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Congratulation!!!!

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Inauguration of "Centre for Biodiversity & Conservation"



The Statutes for the establishment of Centre for Biodiversity and Conservation (CBC) at Shah Abdul Latif University, Khairpur approved by the Governor/ Chancellor Universities of Sindh on 24th, December 2009.

The centre was inaugurated on 2nd February, 2010 by Dr Javid R. Laghari, Chairman Higher Education Commission (HEC), Islamabad by cutting the ribbon and declared Shah Latif University Botanical Garden and Herbarium as CBC.

The Director of CBC, Dr Raza Bhatti briefed the available

facilities to Dr Laghari while showing diverse groups of plant species in the garden and preserving the herbarium specimens. Dr. Laghari was delighted to witness "Orchid Pavilion" in humid tropical glass house. Besides, *Murraya koenigii* (Linn.) Spreng. species was planted by Dr Laghari in Bolan aromatics in the garden.

On this Occasion Prof. Dr. Nilofer Shaikh highlighted the up gradation of SLUBGH as CBC, and wished that CBC would be instructive in all prospectus while conducting studies and research on diverse living beings.

Dr. Javid R. Laghari, Chairman, HEC concluded the inaugural ceremony by congratulating the Vice Chancellor, Dr. Nilofer Shaikh, the Director Dr. Bhatti and his team since the emergence of CBC has been come into being by their proactive vision and efforts. Furthermore, Dr. Laghari linked the establishment of CBC as mega event in 2010 a Year of Biodiversity declared by the UN.



Petunia x hybrida

SLUBGH Team

Dr Raza Bhatti,
Director

Miss Shireen Akhtar Soomro,
Keeper

Mr. Shakeel Ahmed Khaskheli,
Artist

Mr. Arslan Ahmed Larik,
I.T

Mr. Rashid Hussain Amur,
Horticulture Officer

Director OF CBC



SSLUBGH Team Congratulate Prof. Dr. G. Raza Bhatti to become a first Director of CBC.



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Spring Plantation Eve, 2010

An exciting evening for “**Spring Tree Plantation**” was organized by Sindh Forest department in SLUBGH, on 18th February 2010. Prof. Dr Nilofer Shaikh, the Vice Chancellor was the chief guest. The Chief Conservator of Sindh Forests Mr. Aijaz Ahmed Nizamani along with team of foresters was the host of the event.

Prof. Dr Nilofer Shaikh, Vice. Chancellor, Mr Aijaz Ahmed Nizamani, Chief Conservator Forest, Qazi Abdul Jabbar, Conservator Sukkur Circle and Prof. Dr Raza Bhatti, Director of CBC, planted NEEM Trees in the Garden, followed by meeting chaired by Prof. Dr. Nilofer Shaikh, VC, SALU.

The group of foresters participated in meeting includes Mr. Aijaz Nizamani, Qazi Abdul Jabbar, Mr. Naiz

Ahemd Khaskheli, Mr. Altaf Hussain Khokhar, Mr. Gul Hassan Daudpoto, Mr Mohammad Arif Domki, Agha Tahir Hussain Durani. Mrs Hummera Mr Iftkhar Arain, Mr Abdul Haque Shaikh, and Mr Rafique Mako, whereas CBC was represented by Dr Bhatti and Ms Shireen Akhtar Soomro.

The deliberations came under discussion regarding celebrations of 2010 as year of Biodiversity. Besides, possibilities of launching joint research projects were also discussed. In this regard, collaborative strategies amongst the private-public sector and local NGO for setting up model forest for the year 21st. century were identified as Forest of Halla Afforestation Range. The research component will be carried by CBC, Shah Abdul University, Khairpur.



Neem Tree Plantation



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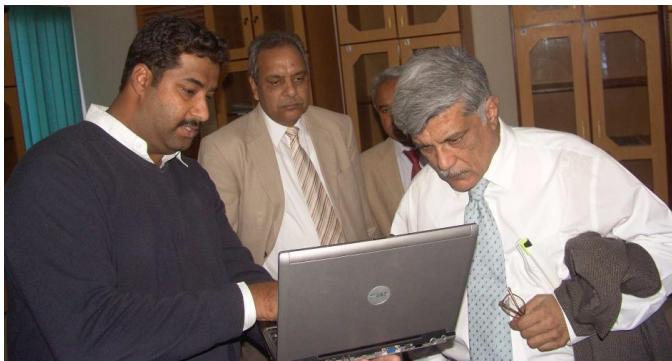
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HEC Higher Degree Programme Review Committee

On 20th February, HEC reviewing team comprises of Prof. Dr. Azam Ali Khawaja, Dr. M. Ajmal Khan & Dr. Muzaffer Mahmood visited University. The members of Committee were taken to garden and herbarium. Ms Shireen explained them various programmes of SLUBGH regarding science of biodiversity-conservation, environmental education and facilities in Herbarium. Members of the Committee appreciated the efforts of SLUBGH Team to establish all such facilities and introducing more indigenous plant species in captivating landscaping with effective interpretation. There is great deal of motivation for visitors expressed the by the Committee members.



