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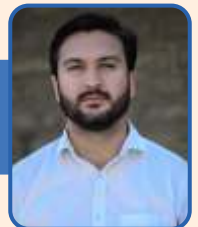
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The Department of Linguistics and Literature at KIU has secured an English Works project aimed at enhancing language and employment skills



The Department of Linguistics and Literature at Karakoram International University has successfully obtained the renowned English Works project, which highlights the university's commitment, especially the department's focus on language education and professional development. The competitive project is sponsored under the auspices of the Regional English Language Office (RELO) of the U.S. Embassy in Islamabad. Under this project, students and faculty will enhance their English language proficiency, digital literacy, and workplace readiness. Specifically, this project will play a key role in transforming the lives of disadvantaged youth in Gilgit-Baltistan and provide them with the necessary skills to succeed in an increasingly globalized world.

KIU Celebrates Sapna Zamir's Success in Filmmaking

KIU proudly celebrates Sapna Zamir, a student of Media and Communication Studies, for making her mark in independent filmmaking. Despite navigating a male-dominated industry, Sapna has won multiple national and international awards, inspiring young women through her powerful storytelling. Her thesis film *Khimor* won the Divvy Art Festival 2025, while her documentary *Shadows Beneath the Peak* received the Best Film Award at Planet Forward Film Festival and was recognized by the WHO and United Nations. Sapna's debut film, *Azam-e-Kuhaan*, won six major awards, including the Green Belief National Award by PTV. Beyond filmmaking, Sapna leads SheLeads, an organization empowering women through storytelling, and was selected for the Aspire Leaders Program 2025. Her latest film will represent Gilgit-Baltistan at the RUNG Film Festival in Houston, Texas. Sapna's journey of resilience and dedication continues to inspire future filmmakers, making her a true ambassador of KIU.



Naseema Receives Prestigious MEXT Scholarship!

We are thrilled to announce that Ms. Naseema, a distinguished alumna of the Department of Forestry, Range & Wildlife Management at Karakoram International University, has been recommended for the prestigious MEXT Scholarship to pursue her Master's in Environmental Sciences at Nara Women's University, Japan. Hailing from Roundu, Baltistan, Naseema has made history as the first woman from her region to receive this esteemed international scholarship. With a passion for environmental sustainability, she is eager to explore Japan's rich culture, collaborate with renowned professors, and advance her research in environmental sciences. Naseema extends her heartfelt gratitude to her family, friends, Head of Department, and the dedicated faculty of Forestry, Range & Wildlife Management for their unwavering support throughout her journey.



KIU in collaboration with GLOF2 and GBRSP, holds a workshop on Climate Resilient Infrastructure Guidelines



Karakoram International University, in collaboration with GLOF2 and GBRSP, organized a one-day workshop on Climate Resilient Infrastructure Guidelines. The objective of the workshop was to inform other stakeholders about the guidelines developed by the university's team under the leadership of the Vice Chancellor and gather their feedback. Speaking as the chief guest at the one-day workshop, Vice Chancellor of KIU, Professor Dr. Attaullah Shah, highlighted various measures involved in the planning, designing, and application of climate-resilient infrastructure across different sectors. He also solicited feedback from participants to further improve the guidelines.

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A formal Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed between Karakoram International University (KIU) and the Gilgit-Baltistan Judicial Academy to initiate legal education. The ceremony was attended by Chief Justice of the Chief Court of Gilgit-Baltistan, Justice Ali Baig, KIU Vice Chancellor, Professor Dr. Attaullah Shah, Registrar of the Chief Court Justice, Ghulam Abbas Choupa, and KIU Registrar, Dr. Abdul Hamid Lone, along with senior administrative and teaching officers of the university. The MoU was signed by KIU Vice Chancellor, Professor Dr. Attaullah Shah, on behalf of the university, and Chief Justice of the Chief Court of Gilgit-Baltistan, Justice Ali Baig, and Registrar of the Chief Court Justice, Ghulam Abbas Choupa, on behalf of the Gilgit-Baltistan Judicial Academy.

