shezza Razzaque Khan, MBA (Evening), (Shan Foods Gold Medal); Mohammad Noman Ovais, MBA (Weekend), (Standard Chartered Gold Medal); Muhammad Kashif Amin, MBA (Industrial Management), (Tabba Foundation Gold Medal) and Shahzad Maher Ali, MBA (Health and Hospital Management), (Dr. Essa's Laboratory Gold Medal).

Certificates of Merit were awarded as follows: BBA (Honors): Aban Ali, Farooq Ali, Mushkbar Arshad, Mahrooh Farid, Mahira Hafesjee, Aisha Hanif, Areeba Raza Khan, Abeer Fatima Kimani, Zehra Nadeem, Maria Ashraf, Urooj Rafiq Jaffer, Amna Rafiq and Komal Shakil. BE (Electrical): Ahmed Rehman Khan and Ahsan Hayat. MBA (EEM): Maryam Asim; MBA (MHM): Misbah Amin. BS (Computer Science): Kanwal Saleem and Mohammad Hassan. MPhil (Org. Psychology): Farhan Iqbal. MPhil (Business Mgmt.): Fatima Tazeen Athar. MPhil (Education): Zeenar Salim Shairdouse. BS (Media Studies): Irma Masood. MS (SSC): Muhammad Shahbaz Khan. PhD (Education): Shelina Bhamani and PhD (Business Mgmt.): Muhammad Adnan Bashir.

IoBM's amiable atmosphere, illustrious faculty, meticulous management, state-of-the-art campus and career-focused programs in business management and allied disciplines equip students with insight, knowledge and skills towards a better and brighter Pakistan.

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