

DEPARTMENT OF URBAN AND REGIONAL PLANNING



Planning is bringing the future into the present so that you can do something about it now. (Alan Lakein)

NEWSLETTER

- The department started its journey in collaboration with Geography and Geomatics Department of University of Peshawar.
- A four year bachelors degree was started in 2010, entitled as BS URP.
- Prof. Dr Syed Akhter Ali Shah with enormous struggle of Faculty and students succeeded to flourish a new department.
- Until now three successful Batches cleared their degrees and now serving the Nation in field of Urban Planning.
- Department has accreditation with Pakistan Council of Architects and Town Planners (PCATP).

Message of CHAIR....

The situation of our Urban areas are frequently changing in respect of Natural and Human Environment, therefore we should work on How we could develop, manage, and plan our Urban areas. As with time things are rapidly changing on daily basis and new problems are becoming hurdle for Sustainable Development in our Cities, we have to guide our new generation how to handle such situations and applying proactive approach for planning and managing our Cities. We are offering quality education and research in the field of Urban and Regional Planning and welcoming our youth to join us for their better future and doing their part in prosperity of Nation.



World Planner's Day Celebrations All Pakistan Debate contest

The culture of giving tribute to the contributions of planners is recalled in the department once again. This time the agenda differs as the celebrations converted into a contest.

Because we think celebration is to appreciate but a contest gives an opportunity to the students to prove themselves and helping them to build confidence. Hence the contest was held on 17th Feb, 2016 in Agha Khan Auditorium. By arranging this event department invited all the students from different institutes in annual celebrations at All Pakistan Debate Contest. A number of serious and humorous topic were given to students and being judged by respected and experienced panel of jury. At the closing ceremony price were distributed among the winners category wise as the debate was in Urdu,

as well as in English language. The participants and officials invited appreciated the event as well as shared their feelings and best wishes for the promotion of such activities in the campus.



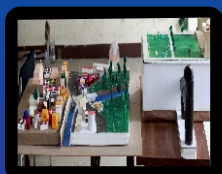
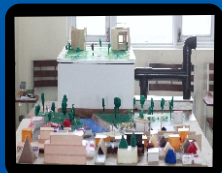
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2nd National Model Making Workshop

Logic will get you from A to B but imagination will get you everywhere.

Albert Einstein



To enhance the sharing of ideas through model making Department in collaboration with University of Management and Technology Lahore organized 2nd model making workshop from 1st Feb to 9th Feb 2016. Opening ceremony was held on 1st Feb and being headed by the Vice Chairman Prof, Dr Muhammad Rasul Jan. The theme for the model competition was Disaster Risk Management for Flood Prone Areas. To make this activity more realistic and competitive real flood prone area was selected and being visited for collection of data required for making model ensuring the techniques through which we can prevent the disaster of flood. After the collection of data participants had the timeline of 2 days to show their ideas through 3d models. At the final day the honourable judges ranked the ideas and their effective presentation through their 3d models. Finally the winner and runner up was announced, prizes and other certificates were distributed among winners and participants. Winner and runner up team was selected for the next level of competition being held at the collaborative university UMT Lahore.



through Model Making



The second phase of the contest was started at University of Management and Technology Lahore. There the competition was held in Department of Architecture and Planning. The competition was between different categories of ideas including Modern art, Transportation, Urban Design, Disaster Management and Master Planning. The models were tested with its architectural as well as ideological aspects.

The jury included the Rector UMT Dr Hassan Sohaib Murad, Chairman Institute of Planners of Pakistan Mr Aslam Mughal, Dean Department of Architecture and Planning Dr Yusuf Awan. After jury the members shares their feelings and motivated the students of Planning to take their part in building up more professional and sustainable environment. After the speech of jury and

guests finally the result declared for each category. University of Peshawar, Department of Urban and Regional Planning successfully got 1st and 2nd positions in the category of planning for Flood Prone Areas. The prizes and certificates were distributed among the participant and also to the faculty members of both Institutions. After the result lunch and refreshment was their and the Workshop ends up in a productive manner ensuring the institutes to continue their collaborative work for the development and interchange of ideas and events over the years which finally helps the students to learn more and share their ideas to bring change and innovation in the field of Urban Planning.



3rd PAKISTAN URBAN FORUM LAHORE 2015



The 3rd Pakistan Urban Forum, with the theme “Reimagining Pakistan’s Cities for the 21st Century”, is an opportunity to bring together participants from Pakistan and abroad who are seeking a better urban future, including government officials, urban sector experts, public and private sector professionals, development agencies, non-governmental and grassroots organisations, academics, and students. The Forum will serve as a participatory platform to continue the conversation on urbanisation, urban policy and planning in Pakistan, and to highlight best practices from around the world. We seek to assemble diverse examples of research, urban planning and management practices to call forth sensible policy, equitable urban development and environmental consciousness amongst Pakistan’s citizenry.



