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Prime Minister Awards Rs. 10 Million to CIIT (Islamabad Campus) Library

Prime Minister of Pakistan Syed Yousaf Raza Gillani visited CIIT (Islamabad Campus) and Library on October 21, 2011.

Announcing Rs. 10 million for upgrading of CIIT Library the Prime Minister assured provision of generous funds for futuristic projects. He also interacted with the students sitting in different sections of the library.

The Prime Minister, who earlier inaugurated the beautiful campus also awarded COMSATS Institute of Information Technology (CIIT) to the status of a University. In addition to this he addressed to a large gathering of faculty members and students. The event was also attended by the Chancellor of CIIT (Mir Changez Khan Jamali), the Rector CIIT (Dr. S. M. Junaid Zaidi) and members of Board of Governors and Academic Council.

Highest Usage Award for CIIT from Emerald Group Publishing

In a two day training workshop, organized by HEC on 14-15 December 2011, Emerald Group Publishing awarded "Highest Usages Award" to CIIT. Purpose of this award was to acknowledge the research activities carried out using Emerald platform by Pakistani Universities, Institution and Organizations.

This award was with specific reference to Pakistan, in which CIIT stood 2nd with 13,685 articles downloaded in the year 2011. Mr. Alastair Cook, a representative of Emerald Group Publishing, presented this award (a certificate) to CIIT, during a ceremony held during the training workshop by HEC. Mr. Tariq Mehmood, Deputy Librarian, CIIT (Islamabad Campus) received this award on behalf of CIIT.

It is worth mentioning that CIIT libraries regularly organize seminars, lectures and practical training sessions for faculty, researchers, students and staff members of CIIT as part of their Information Literacy and User Education Program.

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Library Organizes Workshop on Digital Resources and Knowledge Tools for Research

Library Information Services (CIIT Islamabad Campus) organized a training workshop for the faculty members, MS & PhD students, and researchers on November 21, 2011. A good number of students and faculty members participated in the training.

The purpose of the training workshop was to familiarize and update faculty members and researchers about the research tools available for them and to contribute in the research process and output by making them well equipped in finding required information using the available databases, resources and services.



In his opening remarks Raja Muhammad Ibrahim (Head, Library Information Services) emphasize the role and contribution of the CIIT library and mentioned about various initiatives and services to help the research community of CIIT.

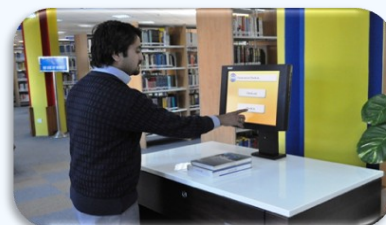
Later on Tasawar Hussain (Deputy Librarian) and Tariq Mehmood (Deputy Librarian), in their presentations, discussed in length about the various research resources, and how to exploit them in effective manners. Special emphasis was given on different world renowned databases which CIIT library is subscribing through HEC Digital Library Program.

In addition to this, they also talked about different library services which can be extremely useful for the researchers. A question and answer session followed the presentations.

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Testing of Self Check-in/Check-Out Unit

CIIT (Islamabad Campus) library is in the process of integrating most modern library technologies like



drop-box and self check-in/check-out unit.

The test phase is in process and these facilities will soon be available for the use of library patrons.

By using self check-in/check-out unit, library patrons will be able to issue and return library material themselves by following very simple steps. Training will also be provided to the library patrons so that they can get maximum benefit from these facilities.

In addition to this placing of RFID is in progress and a team is working on this project.

Did you know?

Library at CIIT (Islamabad Campus) has more than 300 computer work stations for specific purposes like internet browsing and use of digital resources.

The specifically designed library building with a covered area of more than 53000 square feet with a seating capacity of 1000 people.

Its uniquely designed furniture and innovative interior has created an environment which is extremely conducive for study and research.