A delegation of Chinese education experts visited KIU to enhance academic & research collaboration



A delegation of Chinese education experts met with Professor Dr. Attaullah Shah, Vice Chancellor of Karakoram International University. The meeting discussed various matters, including the expansion of academic and research partnerships. The Chinese delegation included Professor Yan Jun Shang from the Institute of Geology and Geophysics, Chinese Academy of Sciences and Beijing, Professor Ye Mao from the Department of Geographic Sciences, Xinjiang Normal University, and their team. Senior teaching and administrative officers from the university were also present at the meeting.

The discussion focused on promoting research cooperation and addressing regional issues related to ecotourism, geological engineering, geographical hazards including natural risks, infrastructure sustainability, water resource management, and better understanding of climatic impacts. The Vice Chancellor of KIU emphasized the importance of collaboration in solving regional challenges and promoting educational development. Both parties agreed to establish a long-term partnership for research, enhancing faculty capacity, and student exchange programs.

Federal Government to Play Role in Promoting Higher Education and Research in Gilgit-Baltistan: Federal Minister for Planning and Development, Ahsan Iqbal



The federal government will play an active role in promoting higher education and research in Gilgit-Baltistan. This was expressed by the Federal Minister for Planning and Development, Ahsan Iqbal, during a meeting with the Vice Chancellor of Karakoram International University, Professor Dr. Attaullah Shah. The meeting was attended by the President of Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz (PML-N) Gilgit-Baltistan, Hafeez ur Rehman, and the Director of Planning and Development at KIU, Mir Tazeem Akhtar.

During the meeting, the Vice Chancellor briefed the Federal Minister about the various initiatives taken by the university in the fields of education, research, and development. He informed that under the leadership and special interest of the Federal Minister, significant developments have taken place at the university, including the establishment of the Engineering and Technology Campus, three sub-campuses, a boys' hostel, and a sports gymnasium.

HEC pledges support for GB Youth Empowerment through KIU collaboration – Chairman HEC Pakistan

The Higher Education Commission of Pakistan will assist the youth of Gilgit-Baltistan in empowering them with the help of Karakoram University. This was stated by the Chairman of the Higher Education Commission of Pakistan, Professor Dr. Mukhtar Ahmad, during a meeting with the Vice Chancellor of Karakoram International University (KIU), Professor Dr. Attaullah Shah. The meeting included a detailed discussion on the ongoing academic and research progress at Karakoram University.



KIU's Media Department joins Al Jazeera's Ambassador Initiative



The Department of Media and Communication Studies at KIU has become a partner of Al Jazeera's Ambassador Initiative, joining public sector universities across Pakistan. The initiative aims to strengthen journalism education in the Global South by promoting indigenous research and challenging Western-centric media narratives. As part of the partnership, Al Jazeera will offer specialized training to students, faculty, and journalists, enhancing their professional skills and global media understanding. The Head of Department, Dr. Akber Ali, represented KIU at Al Jazeera's headquarters in Doha, Qatar, in December 2024, engaging in high-level discussions and exploring future collaborations. This partnership marks a significant step in advancing media education and providing global exposure to KIU's students and faculty.

Media Department Joins Coalition Against Disinformation



The Department of Media and Communication Studies at KIU has become a member of the Coalition Against Disinformation (CAD), alongside five other public universities in Pakistan. Led by Freedom Network, the initiative promotes public interest journalism, amplifying the voices of women, youth, and marginalized communities. The partnership focuses on enhancing media literacy among students, equipping them with skills to identify and counter misinformation. Faculty and students from KIU have participated in seminars and workshops on ethical journalism, fact-checking, and responsible media practices. This collaboration strengthens media-academia linkages, positioning KIU at the forefront of the fight against misinformation in Pakistan.

KIU and WAPDA Administrative Staff College (WASC) to Launch Joint Courses to Enhance Engineers' Professional Competence



The Karakoram International University and the WAPDA Administrative Staff College (WASC) will launch joint courses to enhance the professional competence of engineers. This agreement was reached during a meeting between the Vice Chancellor of KIU, Professor Dr. Attaullah Shah, and the Principal and GM of WASC, Dr. Izhar-ul-Haq. Earlier, the Vice Chancellor of KIU attended the Middle Management Course and Junior Management Graduation Ceremony for WAPDA professionals as a special guest. During the ceremony, the Vice Chancellor presented certificates and shields to the position holders and course graduates, emphasizing the importance of professional individuals in the nation's development and urging a focus on professional development.

