

Aman Tower at the City Campus

As part of the Infrastructure Development projects at IBA, the 'groundbreaking' ceremony for the multi-storied building sponsored by the Aman Foundation to be constructed at the IBA City Campus was held on 25 March 2011. The ground breaking and laying of foundation stone was led by the chief guest Waqar Hassan Siddique, Managing Director Abraaj Capital Holdings (IBA Alum, 1982).

The Aman Tower is among several ongoing projects for IBA's "Futuristic Physical Expansion" and infrastructure development. The Aman Tower will have two basement levels, a ground level and 13 floors. It would consist of 32 residential suites, four seminar halls that can seat up to 240 people, two lecture theatres with 100-person capacity each, a dining hall with 104 seats, eight classrooms, a Centre for Executive Education, IT and Faculty Floors, Gymnasium, extensive parking space and a library.

Celebrating your Story- Mr & Mrs IBA

As part of the Alumni Engagement initiatives, the Alumni Department organized a Reunion event for Valentine's celebrations in February for all married couples belonging to IBA at the Sheraton Hotel. The event was attended by about 100 guests that included couples from the batches of 1974 - 2010. The couples remembered and reminisced their times at IBA, as they enjoyed a hilarious musical performance prepared by students depicting campus life and relationships over the eras. This was followed by a surprise compatibility 'quiz' for couples from the audience- funnily it was conducted by the teacher himself -Mr. Zafar Siddiqui. The videos and pictures of the old and new IBA that were shown to the proud alumni left them nostalgic and amazed at the same time. Dr. Ishrat Husain (Dean & Director IBA) welcomed the Alumni and stressed on the role Alumni can play in the advancement of any institution.

Since the event was organized on the valentine's eve, it was ensured that the ambience and the atmosphere fit the occasion perfectly. Musical dedications & flowers were sent to the wives through students (read cupid) during dinner. There were many couples who could not attend the event since they were not in Karachi but extended their good wishes through email. (Read messages) The single most request made by all who attended was: 'IBA should make this an annual affair' and we will!



IBA Alumni Reunion Dinner hosted by Mr. Irfan Mustafa

Since its launch, the IBA Alumni Chapter UAE (IACU) has been actively organizing various alumni events. A major Alumni Social hosted by Mr. Irfan Mustafa (Alum 1974) was held on 19 Dec 2010 at the Emirates Towers Hotel. It was attended by over a 100 guests and was graced by the presence of H.E. Mr. Shaukat Aziz (alum 1974) who was also the key note speaker at the event.

Besides the team from IBA, members of IBA Advisory Council including Mr. Muneer Kamal, Mr. Tahir Khaliq, Mr. Tariq Kirmani and Mr. Nadeem Jeffery also attended the event. Other distinguished alumni from Dubai who came included Mr. Wajahat Husain, Mr. Waqar Hassan Siddique and Mr. Vaqar Haidar. Many generous Alumni pledged their support towards the IACU Scholarship Fund. This dinner turned out to be a great networking opportunity for all those who attended.

Arif Naqvi, CEO Abraaj Capital, spoke about the importance of Alumni Giving to the Alma Mater. Arif Naqvi is the biggest donor of IBA till date with his contribution of Rs.905 million.

A day earlier, Mr. and Mrs. Nadeem Jeffery hosted the IBA team and the distinguished guests including H.E Jamil Khan (Pakistan's Ambassador to UAE) at their residence.

A Patron's committee has been formed to oversee the functioning of the IACU and several distinguished Alumni/friends are part of it. H.E Jamil Khan has graciously accepted the request of Dr. Ishrat Husain to become the Patron in Chief of the UAE Alumni Chapter.



Renovations at IBA

The physical infrastructure at IBA is going through a lot of changes for the past two years. In the current year, renovation projects of

Boys' Hostel, Academic Block (both campuses), Auditorium at the Main Campus, and the Canteen at the City Campus have been successfully completed.



Block, Main Campus

The Academic Block at the Main Campus has been named the Adamjee Academic Block in appreciation of the generous contribution of the group towards IBA's infrastructure development. The renovated building is now centrally air conditioned, has eight fully equipped class rooms, two seminars rooms and two video conferencing halls for providing opportune ambience to students for brain storming sessions, interactive and innovative thought processes and other facilities that maximize student- faculty interaction in a collaborative setting. Technologically, it becomes the most wired building on campus; it features both direct and wireless connectivity that will help students both inside and outside the classroom. Other special features include 10 Breakout Rooms, Faculty Lounge, Society's room and various Ancillary rooms.

Auditorium, Main Campus

The auditorium at the Main Campus is now operational after complete renovation, remodeling and refurbishments. The state of the art auditorium has a capacity to accommodate 200 people, has corridors, gallery, rest rooms, catering area and back stage spaces. It has once again become a great source of pride for all the IBAlums and we have started receiving requests from organizations to hold their corporate events at the premises. This building is yet to be named.



