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Certificate Distribution Ceremony of 'Test Item Development'

The certificate distribution ceremony of 'Test Item Development' workshop was organized at LRO (Lawrence Road Office), Lahore on July 5, 2013. The souvenirs were awarded among guest speakers and faculty members. The certificates were distributed among participants who have met the required attendance

criterion for the award of certificate by the Rector, Virtual University of Pakistan.

In welcome address Mr. Muhammad Zaheer Assistant Professor MGT expressed his pleasure on the successful completion of this workshop on Test Item Development.



He acknowledged the guest speakers for their valuable contributions in the workshop and the participants for their active participations.

The workshop was attended by 30 faculty members from different departments of the University. Resource persons of the workshop series including Dr. Nasir Mehmood, Dr Rizwan Akram Rana, Dr Muhammad Saeed and Dr. Zafar of University of the Punjab. Resource persons focused on main objective in all series and VU's faculty members benefitted from the workshop which will help them to further ensure quality education in VU.

The Rector of Virtual University of Pakistan, Mr. Tajdar Alam thanked



the guest speakers for sharing their expertise with the participants. He praised the efforts of faculty members who organized this workshop and congratulated the participants for their achievement. He expressed hope that the knowledge imparted

through this workshop will help us explore new dimensions and bring great accomplishments in our university. He encouraged the academic faculty to organize such development-oriented activities in future as well..

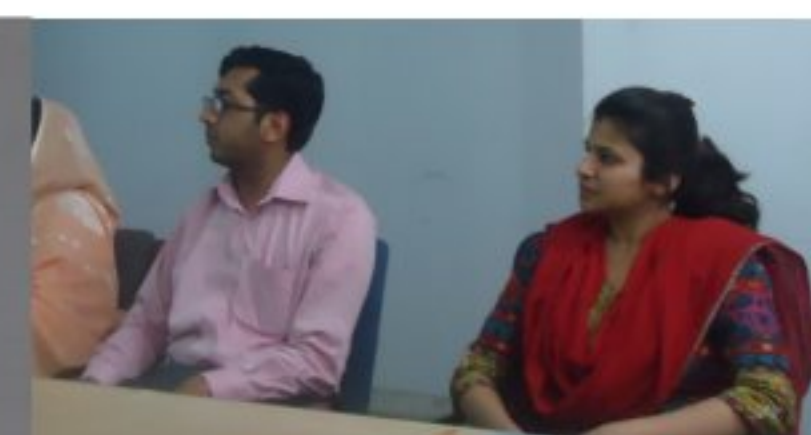
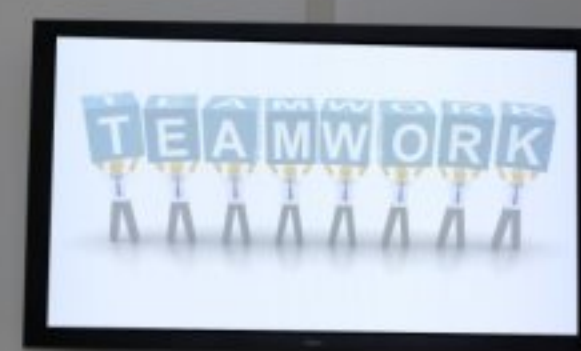
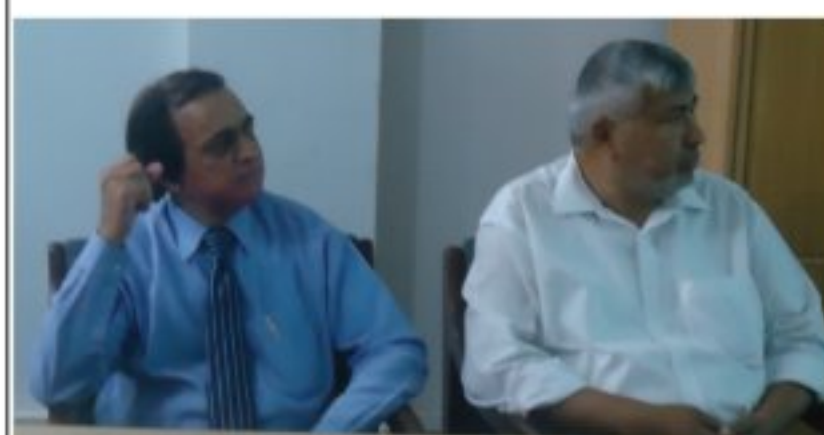


