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Greenwich Socio, Cultural, and Educational Tour

ANGLO-PAKISTAN TIES ARE ROOTED IN HISTORY – Hamish Daniel

THE British Deputy High Commissioner, Karachi His Excellency Hamish Daniel visited Greenwich University to meet the students who are going to the United Kingdom on a Socio-Cultural and Educational tour on 13 August, 2006.

The parents and faculty members were also present on this occasion. Mr Hamish stressed the commonality of interest between British and Pakistani youth.

He was enthusiastic about the possibility of students and faculty interacting and learning from one another. After the formal ceremony was over, dinner was served out-of-doors, and H.E. Hamish Daniel mingled with the students and shared ideas with them. His light-hearted, cheerful personality endeared him to all those who met him. ■



Managerial Accounting Class Seminar

MANAGERIAL Accounting Class Seminar was held on Tuesday, May 16, 2006.



Mr Zafar I. Sobhani, CFO of Century Paper and Board Mills and Past President of the Institute of Chartered

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The Vice-Chancellor Presides Over A D-Briefing Session of Graduating Class

THE Vice-Chancellor of Greenwich University Ms Seema Mughal, along with her team met the graduating students on June 18, 2006.

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BUILDING BRIDGES BETWEEN CHINA AND PAKISTAN

THE 29th of May, 2006 was indeed a red letter day for Greenwich University. This was the day when the Chinese Counsel General, His Excellency Sun Chun Ye, graced the university with his presence, and laid the foundation for even greater friendship than before between the Islamic Republic of Pakistan and the People's Republic of China.

His Excellency Sun Chun Ye expressed the need for closer ties between the youth of both friendly nations, as well as between academicians. There should be educational and cultural exchange visits between the two countries, he stressed.

The two countries have been the very

best of friends ever since the great People's Republic was established in 1948, just one year after Pakistan gained its independence. Both countries share a common history of struggle against colonial oppression, and China has always stood by Pakistan in its hour of need.

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LONDON., LOVELY LONDON!!!

THIS year's fabulous trip to the UK, of which I will talk in detail later, was not planned at random. No indeed, it was preceded



by a detailed interview of all those who had applied.

Each student was questioned closely by a panel consisting of the Vice-Chancellor, Administrative officials and Faculty members. The students were asked why they had applied and what they expected to gain from this tour. They were also instructed as to how they should behave while they were in the UK, since they were going to represent both Greenwich University as well as Pakistan

This interview was then followed by a visit from the UK Deputy High Commissioner Mr Hamish Daniel, who also instructed the students on what they should expect and gain from their tour.

Yes, indeed, the Greenwich Administration is busy in finalizing plans for this year's Bonanza, the Greenwich University's Socio-Cultural Tour 2006 to the United Kingdom.

There have been many earlier trips which have been basically Cricket Tours, to Malaysia, Dubai, South Korea, and of course the U.K.



This year the tour will be purely pleasure, with all the sights of London and its outskirts at the students' disposal.

Witness the horrors of the LONDON DUNGEON, with all kinds of blood-curdling tortures going on in front of your very eyes!

Whirl around and around in the LONDON EYE, and see the sights of lovely London as you sit back and relax, high up in the sky, with the whole of the city displayed beneath you!

Sail down the River Thames in a luxurious river boat all the way to beautiful Hampton Court Palace, where the wicked King Henry VIII lived in luxu-

ry after snatching the palace away from his loyal Cardinal Wolsey. Get lost in the famous Hampton Court Maze! Will you ever be able to escape?

Go to the famed Madame Tussaud's Waxworks and see life-like representations of all the world's great personalities, from Diana Princess of Wales to Elvis Presley to Nelson Mandela to Beckham and Donald Bradman!

And close by to Madame Tussaud's is the beautiful greenery of Regent's Park with its fabulous Zoo, as well as the great Regent's Park Mosque!

At the other end of London are the unrivaled Kew Botanical Gardens, where every variety of exotic plant and flower is there for nature lovers to enjoy.