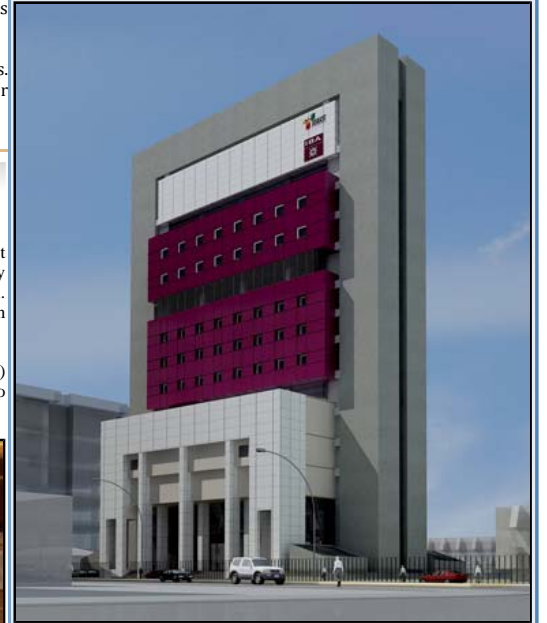
Boys' Hostel

IBA provides residential facilities for full-time IBA students from outside Karachi. The boys' hostel is spread over an area of 1.75 acres with lush green lawns and is a short walk from the Main Campus. The hostel provides single and shared accommodation for its students and has 98 rooms and 4 dormitories i.e. accommodation of 128 male students. It has recently been fully refurbished with the addition of 26 new accommodations, a lounge and a TV room. The existing Girls' Hostel has also been renovated to accommodate 21 girls. The construction for the new boys and girls' hostels is also underway.



Inauguration of the Academic Block, City Campus:

The Academic Block at the IBA City Campus has been fully remodelled! It is fully airconditioned and equipped with all the modern equipment which is conducive to today's needs. It proudly features the CEE, Video Conferencing Room, 6 Class Rooms, 2 Seminar Rooms, Prayer Area, CBER (Centre for Business & economic research), 8 Break Out Rooms, CDC (Career Development Centre), Programme Office, Service Rooms, and various Ancillary Rooms.



Aman Tower

Message from our Alumni

Our featured Alumni for this issue are Kishwer and Aslam Aziz. Here is a message from them for the alumni:

Dear Alumni,

I remember my time at IBA very fondly as it was the beginning of a whole new life for me both personally and professionally. While IBA gave me the foundations for a very successful business life, I count the friends we made at IBA as some of my dearest friends to date. 36 years later we still meet on important personal occasions. The moral of my story is: enjoy the friendships you are making now for they are everlasting! In August 2009, all the girls and several guys from the MBA Class of 1975 and 74 travelled from around the world to be with Aslam and me on the occasion of our son's wedding.



Kishwer Aziz

Being at IBA was one of the best things that could have happened to me. It equipped me to have a successful international career and also gave me an opportunity to find a wonderful life partner. I am sure our shared experiences at IBA cemented our personal and professional interaction and we still have fond flashbacks to those two wonderful years at IBA. God bless IBA and all the people who are working hard to keep it as a source of great talent. Kishwer and I wish we could be there with you all!



Aslam Aziz

News from the alumni

Mr Faisal Sabzwari (1996) became the Country Head for P&G Pakistan. Previously Faisal worked in several positions at P&G in Pakistan and abroad.

Mr. Sarim Sheikh (1995) has been appointed as the CEO, Shell Pakistan. Sarim had been working at Shell since 1995 and over the past several years he held a number of senior roles in various facets of Shell's businesses.

Mr. Tahir Malik (1995) has joined Reckitt Benckiser Pakistan as the CEO. Prior to that, Tahir was associated with P&G Europe.

We wish them all the best for the future.

Note: You can contribute to this section by sharing information about your self or your friends' career moves; please write to us at alumni@iba.edu.pk.

News from IBA

Career Fair

HR Representatives from Forty five leading organizations visited IBA in March to be part of the Annual Career Fair. This gives them an opportunity to meet students, inform them about their organization and answer the queries of students regarding career opportunities in these organizations.

Student Exchange and Study Programs:

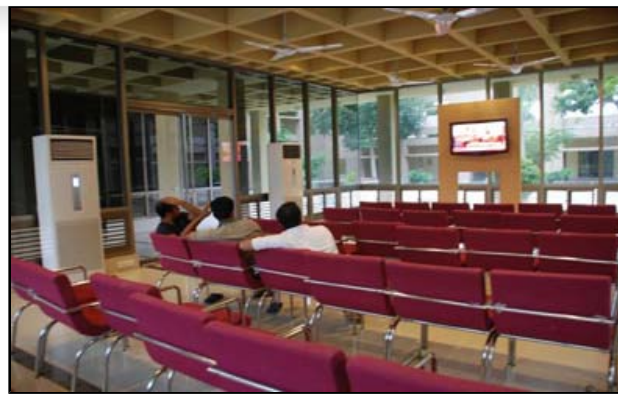
Four students from IBA have been selected to attend the spring semester at Tsinghua University Business School in Beijing under the Student Exchange Program. To read more about the program, please visit our [website](http://www.iba.edu.pk).