News and Events @ Islamabad Campus Library

Visits



Ms. Margareta Wahlstrom, a UN official, visited CIIT (Islamabad Campus) and Library on October 07, 2011.

Pakistan Scientific and Technological Information Centre (PASTIC) representatives visited CIIT (Islamabad Campus) Library on October 10, 2011. The objective of this visit was to improve the services of PASTIC's reference library by getting expertise, advice and experience of CIIT

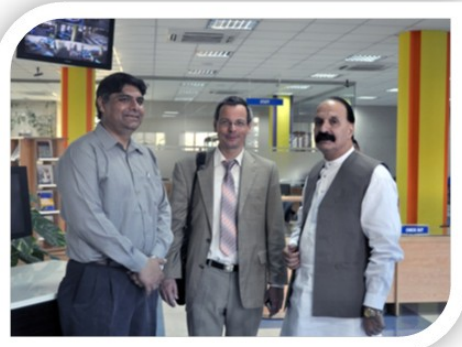
(Islamabad Campus) library professionals.

Participants of an ongoing course at National Institute of Public Administration (NIPA) visited CIIT (Islamabad Campus) and Library on October 25, 2011.

Dr. Peter Langer, an eminent professor and a well known researcher, visited Islamabad Campus Library. Dr. Langer is currently teaching and carrying out his research activities at Institute of Chemistry, University of Rostock, Germany.



Former minister for science and technology and a member of standing committee on information technology visited the library, showing his interest for the development of CIIT and the library.



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Miscellaneous News

Hafiz Abdur Rehman and Abaid Ullah Gets Scholarship for Study



Two library professionals from Islamabad Campus has been awarded scholarships by CIIT this year.

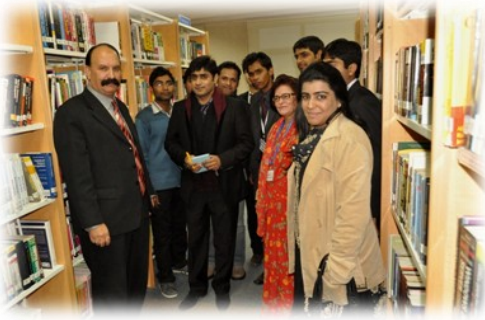
Hafiz Abdur Rehman, who is Deputy Librarian at CIIT (Islamabad Campus) is doing M.A. (Library Management) from the University of Sheffield, UK.

Abaid Ullah, who is serving as Assistant Librarian at CIIT (Islamabad Campus) is doing his masters in Human Resources Management from the University of Bredfordshire, UK.



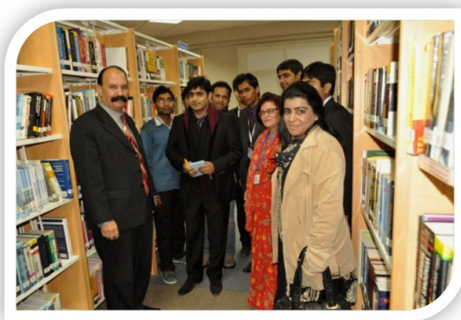
LIS (Islamabad Campus) staff during Sports Week 2011 @ Islamabad Campus





News and Events @ Islamabad Campus Library

Visits



Mr. Munir Lone, Director & CEO of CAMPUS, UK, visited the library and saw different sections of it. He was also told about the resources, services and facilities which the library is offering for the educational community of COMSATS.

Lt Col (R) Ilyas A Mirza, the Chief Operations Director of Pakistan section of Central Asia Institute (CAI), visited the library on November 14, 2011.

Faisal Karim Kundi, a Pakistan People's Party MNA from NA-24, and Deputy Speaker of National Assembly of Pakistan, visited CIIT (Islamabad Campus) library on November 25, 2011. He has the honor of being youngest Deputy Speaker of National Assembly when elected in 2008.

Dr. Syed Aun Abbas, CEO of National ICT R&D Fund visited the library on December 15, 2011.