Secretary KA&GB say to play a role in promoting Higher Education and Research at KIU



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VC KIU met with Chairman of WAPDA.



The Vice Chancellor of Karakoram International University, Professor Dr. Attaullah Shah, met with the Chairman of WAPDA, Engineer Lieutenant General (Retired) Sajjad Ghani. During the meeting, the Vice Chancellor discussed in detail the ongoing education and research at Karakoram University, particularly the achievements and outcomes of the last years at the Chilas campus and the work done in this regard.

KIU and FLI Collaborate for Preservation of Endangered Local Languages



A productive meeting was held between the Director of the Forum for Language Initiatives (FLI), Islamabad, and representatives from Karakoram International University (KIU) to discuss the documentation and preservation of endangered local languages in Gilgit-Baltistan.

Dr. Sajid Hussain Turi, a key advocate for linguistic preservation, emphasized the importance of this initiative and proposed organizing seminars, workshops, and conferences to promote awareness and research on the subject. The discussions also explored avenues for collaboration between KIU and FLI to support language documentation efforts.

An MoU will soon be signed after consultation with Prof. Dr. Attaullah Shah, Vice Chancellor of KIU, who is deeply committed to preserving the region's linguistic heritage. This collaboration marks a significant step toward safeguarding the cultural and linguistic diversity of Gilgit-Baltistan.



The Vice Chancellor of KIU Appointed as a Member of the National Technology Council for the Second Time

The Vice Chancellor of Karakoram International University, Professor Dr. Attaullah Shah, has been appointed as a member of the National Technology Council (NTC) for the second time. The NTC plays a vital role in promoting technological innovation, research, and development in Pakistan, as well as formulating the country's technology policy. It also fosters collaboration between educational institutions, industries, and government bodies.

As a distinguished academic leader, the Vice Chancellor KIU has made significant contributions to the educational and research landscape of the region. Under his leadership, Karakoram University has achieved remarkable successes, especially in the fields of science, technology, and innovation.



KIU & University of Sunderland, UK, will collaborate on Transnational Education



Karakoram International University and the University of Sunderland will work together on Transnational Education (TNE). This agreement was made during a meeting between KIU Vice Chancellor Professor Dr. Attaullah Shah and the Academic Director of Transnational Education at the University of Sunderland UK, Dr. James Scott. The meeting focused on Transnational Education, starting a student exchange program, enhancing research collaboration, and creating scholarship opportunities for KIU students.

KIU and ICCM Collaborate for Transnational Education with Chinese and Malaysian Partners

The Vice Chancellor of Karakoram International University, along with representatives from the International Centre for Culture and Communication Malaysia (ICCM), discussed the potential for collaborative efforts in Transnational Education (TNE) with Chinese and Malaysian counterparts. The meeting took place today in Islamabad, with Mr. Benjamin Leong and Dr. Amna Javed from ICCM in attendance.

The Vice Chancellor of KIU shared his vision of strengthening Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) at KIU and in Gilgit-Baltistan (GB), focusing on joint programs in skills development and TVET education. He also extended an invitation to the ICCM delegates to visit KIU in May 2025 to further discuss potential collaborations.



KIU and GCISC Collaborate to Tackle Climate and Water Crises

The Karakoram International University (KIU) and the Global Climate Change Impact Studies Center (GCISC) Islamabad have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) for mutual cooperation to address important issues such as climate change, glacier melting, and the depletion of water reserves. According to KIU's Public Relations Department, this collaboration will pave the way for joint projects, including education and research. The MoU was signed by KIU's Vice Chancellor, Professor Dr. Attaullah Shah, and GCISC's Executive Director, Muhammad Arif Gohar. On this occasion, KIU's Registrar Dr. Abdul Hamid Lone, along with other officials from GCISC, were also present.