The students of urban and regional planning Department attended the forum in leadership of Chairman and other faculty members. The sessions over there were very productive including exclusive and informative information about different aspects of recent Planning issues, problems and challenges. Most of the sessions, presentation and Group Discussions were based on different urban problems including Climate Change, Water and Sanitation problems, Urban Sprawl, E-Governance, Urban and Regional Policies, Master Planning and Housing Schemes.

Students also participated in all sessions of the Forum and gain knowledge about different aspects of Urban and Regional Planning, Planning Procedures and Techniques. The Glimpse of upcoming projects, Thesis, Case studies, interventions, policies and technologies were also part of the sessions.



The Chairman, Prof. Dr. Akhtar Ali Shah also presented thesis on the topic of Mixed Land-use and discussed other Urban issues. As the event highlighted the major Urban and Regional issues and acted as a medium of educating citizens about the major City Problems

And their solutions by better Urban Planning with Professional Planners the suggestion of arranging Urban Forum 2017 at Peshawar So that the citizens and Executives of KPK also familiarize with the role of planning in making the cities Liveable, Reliable, manageable and desirable.



URP TRIP & TOUR'S DIARY



Delegates of (PCATP) with URP Faculty and Students



Sawat Study Tour 2014



Lahore Tour (2nd National Model Making Workshop) Feb, 2016



Lahore Tour (Urban Forum Diaries) 2016



Winner Group of 2nd Model Making Workshop, 2016



National Disaster Management Exhibition, 2015



Dr. Niaz Ahmed at UET, Lahore



Dr. Syed Akhtar Ali Shah with VC UET at UET, Lahore



Group Photo at CDA, Islamabad after presentation during Study Tour, 2015



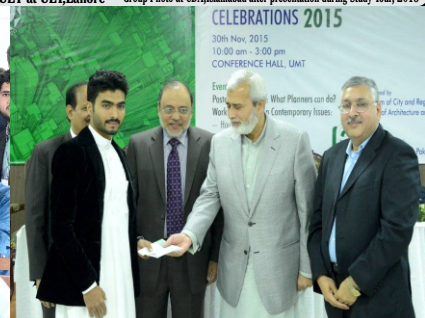
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Students Group Photo, at Baragalli Camps Study Tour, 2015



Farewell Party, 2015



Ahsan Rehman, receiving prize from Founder UMT, Lahore

SHINING STARS OF URP



Society of Urban Planners (SOUP) is the Departmental Society of Urban and Regional Planning Department, which aims to provide platform to students of said department to explore the area of subject by arranging workshops, training, seminars, publications and competitions for the skill development, inter and intra departmental coordination, exploration of new ideas and techniques in the field of Urban and Regional Planning. SOUP has started its journey in the leadership of AHSAN REHMAN Batch # 4, 8th Semester who laid the foundation of the society and succeeded to attract students not only from the department but also from other institutes of country having the same field of Planning including UET Peshawar, UET Lahore, Lahore College for Women University-Lahore etc to extend its voice all over the Pakistan.



AHSAN REHMAN

8TH SEMESTER, BATCH # 4

Ahsan Rehman hails from Abbottabad and proven himself as shining star of the department as he consistently topped every exam in last 3 years. More over he got second Position in Model Making workshop in 2014 and 2016 respectively. He got second position by representing his department at University of Management and Technology Lahore on World Urban Planning Day Poster Competition and also in Model Making Workshop. With different Youth, social and training organizations he is working as a social activist, trainer, event organizer and manager at many events and competitions like Provincial Youth Assembly, Catd, Connected Pakistan and Edutainment, YCDN, Spreading Smiles Community etc. He is the Founder and President of SOUP (Society of Urban Planners) and Also working as Chief Editor in Editorial Team of Department, Parliamentary Secretary Planning and Development in Provincial Youth Assembly, winner of many Naat Competitions. He aims to do more work for the betterment of Pakistan, its youth and for the Field and Department of Urban and Regional Planning.



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4th SEMESTER, BATCH # 6

He is student of URP department and a boxer who won many Medals, Shields and certificates in National Level Competitions. He also won Gold Medal of 60kg light weight All Pakistan Intervarsity Boxing Championship at Islamabad Fast University on 30 Dec-2015. He also Got award from HEC as recognition Of the Player, Also aims to do more for the glory of Department and University of Peshawar.



Mr. Waseem Baig Graduate BS, URP, UOP Batch # 3

He hails from Hunza, Gilgit-Baltistan. He completed his BS in Urban & Regional Planning (BS-URP) from this department in 2016. He scored highest CGPA in his batch as well as stood the top scorer during 8 consecutive semesters. After his graduation he started working with a senior architect on a master planning project of Muslim community complex for 2.22 hectares of land located in Dublin Ireland and currently, he is working as a town planner at N-VISION Design Consultancy Islamabad.