Abrar-ul-Haq, a renowned singer and founder chairman of Sahara for Life Trust, visited CIIT (Islamabad Campus) library on 20th December 2011.

Mr. Awais Rashid, a Professor at School of Computing and Communication, Lancaster University, UK and Mr. Jian Song, a Professor and Vice Chairman of Department of Electrical Engineering, Tsinghua University, China visited the library on December 20, 2011.

A group of students, teaching staff and librarian from Government College Chilas visited CIIT (Islamabad Campus) library on 22nd December 2011. Chilas is a small town located in the Gilgit-Baltistan, in the Northern Areas of Pakistan.



Congratulations!



Mr. Naveed Siddique, Assistant Librarian at Islamabad Campus got married in Lahore .

Mr. Mubassar Ali, Library Attendant at Islamabad Campus got married in Islamabad.

LIS staff wish them best of luck and pray for their happy future.





News and Events @ Lahore Campus Library

Book Fair at Lahore Campus

Library Information Services (Lahore Campus) is organized "12th Grand two days BOOK Fair 2011" on 29th & 30th of November. The book Fair was inaugurated by Prof.Dr.Talat Afza along with Library Incharge Tariq Najmi and other library staff. A large number of faculty members and students were also present at the occasion.

The main idea of this exhibition was to develop reading habits and create interest of readings among students and faculty.

16 National Book vendors participate in this book exhibition and display books on subjects like Computer Sciences, Engineering, Management Sciences, Economics, Finances, Social Sciences, Chemical Engineering, Physics, Maths, English and Urdu literature etc.

Seminar/Presentation on Use of Books and Libraries



LIS (Lahore Campus) organized a seminar/presentation on the use of books and libraries. Raja Muhammad Ibrahim, Head Library Information Services of CIIT gave a detailed presentation to the faculty members, staff and students. The purpose of this seminar/presentation was to discuss the importance and basic skills required for the effective use of books and libraries.

Head Library Information Services Visits LIS (Lahore Campus)

Raja Muhammad Ibrahim, Head Library Information Services visited the Library Information Services Lahore Campus on December 26 & 27, 2011. He visited library and checked library routine work / services, in detail. During his visit, he also met with the Director, Dr.Mahmood Ahmed Bodla, Convener Library Affairs Committee Dr.Robina Farooq, Additional Registrar Rashid Ahmed Khan and Library staff discussed library related professional issues.

Lahore Campus

Mr. Tariq Najmi Gets Admission in Phd.



Mr. Tariq Najmi, Incharge Library Information Service CIIT Lahore has been enrolled in PhD Social Sciences (Library & Information Science) at Hamdard University Karachi.

Staff of Library Information Services (LIS) wish him best of luck.

In the absence of Mr. Tariq Najmi for PhD. Admission, Mr. Muhammad Ishtiaq will be performing the duties of Library Incharge.

Obituary

A SMILING FACE NO MORE WITH US....



Syed Burhan Mehmood, a well known and cheerful figure of our campus, passed away on 23 October 2011. He met with a severe road accident and succumbed to the injuries he sustained. His presence will always be missed on our campus. He joined library Information services as LDC on March 2011.

May his soul rest in peace. Ameen!



News and Events @ Lahore Campus Library

Secretary of Ministry of Science & Technology @ Library Information Services CIIT Lahore

Honorable secretary of Ministry of Science and Technology Mr. Akhlaq Ahmed Tarar visited CIIT Lahore on December 16, 2011. During his campus visit, honorable guest was accompanied by Dr. Mahmood Ahmad Bodla, Director CIIT Lahore, Additional Registrar Mr. Rashid Ahmad Khan, and HODs, visited the main library.

The Library Incharge Mr. Muhammad Ishtiaq welcomed the guest and briefed them about the library resources and services.





News and Events @ Abbotabad Campus Library

User Education Session



Library Information Services (Abbotabad Campus) organized a user education and training session on November 12, 2011. This session was part of the LIS “Information Literacy Campaign” in which library patrons were introduced with the various resources and services of the library.