KIU & Bahria University Partner to Enhance Quality Assurance and Global Rankings



Karakoram International University and Bahria University Islamabad have agreed to collaborate on various fields including quality assurance, international ranking, student mobility programs, and summer schools.

KIU Holds Entry Test for MS & MPhil Admissions with Impressive Turnout



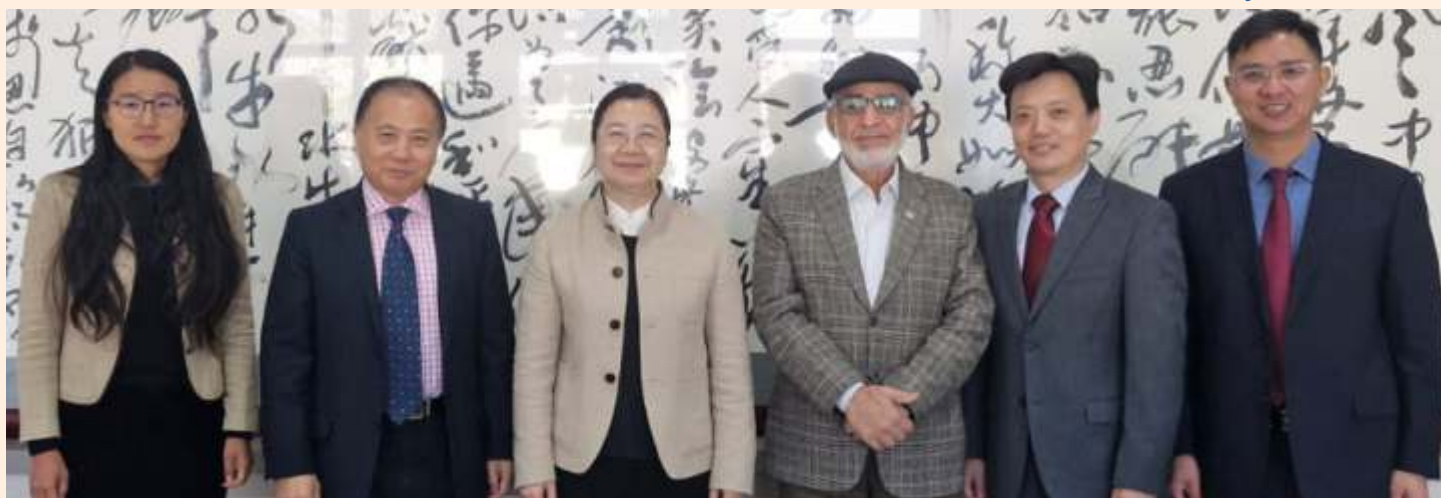
Karakoram International University successfully conducted an entry test for admissions to MS & MPhil programs. A large number of candidates from Gilgit-Baltistan and other regions, aspiring for higher education in various fields, participated in the test. During the entry test for MS & MPhil programs, Director Coordination Mohammad Arif, Director Karakoram Graduate School Dr. Asadullah, along with senior administrative and teaching officers, visited the test center.

KIU and China-Pakistan Joint Research Centre Partner to Launch Research Hub



Karakoram International University (KIU) and the China-Pakistan Joint Research Centre (CPJRC) signed a Document of Understanding (DoU) to establish the Karakoram Observation and Research Station on Natural Hazards and Environment (KORS) at KIU. The state-of-the-art research Centre, approved under Pakistan's Public Sector Development Program (PSDP), will foster collaborative research between China and Pakistan to address global environmental and natural hazard challenges. The signing took place at the Chinese Academy of Sciences (CAS) in Chengdu.

KIU and UCAS Collaborate on Climate Research in the Himalayas



The Karakoram International University (KIU) and the University of Chinese Academy of Sciences (UCAS) have agreed to collaborate on research in the region, particularly focused on climate change. The agreement was reached during a meeting in Beijing between Prof. WAN Yenfen, Executive Vice President of UCAS, and Prof. Dr. Attaullah Shah, Vice Chancellor of KIU.