Then there is Trafalgar Square, with Nelson's Column, and the National Gallery for all lovers of great paintings

There is the British Museum, full of Egyptian mummies, and the wonders of Assyrian sculpture!

There is Westminster Abbey, with the

graves of great poets and public figures, and nearby are the Houses of Parliament, where democracy was born!

In the North of London, in Hampstead, there is Highgate Cemetery where Karl Marx lies buried, and where there is a gruesome section full of the graves of suspected vampires, where no one is allowed to wander alone! SO ENJOY, ENJOY, ENJOY!!!!

- By Salma Mahmud

FARAH AGHA BRINGS GLORY TO GREENWICH

BEING women, we have to work twice as hard to prove our worth anywhere in the world", said Farah Agha, who was in Rochester last month as part of a month-long tour of the US, made possible through the International Women Leaders' Monitoring program.



The trip, sponsored by the US State Department and Fortune Magazine, also included a stop in Washington D.C. where Ms Agha along with 16 other business women from around the world met First Lady Laura Bush, Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice and US sens. Hillary Rodham Clinton and Kay Bailey Hutchinson.

Ms Agha went to Rochester through the courtesy of her US sponsor Xerox Corporation one of the world's largest document management companies. Her aim on this trip was to soak up as much as she could about Xerox operations, and to learn how chairperson and CEO Anne M. Mulcahy runs the company. Ms Agha visited with Ms Mulcahy and Portland Ore., as well as

attended the company's annual meeting in Stanford on May 24.

Ms Agha, 29, is a Greenwich graduate and



holds a master's degree in marketing and finance from Greenwich. She is the CEO of her family owned Abbas Spinning and Weaving Mills in Karachi. Her business is reported to be the largest open-end spinning operation of its kind in Pakistan.

Ms Agha's success as a business woman makes her an inspiring figure and a role model for other students.

Greenwich University congratulates her on her brilliant achievements. G-vision will publish a separate article about her US trip in its regular column "Greenwich Newsmakers".



ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

WE would like to acknowledge our deep sense of appreciation to the following organizations for providing various wonderful opportunities to Greenwich Students to gain much useful work experience and insight in to working of their respective organizations.

It was particularly important for Greenwich internees as such work experience is a pre-requisite for the award of a degree.

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| 1. Taq Logistics | 10. EPSON |
| 2. DHL - EXEL Supply Chain & Global Forwarding | 11. Visual Tech Solutions |
| 3. News Talent Fair | 12. Leading IT Firm - jobs@arwentch.com |
| 4. Sindh development Social Science Program | 13. Macro Management Systems |
| 5. Shell Pakistan | 14. Mobilink |
| 6. AMZ | 15. Eplanet Ventures |
| 7. Bank Alfalah | 16. BSH Consultants |
| 8. Iventstee Inc. | 17. CITIBANK |
| 9. Midshare pakistan | 18. P.I.A. |

"Literature Opens Doors of Perception"

NOTHING (with the exception of actual experience) can prepare a person better for the truth of life than the study of literature. For minds more prone to contemplation; it's a welcome reprieve from the mundane and sadly myopic. The ambiguities, the complexities, the occasional free will, the inescapable tumult, the mad frenzy of life and its respite all rest safely cloistered in written word which has sustained the entire history of survival. The prophets of intellect and heart, guiding entranced wanderers through familiar alleys of wisdom, act as catalysts provoking thought from hitherto unknown directions.

I have chosen this course of study for similar reasons. The advancement of man, in science or humanities has stemmed from the basic examination of reason, of thought, of philosophy – what is literature if not all of the aforementioned, and more? It offers the actual inexplicable, a sweet and bitter taste of life- in a deceptively endearing way. One can witness the most glorious sunrise from a place of perpetual darkness or hear the frail heart quietly broken, without risking any personal faculties. Who then, would willingly give up an adventure in this riveting an avenue?