In addition to this they were also provided practical training for the use of electronic resources and library catalogue etc.

This sessions was attended by a good number of students, staff and faculty members of CIIT, Abbotabad Campus.

A question and answer session was also held for the participants.

Abbotabad Campus

Collection Development

More than 300 books are added in the collection of Abbotabad Campus library in this quarter on a variety of disciplines.



This new collection has been processed and is available for the library patrons for borrowing and reference purposes.

Visit to Bookshops in Lahore

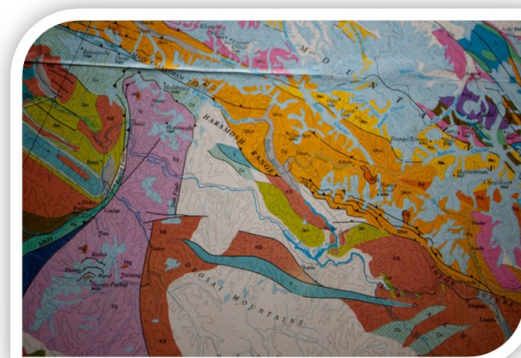
Library organized a visit of Lahore for the faculty members of Department of Electrical and Power Engineering.

This visit was part of collection development activities as the purpose of it was to select books for the library on power engineering and allied disciplines.

Various renowned bookshops were visited and a good number of books were selected.

Geological Maps for Library

CIIT Abbottabad Campus Library purchased more than 150 geological maps for the department of Earth Science of Geological survey of Pakistan, Quetta.





News and Events @ Attock Campus Library

BOOK FAIR @ CIIT ATTOCK

A two day Book Fair/ Book Exhibition was held at CIIT Attock on September 28-29, 2011. Library Information Services organized this event to promote the reading culture and to encourage faculty and students to purchase books for the collection development of library and as well as for their own personal use on discount rates.



Raja Muhammad Ibrahim, Head Library Information Services of CIIT was the chief Guest on this occasion.

Book fair were Inaugurated by Raja Muhammad Ibrahim and Director CIIT Attock on September 28, 2011 at 11 a.m. A large number of faculty members and students were also present at this event.

Raja Muhammad Ibrahim along with Director CIIT, Attock and faculty members took a round of the exhibition and witnessed different stalls set up in the exhibition.

Books on different subject areas were displayed by the well known booksellers of Islamabad and Lahore. Faculty members recommended a large collection of books for the Library which were procured for Library.



News and Events @ Wah Campus Library

Introductory Session on HEC Resources and Electronic Resources

Introductory session on electronic resources was held on 22th of November, 2011 by CIIT Wah Library Staff, for the newly inducted faculty members.



The purpose of this introductory session was to introduced them with wide range of databases and electronic resources available in the library. During this session main emphasis was put on the resources provided by Higher Education Commission of Pakistan (HEC). Participants were introduced with different databases like IEEE, Jstor, Emerald, Wiley, Springer Link, and Science Direct etc.

A good number of faculty members and staff participated in the session and learned basic information and skills required for the use of different databases.

Collection Development

CIIT (Wah Campus) Library received a good number of books as gifts and donations. Roundabout 7000 books were received from different sources in November 2011 on different subject areas including English Literature, Management, Sports, Engineering, Computer Science, Psychology etc. Some of them added to the library collection and others were sent to different CIIT campus to be added in the collection of respective libraries.

CIIT libraries are growing rapidly as far as their collection is concerned as a result of innovative collection development policy adopted by the Library Information Services (LIS).



News and Events @ Sahiwal Campus Library

Visit of Head Library Information Services to CIIT (Sahiwal Campus) Library

Raja Muhammad Ibrahim, Head Library Information Services was on a Professional Working Visit to CIIT Sahiwal Library on December 28, 2011. During his visit, Incharge Library Information Services gave him briefing about library developments and future plans besides getting advice and directions on various professional issues.

