

TCF-ADP ANNUAL SESSION HELD**TCF-ADP IS A SUSTAINABLE MODEL TO THE COUNTRY: DR. FARRUKH IQBAL**

A certificate distribution ceremony for The Citizens Foundation (TCF) Alumni Development Program (ADP) was held at the Gani & Tayub auditorium, main campus. Its main purpose was to appreciate the efforts of volunteers, students and the IBA management which played an instrumental role in the program.

The session started with Asad Sajid, Team Lead TCF-ADP and a TCF alumnus, who informed the audience that from almost 1,300 TCF Matric students, only 2% make it to a university. TCF-ADP was initiated in 2014 by Nadeem Hussain, a TCF and IBA alumnus, to improve these statistics. Currently there are 160 TCF alumni enrolled in universities in Karachi, and 350 from across Pakistan and this number is expected to increase by the end of the academic year.

Thanking the volunteers and other participants, Sajid said, "Your continuous dedication and facilitation has ensured underprivileged students to gain an access to higher education." He emphasized that this could not have been possible without TCF-ADP and the efforts of everyone involved.

Furthermore, two success stories were shared with the audience. Sehrish Yaseen who hails from Hub, Balochistan has obtained admission to the BS Economics program at IBA, and Moiza Naved has been inducted in the Social Development program at Habib University. Both the girls expressed their gratitude towards TCF-ADP for bringing their dreams to fruition.

Addressing the audience, Vice President TCF, Mr. Riaz Kamlani talked about how before 2016, TCF was only providing education up to Matric, after which the students had limited opportunities to higher education. The TCF College at



Qayyumabad was founded to bridge this gap in 2016 and has proved to be very effective.

Mr. Kamlani thanked the IBA management, especially Executive Director Dr. Farrukh Iqbal and Professor Dr. Nasir Touheed for their cooperation in provision of classrooms, mentoring by the IBA students along with other resources.

Dr. Iqbal thanked TCF for bringing this great initiative to the IBA for the greater good. He said, "TCF-ADP is a sustainable model, an initiative that is bigger than all of us and means a lot to the country in terms of making quality higher education accessible to the deserving and meritorious students."

As a token of appreciation, shields were presented to Dr. Iqbal and Dr. Touheed by Mr. Kamlani followed by a distribution of certificates to the participants. Certificates were also distributed to the IBA's management to acknowledge their dedication to the program.

Dr. Touheed concluded the ceremony by urging the students of TCF-ADP to make the most of this opportunity. He likened TCF-ADP to a tree that provides shelter to underprivileged students and said, "Keep the momentum going and become nurturing trees to shelter future generations and assist them in their quest to quality higher education."●

ADATA LAUNCHES NEW RUGGED AND DURABLE HD710 PRO EXTERNAL HARD DRIVE

A DATA recently launched the HD710 Pro external hard drive that has more capacity and is more shock resistant and durable while offering better portability and excellent performance. It is the best choice for active people who appreciate rugged devices that help them record and carry their adventures, but at the same time sporting newer technology and higher fidelity.

The HD710 Pro offers the advantages of an HDD in a robust, stylish enclosure at an attractive price point, and can easily accommodate larger files. Its highly durable protection and stable performance mean worry-free data mobility, which is especially important for people who love adventure and travelling. The HD710 Pro takes external hard drive durability to the next level since it is tested beyond IP68 dustproof and waterproof standards and complies with military-grade shock proofing standards with a triple-layered protective construction. With up to 5TB capacity, this master of storage survival an ally in keeping content safe whether users enjoy diving, hiking,

biking, or simply taking a quick stroll. The HD710 Pro is a drive with total dust-tight protection and tested to withstand 2 meters of water for 60 minutes.

The drive will stand up to the U.S. Military MIL-STD-810G 516.6 standard. That means it will easily take falls from a height of 1.5 meters. This ensures data is safe since it also has three primary layers coating it. From tough silicone on the outside to a shock-absorbing buffer, it has it all. The tough plastic shell that is closest to the drive itself will also hold it firmly in place. The HD710 Pro features shock sensors that immediately stop all drive activity if a shock is detected. With 1TB, 2TB, 3TB, 4TB and 5TB, users get the flexibility of great external storage for their needs.

The drive has a nifty groove that goes around its shell serving as convenient storage for the detachable USB cable. This greatly reduces the risk of annoying cable misplacement and clutter. With attention to every minute detail, the HD710 Pro's tab cover is one-touch easy but totally secure and waterproof. ●