Fabulous: SEPAL

The under taken task by SLUBGH "Turn Grey into Green" under School Education Programme for All Levels (SEPAL) is a great attraction for schools. During the month of February, 13 Schools & colleges with 965 students paid visit to SLUBGH. All were given guided tour with interpretation by an Education Officer Ms. Shrieen and Horticulture Officer Mr. Rashid that how to live in harmony with other living beings. Moreover, these tours were focused on biodiversity issues at local level which includes benefits sharing, traditional knowledge and ecological linkages. The details of schools and their student's number summaries as in figure.



Name of School	Students
I.B.U	20
Hira Public School Ghotki	80
Sojhro Model School Kandhra	85
Bahria Foundation Kandiaro	50
Gul Public School Shikarpur	50
Govt; H.S.School Ratodero	110
Pre Cadet School Sukkur	75
The City School Khairpur	25
Hira Public Higher Secondary Sukkur	45
Super Public High School Rohri	90
Al-Fallah Public School Ubaro	90
Waqar Public Elementary School Khairpur	120
Public School Sukkur	75

Educating students of various schools

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Letter Issued by Ministry of Environment, Govt. of Pakistan on CBC Establishment

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Government of Pakistan
Ministry of Environment
Biodiversity Directorate

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Subject: Establishment of Center of Biodiversity and Conservation at Shah Latif University Khairpur (Mir's)

Reference your letter on the subject mentioned above received in this Directorate on January 9th, 2010.

2. It is great pleasure to hear that Shah Latif University Botanical Garden and Herbarium (SLUBGH) is upgraded to the Center of Biodiversity and Conservation (CBC). The earlier efforts of SLUBGH dissemination of information related with biological diversity and its conservation are also acknowledged.

3. It is a matter of satisfaction that the Center and its management will be under the control of an independent Governing body comprising of diverse membership. This will enable the Center to address a variety of aspects of biological conservation comprising of, but not limited to, habitats, species and ecosystem functioning. There are still many more crosscutting areas to be considered in the perspective of biodiversity conservation at legislative and policy front.

4. Considering the preceding and also taking into account the declaration of year 2010 as international years of Biological Diversity, it is hoped that efforts of the Center will boost the awareness of the subject across the masses and catalyze for initiation of similar efforts in the Country.

Rizwan Irshad
Technical Officer (Bio)

Dr. G. Raza Bhatti
Director, SLUBGH
Shah Latif University Botanical Garden and Herbarium
Shah Latif University Khairpur (Mir's)
Sindh

Copy for information:
Director Biodiversity
Ministry of Environment, Islamabad



Comments of Centre for Biodiversity & Conservation

Mr. Rizwan Irshad

The "Establishment of Centre for Biodiversity and Conservation (CBC) at Shah Abdul Latif University, Khairpur" is an applaudable approach which has an exemplary role in Pakistan in conservation of biodiversity. CBC is working to identify and highlight the important cultural benefits provided by nature, help ensure that the value of these benefits is included in decision making and development strategies, and support the delivery of ecosystem services more broadly through leadership in. I wish all the best to CBC team and pray for their successfulness.
Best Regards,

Bilal Mahmood

Sr. Environmental Engineer

Halcrow Pakistan

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THANKS TO SALU & HEC: Research facilities provided to PhD & M.Phil scholars to Arid Agriculture University, Rawalpindi

Dr. Rahmatullah Qureshi Assistant Professor of Botany conducted a week long study trip at Shah Latif University Botanical Garden & Herbarium. The purpose of this trip was to avail the research facility like Seed morphology through Scanning Electron Microscopy (SEM), learning of herbarium techniques, using video CCD Microscope at SLUBG. The research team includes two M. Phil., and one PhD scholar. (Ms. Humaira Shaheen, Sidra Rana and Mehmooda Munazir respectively). Dr. Qureshi thanked to the Vice Chancellor, SALU & appreciated the untiring endeavors of SLUBGH team in the leadership of Dr. Raza Bhatti Director, CBC who has established institution with excellent facilities for research. Besides, this trip provided an opportunity to learn culture,



tradition, tolerance and hospitality of different indigenous communities of Sindh expressed by the research scholars.

It is all possible because of financial assistance provided by the Higher Education Commission to have all such facilities at this university said Dr. Raza Bhatti.

Delegates influx at SLUBGH in Month of February 2010



Senate Members of University on 8th Feb



Mehran University Vice Chancellor 9th Feb



Rotary Club Governor for Pakistan & Afghanistan on 14th Feb



Ms. Asma Jhanghir on 16th Feb

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