In her address, Prof. WAN emphasized the importance of China-Pakistan collaboration and praised KIU's role in sustainable mountain development. Prof. Shah, who also chairs the Himalayan Universities Consortium (HUC), presented KIU's research efforts, especially in climate change, and expressed keen interest in further collaboration with UCAS. The China-Pakistan Joint Research Centre (CPJRC) will facilitate the joint efforts.

KIU Takes a Significant Step in International Exchange Program, 24 Students Depart for Malaysia



Karakoram International University (KIU) has taken a major step in enhancing international academic partnerships, with 24 students from KIU's main and Hunza campuses departing for Malaysia's INTI International University as part of a semester exchange program. INTI is known for its global academic standards, and this initiative aligns with KIU's commitment to broadening its academic networks. The program is a result of the visionary leadership of KIU's Vice Chancellor, Professor Dr. Attaullah Shah, and his team's efforts. The exchange offers students both academic and cultural experiences, preparing them with the skills necessary for global success. The students expressed gratitude for the opportunity and are excited to represent KIU on the international stage while gaining knowledge from their peers and professors.

KIU has established an academic and research partnership with Xi'an NWU, focusing on climate change and joint initiatives



KIU and Xi'an North West University (NWU) of China have agreed to collaborate on academic and research initiatives. This was confirmed during a meeting between KIU Vice Chancellor and NWU President Prof. Dr. Sun Qingwei. The two leaders discussed joint research projects, faculty and student exchanges, and PhD/Post-Doc scholarships for KIU students. The collaboration will focus on climate change research, with particular emphasis on mitigating local vulnerabilities to disasters. VC KIU also presented his book on Pakistan-China Friendship to President Sun.

KIU Marks Historic Milestone with Financial Aid & Scholarships Website Launch



Karakoram International University has achieved another historic milestone by launching the website for the Financial Aid Office and Scholarships. The new website and software will provide a streamlined process for online scholarship applications, printing of application forms, announcement of results after interviews for scholarships, and other important features such as providing students with more ease in applying for scholarships and accessing related information.

Dr. Attaullah Shah, the Vice Chancellor of KIU, described the establishment of the website for the Financial Aid Office and Scholarships as a historic achievement and stated that this will align the financial aid and scholarship systems with modern requirements and bring greater transparency to the scholarship process.

KIU Director of Public Relations Amjad Ali Retires After Completing His Term

Amjad Ali, Director of Public Relations at KIU, retired after completing his service. A farewell ceremony, attended by Vice Chancellor Dr. Attaullah Shah, senior officials, faculty, and staff, honored his contributions. Speakers praised his role in enhancing the university's reputation through effective public relations. In his farewell speech, Amjad Ali expressed gratitude to the university community for their support.



Workshop on Preventing Violent Extremism Concludes with Call to Action for Youth



A two-day workshop on "Advancing Inclusive and Resilient Youth Communities through Preventing Violent Extremism" successfully concluded in Islamabad, organized by the Islamic Research Institute. The workshop aimed to raise awareness about preventing extremism and strengthening communities, with discussions on promoting the "Message of Pakistan" narrative, youth education, training, and mental well-being. Experts emphasized the importance of focusing on youth and providing positive guidance to prevent extremism. The workshop concluded with a keynote by Member of National Assembly Shahista Ashraf Malik, who urged youth to harness their leadership skills and promote intercultural diversity, peace, and harmony. Certificates were distributed among participants, and Provost Dr. Qamar Abbas expressed gratitude to Director General Dr. Professor Zia ul-Haq.

Anti-Corruption Day Seminar held at KIU, Speakers Emphasize the Need for Self-Accountability



A seminar was held at Karakoram International University (KIU) to mark International Anti-Corruption Day. The aim of the seminar was to highlight the importance of eradicating corruption from society and promoting a culture of transparency and accountability. The seminar, held in observance of International Anti-Corruption Day, was attended by KIU's Director of Quality Enhancement Cell and Senior Professor Dr. Abdul Razaaq, Additional Chief Secretary GB Captain (Retd) Mashaq Ahmed, KIU Provost Dr. Qamar Abbas, Director of Anti-Corruption Establishment GB Shaista Ghazi, Director of NAB Regional Office GB Saeed Ahmed, along with other senior administrative and teaching staff members, as well as a large number of students.