During this visit, a seminar was arranged with the faculty and staff on "Use of Books and Libraries" in the conference room. A large number of faculty and staff members attended this seminar.

Senior Librarian briefed them about library services being provided by the CIIT (Islamabad Campus) library and how they can get benefit from these services at Sahiwal. He also gave suggestions and got feedback from the faculty members regarding Library Information Services.



Workshop on HEC Digital Library

Library Information Services (Sahiwal Campus) conducted a one day training workshop on HEC Digital Library Resources with a special focus on enhancing searching skills of its students. More than 25 students participated in the workshop and learned the skills practically.

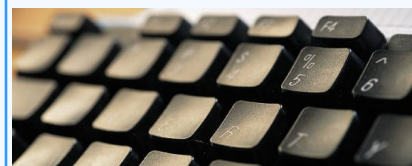
The contents of the workshop was basic and advanced searching skills required to search world renowned databases like IEEE, Springer Link, Emerald etc.



Mr. Waris Ali Arslan conducted the workshop in the digital library on November 25, 2011. This workshop remained a good experiment and the students liked content of the workshop.

Sahiwal Campus

Access to Digital Library Through VPN



The demand from faculty and researchers for providing off-campus access to HEC digital library resources has been fulfilled and VPN services has been started for this purpose.

Currently this facility will be available to the faculty members, Phd and M. Phil students.

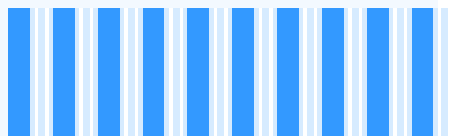


Stock Taking and Termite Control

After its inauguration, Sahiwal Campus library staff conducted its first stock taking activity in December 2011.

Despite having termite control spray in August earlier this year and precautionary measure, the problem reoccurred.

The spraying activity was repeated gain in December.





Seminar on E-Resources

A seminar about how to access the e-library was conducted by the LIS CIIT (Vehari Campus)

Head Library Information Services of CIIT provided users an excellent overview of electronic resources and how users can benefit from a large number of resources being subscribed by CIIT through HEC Digital Library Program. He also briefed them about other electronic resources available to the educational community of CIIT.

Students, faculty and staff members were among the participants of this informative seminar.

This seminar was part of the extensive campaign being run by LIS to aware its users about the use of electronic resources and to contribute in the research output of CIIT by ensuring the maximum and effective utilization these resources.

There was a very good question and answer session at the end of the seminar.

News and Events @ Vehari Campus Library

VPN Services Launched at Vehari Campus



VPN service has been launched for faculty and students of CIIT Vehari. This service is being provided through library information services, CIIT Islamabad. With this service, the library users can access the digital resources at their residences and ultimately the research culture of the institute will be enhanced.

The access, however, is "user name-Password-controlled" and is available only to the faculty members and research scholars of CIIT Vehari

Muhtarma Tehmina Doltana MNA Vehari Visited the Library of Vehari Campus



Muhtarma Tehmina Doltana visited the CIIT-Vehari. During her visit she also visited library Information Services CIIT-Vehari. Ms. Abida Hanif, Incharge Library Information Services, briefed her about library resources & services & future plans.

She appreciated the LIS department's services towards the promotion of reading habits and academic contributions to the civil society of the region.

