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Information Science & Technology Department (ISTD) Govt. of Sindh & Hazza Institute Join Hands to Launch IT Industry Academia Bridge Program

PRESS RELEASE



Industry- Academia Linkage, The Call of the Time

Karachi, Pakistan - March 1, 2023 - Information Science & Technology Department (ISTD) Government of Sindh & Hazza Institute of Technology have signed an agreement to launch the IT Industry academia bridge program. The signing ceremony was held on the 1st of March 2023 at the committee room, ISTD Government of Sindh was also attended by Ms. Tanzila Umi Habiba, the Special Assistant to the Chief Minister of Sindh on Information, Science & Technology & Secretary ISTD, Mr. Asif Ikram.

The IT Industry academia bridge program is a collaborative effort between the ISTD Government of Sindh & Hazza Institute to bridge the gap between academia and industry in the field of IT in Sindh.



Bridging Industry-Academia Gap

The program aims to provide practical industry exposure and hands-on training to 3000 students in their 6th, 7th, and 8th semesters from public and private sector universities, in order to equip them with real-world experience and prepare them for the challenges of the IT industry.

The ISTD Government of Sindh & Hazza Institute will work together to ensure the success of the program and create a talent pool equipped with the necessary skills and knowledge to drive innovation and growth in the IT sector.



Information Technology - the way forward

Ms. Tanzila Umi Habiba highlighted the importance of such initiatives in promoting the growth of the IT industry in Sindh and praised the efforts of Hazza and the ISTD Government of Sindh in collaborating to launch this program.



Mr Asif Ikram, Secretary, IS&T Department highlighted the role of IT skillset in the economic growth of a country. He said that focusing on Human Capital development by investing in youth will bring a drastic change in the job scenario of a country. And, IT is the only sector that could bring forex inflow to the country.

The country with more than 60% demographic balance in the favour of youth may result in economic stability if the youth is trained in the IT field. He told that Academia Industry Bridge Program will fetch more job opportunities for the youth onshore as well as off shore. He showed his firm commitment to continue with such kind of training programs in the future.



IT-LANDSCAPE OF PAKISTAN

The agreement ceremony was a significant step towards achieving the goal of bridging the gap between academia and industry in the IT sector. It demonstrated the commitment of the ISTD Government of Sindh & Hazza Institute of Technology to create a conducive environment for the growth of the IT industry in the region.



Effect on Students' Employability

The purpose of this linkage is to identify important academia-industry bridge activities that can stimulate the likelihood of employability among students. We continue to invest with the goal of providing Vocational, Technical & Professional Trainings, Skills Development, Career Counselling, and Job Placement to the residents of Sindh to enable them to earn their respectful livelihoods and alleviate poverty in Sindh.



"Hazza Institute of Technology is dedicated to improve employability in Sindh through education, training & job placement", MD Hazza Mr. Azhar Iqbal Sindhu

Hazza's Managing Director, Azhar Iqbal Sindhu, expressed his enthusiasm for the program and stated that it is a significant milestone in the company's efforts to contribute to the development of the IT industry in Sindh.

ISTD & Hazza's role in bridging the gap between IT industry and academia through the IT Industry academia bridge program.

Bridging the gap between the IT industry and academia is crucial for the development and growth of the industry. The industry needs a workforce that is equipped with the latest skills and knowledge to meet the constantly evolving demands of the market.

ISTD & Hazza's efforts will create a talent pool that is equipped with the necessary skills and knowledge to drive innovation and growth in the IT sector.

