



# Diamond Jubilee Celebration

## Department of Geography

### University of Karachi

#### Sixty Years of Education & Research

1952-2012





## PORTFOLIO

### Introduction:

Department of Geography is one of the pioneer departments of University of Karachi. It was established in 1952 under the chairmanship of Professor Dr. Manick B. Pithawala. Professor Oscar Schmider was one of the leading German Geographers who served as Chairman in the department. Department has been providing teaching and research in various fields of Geography for the last sixty years. Department has been served by leading Pakistani Geographers who were educated in USA, UK, Germany, India etc. The Department has an excellent academic history. The Department of Geography is the only Department among Universities of Pakistan which hosted International Geography Union (IGU) Conference. More than twenty Professors have served the Department as Chairpersons. Presently Prof. Dr. Farkhunda Burke is Chairperson, serving her second term. The Department has qualified academic staff which includes Professors, Assistant Professors and Lecturers.

### **History of Events, Programs, Educational Visits, Lectures, Social and Co-curricular activities (2004-2012):**

Department of Geography boasts a very bright historic record. Faculty and students have been constantly engaged in a variety of constructive activities both academic as well as co-curricular.

### **Visit to Kirthur National Park and Rani Kot (2004):**

The visit to Kirthur National Park and Rani Kot was under the headship of Dr. Farkhunda Burke in the year 2004. This visit was a field trip with the collaboration of WWF and Mr. Gohar Ali Meher. Kirthur National park is located in Dadu near Karchat on the Kirthur Plateau. The region has variety of fauna and flora with rugged topography. The Field Trip was useful for the students of the studies regarding, Tourism, Geomorphology, Ecology of Natural Resources etc. The group of 16 included Prof. Dr. Farkhunda Burke, Dr. Shamshad Akhtar, Dr. Mudassar Hassan Arsalan, Dr. Sheeba Afsar and Ms. Anila Kausar with students of Final year.







### **Kavita Pandit Visited Department of Geography (2005):**

She delivered a lecture entitled “Geography in America in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century” and gifted a book entitled “Geography in America at the Dawn of 21<sup>st</sup> Century” published at Oxford University Press.

### **13<sup>th</sup> All Pakistan Geographical Conference (2008):**



13<sup>th</sup> All Pakistan Geographical Conference was held from 21-23 December 2008. Conference organized by Department of Geography, Pakistan Geographical Association (PGA), University of Karachi (UoK). Dr. Jamil Hasan Kazmi and Dr. Khalida Mahmood were Convener and Secretary respectively. Dr. Ameer Khan, president of PGA, Dr. M. Aslam Khan, HEC member, Dr. Qazi Shakeel Ahmed (Senior Faculty), Prof. Dr. Farkunda Burke, Prof. Dr. Azra Parveen Azad, Dr. Shamshad Akhtar, Dr. Syed Shahid Ali, Dr. Birjees Talat, Dr. Shakila Rehman (Late), Dr. Sheeba Afsar, Ms. Anila Kausar, Ms. Yasmeen Anis, Cooperatives Teachers, Alumni, Students and Geographers on Pan-Pakistan basis participated and presented their research works and original contributions.



### **Flood Relief Activities (2010):**

The Department of Geography is not only involved in educational, research and co-curricular activities but also very much enthusiastic in extending a helping hand to humanity in trauma. The year 2010 was the year of flood in Pakistan. Areas of southern Sindh were badly affected. Department of Geography comprised an active block of Karachi University Disaster Volunteer Corps. Department of





Geography raised more than 2 00 000/- (PKR) funds for flood affected people. Series of visits were organized by Pro-Vice Chancellor Prof. Dr. Shahana Urooj Kazmi under the headship of Prof. Dr. Pir Zada Qasim Raza Siddiqui. Department of Geography actively participated in activities related to packing of flood relief items in Governor House as well as at COD with the Armed Forces. Prof. Dr. Khalida Mahmood, Ms. Anila Kausar (Lecturer), five students Sarosh Adnan (4<sup>th</sup> Year), Qaisar Mahmood (3<sup>rd</sup> Year), Rabia Zahid (3<sup>rd</sup> Year), Yawar Abbass (1<sup>st</sup> Year) and Usama Haider (1<sup>st</sup> Year) received Flood Relief Excellence Award from former Vice Chancellor Prof. Dr. Pir Zada Qasim Raza Siddiqui. While more than 100 students were also awarded Certificates for their efforts during this natural disaster.

### **Visit to Moen Jo Daro, Larkana & Garhi Khuda Baksh (2012):**



The visit to Moen Jo Daro, Larkana and Garhi Khuda Baksh was under the headship of Dr. Khalida Mahmood with the guidance of Dr. Azra Parveen Azad, Dr. Farkhunda Burke. It was organized by Ms. Anila Kausar, Mr. Sharif Shaikh and Mr. Tariq Najamuddin in February 2012. This visit was a field trip with the collective effort of Shah Abdul Latif University Khairpur. The Field Trip was useful for the students of Tourism, Urban and Cultural Geography. The delegate of 40 persons included students, teachers and alumni along with supporting staff.