Head Library Information Services Visits Library of Vehari Campus

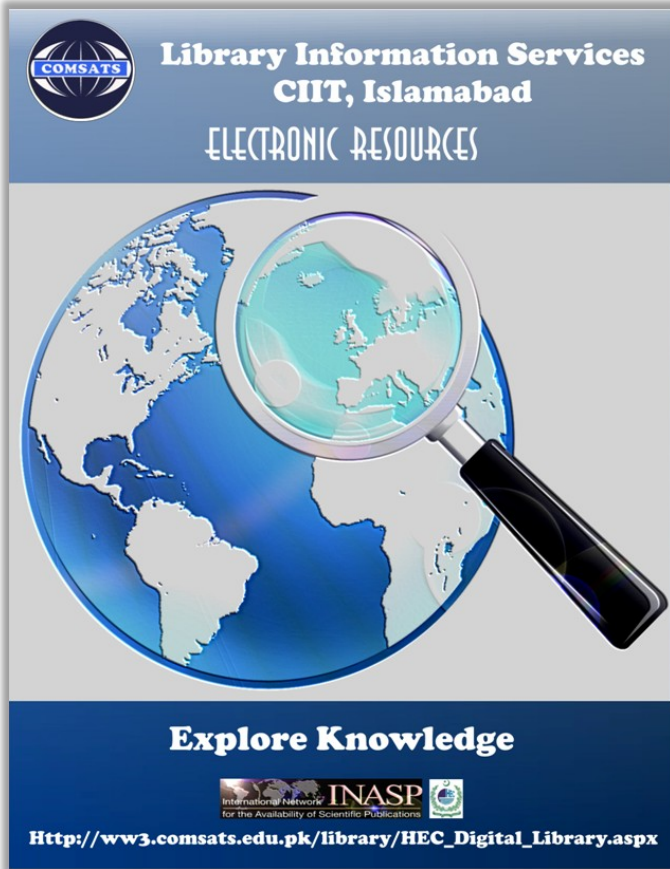
Mr. Raja Muhammad Ibrahim, Head of Library Information Services of CIIT visited library of Vehari Campus on December 29, 2011. During his visit, a meeting was held with the Library Incharge to discussed professional issues.

Library Incharge, CIIT Vehari submitted a detailed development report about tasks and services carried out by the Library Information Services (LIS), Vehari Campus. Raja M. Ibrahim provided further guidelines to the to uplift the library resources and services.

Raja M. Ibrahim appreciated the initiatives taken by Ms. Abida Hanif, library Incharge of LIS, Vehari Campus and hard work put in by the library staff.



Promotional Material for Marketing of Electronic Resources

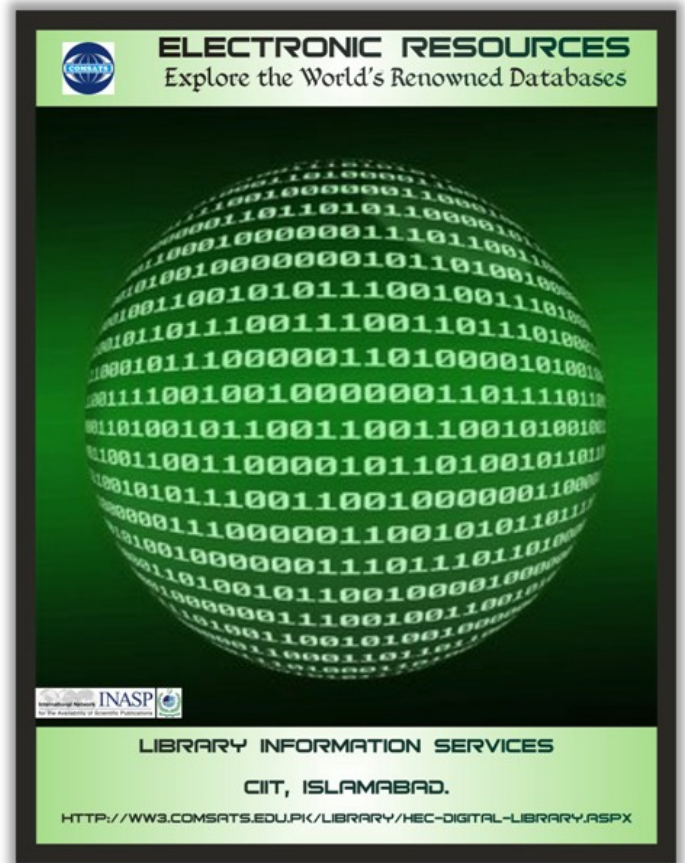


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