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Contributions are welcome

This Newsletter has been created, not only to inform the alumni about their alma-mater and its activities, but to also provide them with a



platform to share their thoughts and ideas with their fellow alumni. For this reason, the IBA Alumni Department always welcomes suggestions and comments regarding the e-newsletter on how to improve on it. If you have something to share with the IBA community like articles or stories of your own, or a friend's, success in life, let us know and we will publish it in our next newsletter. Hoping to hear from all of you soon!

-IBA Alumni Department

Alumni Engagement Sessions

It is a very well known fact that IBA alumni are placed in different well-known national and multinational organizations. As part of its **Alumni Engagement Initiatives**, the IBA Alumni department is reaching out to the alumni working in different companies by directly visiting their organizations formally.

The first such session took place in **Standard Chartered Bank** which was attended by more than 100 alumni. Mr. Zafar Siddiqui (Director, Alumni) addressed the audience as he took them through a presentation which took them on a journey of IBA's change. He also explained IBA's vision for the next five years and sought the support of Alumni to help us reach there. In the end, the alumni pledged their support individually for IBA choosing from the variety of options that are available to them.

The second session was organized at the **HSBC Bank** which was attended by 34 alumni working over there. The event started with the opening address by Dr Ishrat Husain followed by the presentation by Mr. Zafar Siddiqui. The Alumni Bankers at HSBC were specially delighted to learn that IBA is now teaching Chinese (and Arabic) to current students to help them excel in these respective growing economies. They requested to be enrolled in such a course at IBA for their professional development within the HSBC group.

We have also recently visited **Citibank** for the same. Following the positive and encouraging response in these organizations, we would be visiting other organizations in the coming weeks including Unilever, Chevron, Reckitt Benckiser & HBL. If you would like us to visit your company, please write to us at alumni@iba.edu.pk.



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Mentoring at IBA

The mentoring sessions are an excellent opportunity for the students to meet, network with and learn from the valuable experiences of the corporates who are experts in their fields to get a closer insight into the real world.

Mr. Sarfaraz Rehman, CEO Engro Foods Ltd takes these mentoring sessions very seriously and passionately. He has been the initiator of a weekly ritual, where he invites 5-7 students from BBA (final semester) to his office and spends about two hours with them every week. He is excited about teaching the new generations so as to share all the knowledge and experience he has acquired in his personal and professional life.

Over the past few years, Sarfaraz has seen the difference between the typical hires by any given sought-after MNC in Pakistan since 1983. This has allowed him a comprehensive glimpse into the Pakistani youth's lifestyles and motivations. He believes that the youth today need to be guided as to what their responsibility towards their country is, and how to go about putting that vision into action.

"What the IBA can give me is a ready source of regular high IQ people who will in the future be influential in the community."

The response to this initiative has been overwhelming. Students have been rushing to book their slots to avail this opportunity. Furthermore, after each session, students report feeling more important than ever before. That is, they feel blessed to have had the opportunity to talk to someone about the larger picture, at a personal level. They report feeling like their voices have been heard, and a personal interest has been taken in their professional and personal lives. To read more about our Mentoring program and see the list of Alumni mentors in 2009-2010, [click here](#).



Workshop held by Canada Chapter



IBA Alumni Canada Chapter (IACC) held a workshop entitled '**Action Plan 2011**' in Toronto, Canada on January 23, 2011 to launch the Chapter's programs and form working committees.

The purpose of the workshop was to organize projects and programs that will achieve the objectives set out by IACC last October aimed at assisting IBA Karachi in its long term vision, resource mobilization and improving lives of alumni in Canada.

The meeting started with a presentation of a status report on IACC activities, its financials, and current state of incorporation. The presentation continued with elaboration of Pillars (**Lead, Give, Social and Chapter**) that IACC has established for channeling volunteer effort into focused streams of work. Model organization for each pillar included a pillar leader, an advisor, and team of minimum 5 volunteers.

Each pillar team submitted their briefs to the entire alumni audience. The forthcoming projects for IACC are: 1) Scholarships for current IBA Students 2) Strategic Partnership with TCF Canada 3) Strategic Partnership with South Asians Family Support Services (SAFSS) for need based work in Canada.

To develop IACC as a conduit for social engagement, the team agreed upon hosting a self-funded spring/summer outdoor event in June 2011 which will be a networking opportunity for the alums and their families, especially for spouses and youth focused in providing more value for new immigrants. To more about the pillars and their work in details and to contact the pillar leaders please [click here](#).