Of course, before taking any pivotal decision in your life, you are often compelled to consider many things for and against it. When I entered the University's premise, I was still shaky in my resolution- but one teacher's conviction and absolute faith in this discipline struck a chord so intriguingly in tune, that I haven't even had the urge to question the correctness of my decision since then. Lao Tzu said "the blind only see five", and I have begun to just recently see more.

If I had come to seek the tree of knowledge, with its promised fruits of despair and delight, I have at least come close enough to see its form. The course of this program gives shape to its branches, some entwined, some reaching skyward

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Seminar

Accountants of Pakistan, was invited as Guest Speaker by our visiting faculty member Abdul Rahim Suriya, Mr Sobhani talked on practical applications of Managerial Accounting concepts in real business life. The students took keen interest and raised some good questions. ■



towards the sublime, and some gravitating towards this long-standing tree's base; signifying the limitations of what it means to be human. This tree, the harbinger of reality, is the only source of all 'real' learning. And if Adam was tempted to taste its fruit (even though it was misery), we certainly cannot turn away from its magnetism and force.

At Greenwich University, it's been given the most pleasant face- the most amiable and appealing expression. The faculty is worthy of being this formidable tree's guardian, and welcomes curious visitors to higher vistas of learning. As a disciple and devotee of this particular religion of knowledge, I sit in awe under its mighty shade.

— *By Xaenub Mirza*
Student of English Department

POEM

This is a poem composed in my Creative Writing class in Dubai. There will be a BOOK PRIZE for the best appreciation or interpretation of this poem, by a student at Greenwich. Mrs. Salma Mahmud

THE PLEDGE

I have lived half a million days,
Seen half a million suns rise,
And half a million suns set.
I have half a million friends,
Whom I met along the way.
I am a man of clay,
From earth I come,
To it, dust, I return.
Some men in Hades burn,
Others in Heaven freeze.
But I, a man, remain forever.
I walk this land,
I see the grooves on my hands,
Valleys, mountains, plains,
Bruised by men's feet.
I am proud of my existence,
"Be glad, world, that I am here",
Here to rob you of your fertility
Without any civility.
I have lived half a million days,
Survived half a million wars,
Released half a million toxins,
Battered half a million doors,
Paid little for all my sins.
And now, I return,
For, I shall live half a million days more,
And more shall I do
To wreak more havoc.

CONDOLENCES

The Management, Faculty and the Students of Greenwich University join in condoling the sad demise of the **Mother of Sana Khalil (BS21 1578)** who passed away on 5 July 2006, and **Mr. Shabbir Hussain**, elder brother of Mr Ghulam Abbas our faculty member passed away on 3rd June, 2006 in Miami, Florida, USA.

We pray to Allah Almighty may their soul rest in eternal peace and offer our deep sympathies to the grieved families.

Overcoming The Fear of Giving Presentations

"Effective Speaking... is the revealing expression of a human personality" – Dale Carnegie

It is often seen that presentations are the most feared part of many professionals' lives, as it is by the students of our University. This critique is an attempt to boost up your morale for presentations because it is as easy as 1+1. Perhaps, the students are oblivious about the real world that by not learning to present, they are inviting trouble for their career. Businesses require confidence and the zeal to achieve high stations in life. With that, let me start off by saying that I understand this problem to an extent, because it can be quite intimidating to stand up in front of a group of people you may or may not know, and talk. Then again, this fear pales as compared to other disasters that can strike a person. I ask you, what is the worse that can happen? The replies are staggering because one should not forget the fact, 'whenever in doubt, assume the worse!'