'Pragmatic Aspect of Team Building' A Workshop Organized by VU's English Department

Virtual University Department of English organized a workshop on 4th July, 2013. Dr Ghulam Qanbar Abbasi was the session chair. Ms. Saba Kamran, the speaker, highlighted the pragmatic aspect of team building by saying that the term 'Team' stands for 'together everyone achieves more'. The purpose of the workshop was to provide ways to become effective team members. In

the workshop, it was discussed that successful teams are made up of a collection of effective individuals. These are people who are experienced, have problem solving ability, are open to addressing the

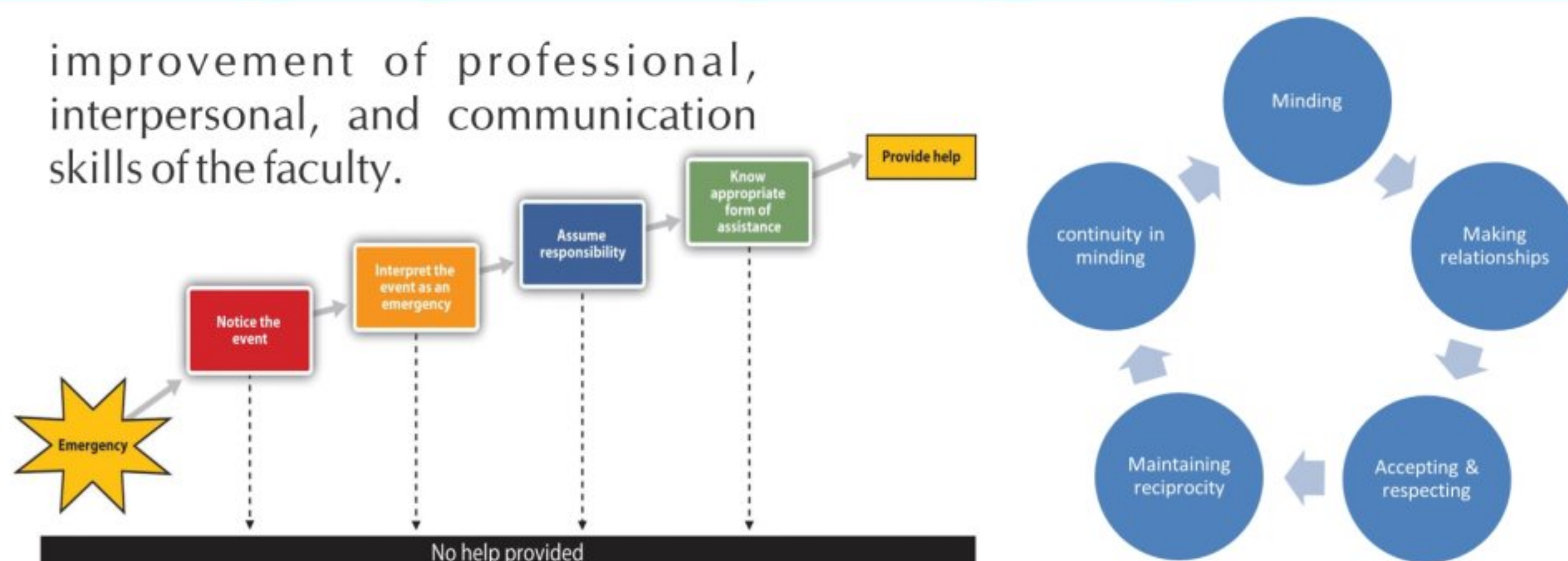
problem, and are action oriented. Importance of a relaxed, comfortable and accepting environment along with honest communication was also discussed to substantiate effective leadership.



