

# IMSciences Spring Festival 2019

In order to improve the Pak – Afghan relations and to celebrate the Afghani Cultural festival of Nowruz, the Persian New Year, IMSciences conducted the Spring Festival 2019 in collaboration with the Higher Education Commission (HEC) on 21<sup>st</sup> March, 2019. The event was spearheaded by Mr. Sikandar Khan Tangi, faculty member at the Institute. The chief guests of the event were Mr. Bilal Ameri of the Culture and Education Department and Mr. Noor Agha Behzad of the Administration Department of the Afghan consulate. Guests from the HEC were also present at the occasion including Ms. Afsheen Akhtar, Project Manager at HEC. The event was attended by the teachers and students of IMSciences as well as the Afghan students of other universities namely COMSATS, Haripur University and Islamia College University, Peshawar. The parents of a few Afghan students also attended the event.

The Spring Festival started in a patriotic manner whereby national anthems of Pakistan and Afghanistan were played at the beginning of the event. The entire festival was packed with powerful performances by the students of IMSciences with the aim to promote love and peace among the two nations. In order to celebrate the cultural festival of Nowruz, students belonging to Afghanistan, Chitral and Gilgit Baltistan entertained the audience with a variety of musical and dance performances that exhibited their respective cultures. The crux of the speeches by the different guests was related to improving the friendship between Pakistan and Afghanistan through gestures of love and peace.

At the end of the event, Director IMSciences; Dr. Muhammad Mohsin Khan, Deputy Director; Dr. Iftikhar-ul-Amin, Joint Director; Dr. Usman Ghani, and others were acknowledged for their effort which made it possible to conduct this event. Shields were also given to the guests who attended the event and a cake cutting ceremony took place at the end with the guests.

Due to the diligent efforts of the faculty and the organizers, the event was a huge success for the Institute in promoting the Pak-Afghan relations. The guests had a truly delightful experience by being part of this event. IMSciences succeeded in celebrating the festival of Nowruz in the most impressive way possible and hopes to do so again in the future.