About DICE-INVENT 2014

Combining the visions of IBA and DICE Foundation has led to creating synergy through Innovation and Entrepreneurship. Innovation promotion will lead to a culture of new ideas, methods, processes, and business models followed by the entrepreneurial journey of opportunity recognition, evaluation, customer acquisition and growing the organization. With the combination of innovation and entrepreneurship along with the resultant synergy that is thus created can help to establish an ecosystem in the country which can help reap the citizen’s not just economic benefits but will also benefit the society at large by creating entrepreneurs that are socially, ethically and environmentally aware.

Partners:
DICE-INVENT 2014 is being conducted in collaboration with DICE Foundation, Higher Education Commission (HEC), Pakistan Council for Science & Technology (PCST), ISESCO and British Council.

Eligibility:
- Student teams from any HEC recognized degree awarding university/institute.
- Each team can have a max of five members. Each team is encouraged to have one member from Industry.
- Each university needs to submit their most innovative projects from various disciplines.
- The innovative and entrepreneurship startups/projects can be from any of the following categories:
  - Group A: Engineering & Technology, Computer Sciences and Information Technology
  - Group B: Physical Sciences and Agricultural Sciences
  - Group C: Arts & Humanities, Business and Social Sciences
  - Group D: Medical Sciences and Veterinary Sciences
Salient Features of DICE-INVENT 2014:

- The DICE-INVENT 2014 program offers a new vision as this entrepreneurial journey will be reaching to the students throughout Pakistan and providing them an opportunity to discover their abilities and develop an entrepreneurial mindset. This initiative will open avenues in a different dimension and shall enable Pakistani youth to play a positive part in the socio economic development of the country.

- This program will look at entrepreneurship education through a different lens i.e. it will be more practical with a complete hands-on approach. The program foundations are based on the effectuation theory, the entrepreneurial method and that of the entrepreneurial-plus model.

- A hands-on year long program of training and interaction with faculty and mentors.

- This program consists of three components: explore & evaluate, launch, and grow opportunities

- Each component has various stages i.e. entrepreneurship theory and practice, experiential activities, development of entrepreneurial skills and values.

- Every participant team has to launch a new venture to graduate irrespective of failure or success

- The program consists of numerous guest speaker sessions, field visits, hands on exercises in selling and creativity.

- Various modules related to value building i.e. perseverance, hard work and commitment are also part of the program.

- Workshops in various Universities all over Pakistan will be carried out during May 2014 to train the university students & faculty.

- A Mega Innovation and Entrepreneurship event, DICE-INVENT 2014, will be hosted by IBA Karachi in December 2014.

- IBA and DICE team will facilitate the students to find mentors

- The pedagogy is unique and a mix of traditional, experiential and hands-on exercises to develop skills and value strengthening exercises.

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