A Series of Presentations Titled as 'Psycolour Activities' Arranged by VU's Psychology Department

Virtual University's Department of Psychology has organized a series of presentations named as "Psycolour Activities" from June 18 to August 6, 2013. These presentations are carried out under the supervision of Ms Urooj Fatima, HOD of Psychology Department. The basic purpose of these presentations is to focus on the

improvement of professional, interpersonal, and communication skills of the faculty.



A Lecture on Holy Ramadan at VU Islamabad campus

An interactive lecture titled "Welcome Ramadan" was organized by Department of Islamic Studies at Islamabad Campus on Wednesday, July 10, 2013. Abdul Quddoos Durrani HOD (Islamic studies) highlighted the importance of holy Ramadan.



Mr. Durrani also emphasized the spirit of sacrifice, and heightened sense of discipline in the holy month of Ramadan. He also encouraged all the attendees to spend more time with the Qur'an, not just in recitation but on reflection of the meanings and themes in the Qur'an.

He concluded his lecture with Fitarana, which becomes obligatory upon a Muslim. He further told the rate of Fitrana for the year, which has been fixed at Rs 100 per head.



At the end of the lecture, all faculty members honored Mr. Durrani for his efforts and contribution in spreading awareness on religious practices during Ramadan.



Mango Party at Islamabad Campus

Mango, that bears the title of being 'King of fruits' is a huge favorite among many. To celebrate the sweetness which this fruit brings to hot summer days, a 'Mango Party' was conducted at VU's Islamabad



campus on Friday, 5th of July. The participants of the party included faculty members, Administration and IT section staff. As many as 72 Kg mangoes were served along with Doodh Lassi.

Workshop on Qualitative Research with NVIVO Software

A one day workshop was organized at LRO (Lawrence Road Office) on July 16, 2013. The workshop was designed to provide participants with a thorough overview of NVIVO software application frequently used for organizing and analyzing data collected through qualitative research. Dr. Shafiq Ur Rehman (Assistant Professor Department of Library & Information Science University of Punjab) and Official NVIVO Trainer of QSR International briefed upon the

utilities of NVIVO software. He informed the participants that this program is for students, scholars of MBA, MS/MPhil, PhDs and other researchers of social sciences who are pursuing their independent study, thesis/dissertation and looking for 'Qualitative Data Analysis Technique'. The aim of this workshop was to provide an opportunity to learn how to use Qualitative Research Software "NVIVO" for data arrangement/analysis and theory building from a case study. The participants gave



highly encouraging feedback and desired to have further such workshops for additional learning, development and promotion of research culture in Virtual University of Pakistan.

VU's Google Student Ambassador

The Google Student Ambassador Program is an opportunity for students to act as liaisons between Google and their universities. These ambassadors' plan and host fun events on campuses and act as a campus contact for Google teams.