Presenters envision projector failures, laptop or computer seizures, irritating audience members and many other situations that result in utter humiliation. However, these perverse fantasies are often just the worries that never quite come true. To get control of these thoughts, whether real or imagined, you must mentally take stock of your fears, confront them head-on, prepare as best you can, then simply accept that there is no such thing as a perfect presentation. You must let go of fear, doubt or disbelief and follow the WORK principle (i.e. W-work; O-organize; R-revise; K-know). Be enthusiastic about what you say or do and harness strength to make what is just a presentation into what would be an effective presentation. The following four steps would help you to overcome the fear of giving presentations and help you to build the level of confidence:

Accept it, you are going to present. Before you even begin making slides and setting up chairs, you need to be mentally prepared. No doubt this is a cliché, but it is true. Preparation starts the moment it is decided you are the one to give the presentation. Next, promise yourself to do the presentation properly. Do you really want them to know and understand something they did not know before, or do you just want to tell them something and leave the stage? If it is the latter and you just want to impart knowledge, send them an e-mail and save yourself and the audience some grief. If the subject matter merits a formal presentation, you need to prepare so thoroughly that on the day of the presentation you could give your talk backward and forward, even if you have lost your notes.

The dangers of 'what if' Next, you need to purge all the perverse "what if" fantasies from your brain. Begin by imagining all your greatest fears in front of an audience. For instance, the projector could fail, the room is too hot, the room is too cold, there is nothing to write on, nothing to write with, no chairs, too many chairs, no one comes, too many

people come, you finish up early and have time to kill, you have more material than time, the audience decides you are as boring as sliced bread, etc. As you picture these scenarios, create a list. Then ask yourself, "If this happens, how will I handle it?" and list the alternatives for how you would deal with the situations. If nothing else, at least, the list will make you feel better, because it gives you a chance to prepare for the worst.

Questions and confidence

It is important NOT to fear your audience, and a good way to do that is to plan not only to talk, but also to listen. And to listen effectively you have got to involve the audience. It is better for everyone if you interact with the audience from the start. Find out what they know and do not know. Find out why they are at your presentation. Find out their particular interests. Get them involved because they will enjoy it more and so will you. How presenters deal with Q & A as a tremendous indication of their confidence level. If the first statement in a presentation is, "I will take questions at the end," the odds are that the presenter is petrified, has no idea what they are talking about, or have hour's worth of material and they will never reach the end. Instead, start out by asking questions of the audience.

Fake power

Still nervous! Take a few deep breaths and "fake it until you make it." This advice usually draws out some blank looks from presenters, but there is something to be said for pretending you can do something, and keep pretending until you find you really can. Finally, bear in mind that it is nice to be able to project your voice to the back of the room. It is great to use visual aids by having exciting slides. It is superb that you can manage eye contact with your audience but a few minutes into the presentation most of the audience has taken this for granted, and the message becomes more important. Therefore, the best thing to do is concentrate on the message, believe in yourself and keep telling yourself that you can do this no matter what happens, and go for it. The audience will certainly enjoy it more and so will you.

That is it in a nutshell, overcoming the fear and giving effective presentations as practiced by a guy who has been leading by example through the obstacles, and simply trying to get as close to perfection and excellence as possible because excellence lasts a lifetime. In conclusion, I would like to state the fact about the issue at hand, that when public speaking and presentations are done right, it becomes an art. I leave you with an old cliché that I truly believe in and which has helped me leap over and deliver a powerful punch whenever it comes to presentations and public speaking. Remember:

"What does not kill you makes you stronger."

— *By Moiz Alladina*

All Pakistan Youth Seerat Conference — 2006

THIS noble event was organized by the Dadabhoy institute of higher education to provide an opportunity to our younger generation in enhancing their perceptions about the teachings of our Holy Prophet (peace be upon him).

Students from 29 universities throughout the nation participated to share and discuss their views. Mr Mudassir Farooqui and Mr Naem Muhammed Khan along with Dean Faculty of Islamic Learning, Dr Ansar Uddin Madni represented Greenwich University.

The event started by a recitation from the Holy Quran, followed by a welcome address by the Rector and an

inaugural address by Sardar Mansoor Ali. The first session concluded after the speeches of participants from 14 universities. The second session started after Namaz-e-Juma break with speeches from 15 other university participants, followed by an address by the chairman of the session and concluded after the prize distribution ceremony and refreshments.

The event proved to be an overall success at organizing an open forum to deliberate fertile issues thereby facilitating promotion and implementation of our Holy Prophet's (PBUH) teachings and drawing inspiration from his way of life. It was a fulfilling experience for our participating students. ■

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VC Presides Over A D-Briefing Session

The aim of this dialogue was to provide a platform for interaction to the students of Greenwich University who will be Graduating and entering a new stage in their lives. It was also to review the Greenwich experience as well as to collect feedback from the students.

The event proved to be a defining moment for Greenwich University. Along with the invitations the graduating students were sent a query form to fill up and post it back to the University. The data collected helped understand students' standing on

- (1) Did Greenwich University offer, what it claims as to:
 - Teacher and Teaching Quality.
 - Quality of Programs/Curricula
 - Quality of Communication
 - Administrative Quality
 - Institutional Culture and Environment
- (2) What improvements and change would you recommend
- (3) What kind of entertainment would



you like for your graduating night celebrations.

A brief presentation of the activity outlining the information collected was given by Ms Naseem Mughal, (Career Counselor)

The Vice-Chancellor gave the students feedback about the comments received in detail. She led the interactive dialogue with the students in an encouraging, open manner.

The event-as is the tradition of Greenwich University ended with a lot of goodwill and a delicious Hi tea. ■

Convocation 2006 ALUMNUS OF THE YEAR AWARD FOR 2006



ONCE again, it is time to propose this prestigious award to one of its distinguished alumni. To search for the person most deserving of the award applications/ nominations are invited for consideration by the selection committee set up by the Vice-Chancellor for this purpose.

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PAK-CHINA FOUNDATION'S SPORTS FESTIVAL

The beginning of the festivities was marked by two sports events, which were preceded by Bismah Shah, the captain of the Girl's Throw Ball team, presenting a beautiful bouquet to the Guest of Honour. Then the action began!



The matches were as follows:

1. A final throw ball match was played between Greenwich University and Jinnah University girl students in which Greenwich was the winner.
2. A final basket ball match was played between Greenwich University and Jinnah University boy students in which Greenwich was the winner.

The Greenwich students wore red outfits in honour of the People's Republic of China whose national flag is red in colour.



THE OPENING OF CHINA GATE



On the occasion of the 55th anniversary of Pak-China Friendship, Greenwich University named one of its gates as China Gate. H.E. Sun Chun Ye unveiled the plaque which has the following inscription.

Greenwich University

To Commemorate the Opening of
CHINA GATE
at
GREENWICH UNIVERSITY
This plaque was unveiled
by
HIS EXCELLENCY SUN CHUNYE
Consul General
People's Republic of China
on Monday 29 May 2006

LONG LIVE PAKISTAN-CHINA FRIENDSHIP

DEAN'S LIST

Undergraduate — Winter 2005-06	G.P.A.
1 BS20 1440 Hasan Afzal Hussain	3.83
2 BS21 1538 Ayesha Tajwar	3.80
3 BS11 806 Fatima Habib Ali	3.60
4 BS14 1019 Muhammad Shahzad Shahid	3.60
5 BS19 1381 Kaunain Fatima Siddique	3.60
6 BS20 1524 Yasser Shivani	3.60
7 BS21 1578 Sana Khalil	3.60
8 BS21 1612 Syeda Sehlah Arif	3.60
9 BS13 965 Naveed Majeed	3.40
10 BS15 1104 Syeda Zainab Shah	3.40
11 BS18 1339 Saad Saeed Khan	3.40
12 BS20 1429 Ahsan Shah	3.40
13 BS21 1561 Muhammad Irfan Bandukda	3.40
14 BS21 1613 Anam Mateen Siddiqui	3.40
Graduate — Winter 2005-06	G.P.A.
1. MS20 945 Ayesha Warsi	3.80
3. MS17 1209 Nizar Walyani	3.80

Congratulations

We offer our heartiest felicitations to all the distinguished students who made it to the Dean's List:

WELL DONE!

After these exciting events were over, H.E. The Consul General, Sun Chun Ye presented shields and awards to the winners.

The event was concluded with a sumptuous dinner. ■



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