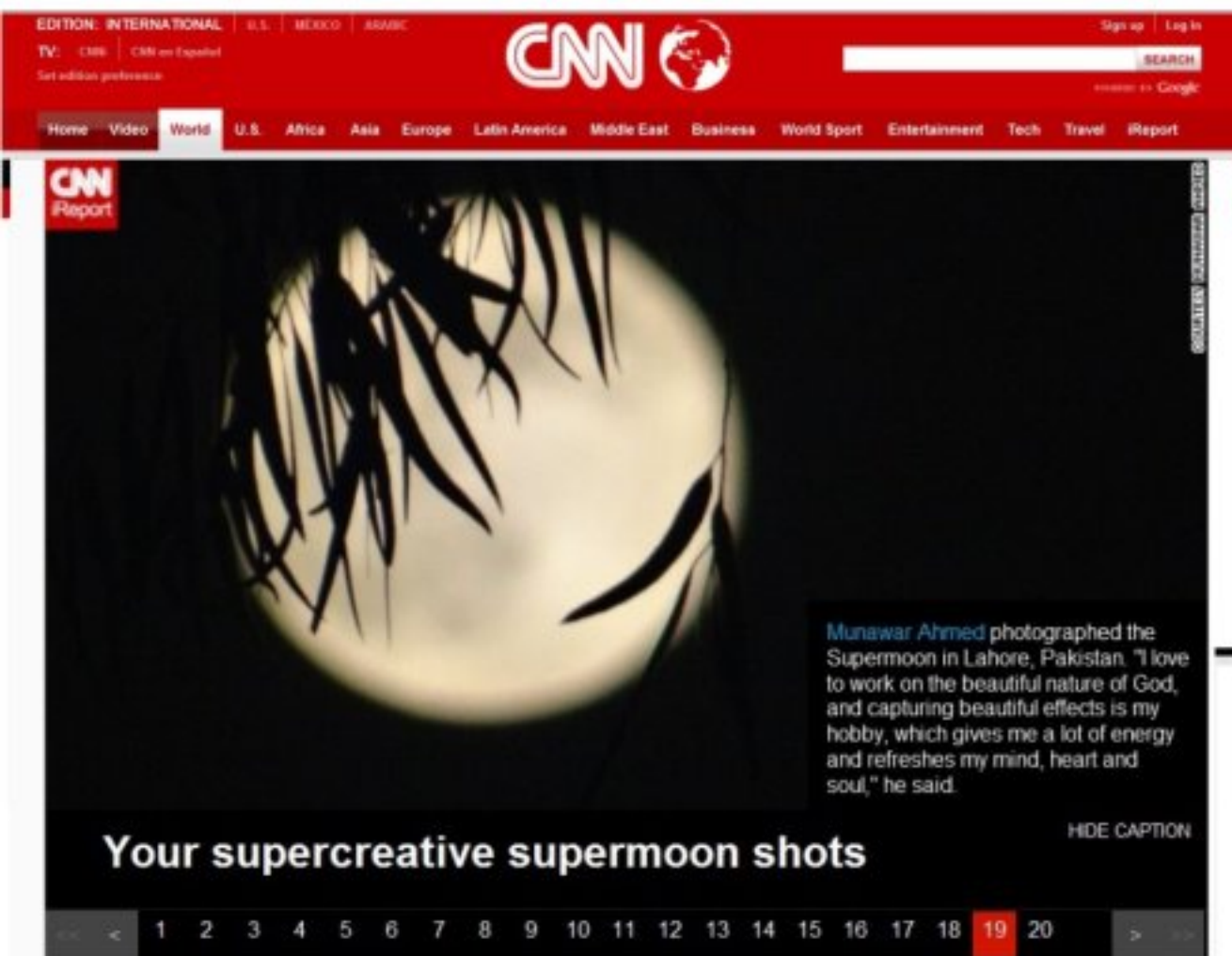
Mr. Muhammad Adnan is one of the brilliant students of MSCS in Virtual University of Pakistan who has been selected as a Google Student Ambassador representing Virtual University of Pakistan.



VU Student's Image of Supermoon Selected as Super-Creativity Shot

Last month's supermoon was the biggest and brightest supermoon for 2013. For the event, people used forced-perspective and other tricks to photograph the moon. A photo contest of this super creativity was organized by CNN last month.

Photograph of Munawar Ahmed studying MIT from Virtual University of Pakistan has been selected as one of the best shot which has been captured from Lahore, Pakistan. His image can be viewed at CNN's website.



VU Multan Campus Holds an Iftar Party



To celebrate real spirit of the holy month of Ramadan, Virtual University's Multan campus arranged an iftar party with the collaboration of students at the 3rd floor of the campus on 16 July, 2013. Party was attended by all campus students along with staff members.



Cricket Match between Hyderabad and Badin Campus

A friendly cricket match held between Hyderabad and Badin campus at the cricket ground of Civil Aviation Training Institute Hyderabad Airport on June 20, 2013. Badin campus team scored 166 runs for the loss of 4 wickets. Opening batsmen scored 104 runs, which included 12 shots out of boundary.

Hyderabad campus team could manage to score 154 runs for the loss of 6 wickets. Badin campus defeated Hyderabad campus by 12 runs. Tahir with 68 runs was the top scorer. Shahrkh of Badin campus, for his all-round performance was declared as man of the match.

At the end, trophies were awarded by Campus Manager of Hyderabad campus. A good number of students of both campuses enjoyed the game.





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