






Textile Institute of Pakistan

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SCOOP is TIP's stitched-together tapestry of stories, insights, and updates. From industry trends to student and employee achievements, from alumni milestones to creative sparks, every thread weaves a connection across our community. Our signature yarn-ball OO's remind us that at TIP, learning, innovation, and inspiration are always intertwined.

TIP STRENGTHENS LEADERSHIP WITH STRATEGIC APPOINTMENTS



March 1, 2026: Textile Institute of Pakistan (TIP) has announced the appointment of Professor Dr. Salman Abbasi as its new President, alongside Dr. Zubair Bandukda continued role on the Board. These appointments strengthen TIP's leadership team as it advances academic programs, industry engagement, and applied learning initiatives.

Dr. Abbasi brings over 20 years of senior leadership experience across public and non-profit sectors, combining academic expertise with practical insights in training, governance, and institutional development. He holds a PhD in Organizational Leadership and a Master's in Public Administration from the University of Pennsylvania and is a recipient of the Fulbright Scholarship and JICA Good Governance Award. His appointment adds fresh perspective to TIP's already robust leadership, complementing the decades of experience contributed by the Board and senior faculty.

Dr. Bandukda, who returned to TIP as President in December 2023 and transitioned to the TIP Board in March 2026, continues to focus on strategic initiatives. He has been instrumental in launching the Learning and Innovation Hub (LIH) and shaping TIP's 5-year strategic plan, building on the strong foundation established by the institute's longstanding leadership.

These appointments reflect a strategic blend of experience and new vision, ensuring continuity while strengthening the institute's capacity to innovate, expand industry connections, and prepare students for real-world challenges.

MY VISION FOR HIGHER EDUCATION – A DIALOGUE FOR CHANGE

March 5, 2026 – Karachi: The future of higher education is getting a reboot—and bridgED is leading the conversation.

At a dynamic dialogue under the theme “My Vision for Higher Education – A Dialogue for Change” hosted by IBA, academia and industry came together to rethink what it truly means to be “future-ready.” The message was clear: degrees alone aren’t enough—relevance, adaptability, and real-world alignment are the new currency.

Representing Textile Institute of Pakistan, Dr. Salman Abbasi, put TIP at the forefront of the dialogue, showcasing how the institute is linking classrooms with real-world opportunities, leveling up student readiness, and building partnerships that actually matter for Pakistan’s workforce. (Image source : IBA Khi)



In a room full of perspectives, one idea stood out: the future of education will not be built in isolation—but in collaboration. And institutions like TIP and IBA are already shaping that shift.



STRENGTHENING INDUSTRY LINKAGES: STRATEGIC CONSULTATION WITH YBQ

March 27, 2026: Textile Institute of Pakistan (TIP) welcomed renowned designer Yousuf Bashir Qureshi (YBQ) to LIH for a visionary dialogue that bridges industry and education.

As potential Creative Advisor, YBQ explored ways to infuse LIH’s curriculum with real-world fashion practices, ensuring students step confidently into the evolving landscape of contemporary design.

The conversation highlighted innovation, relevance, and creativity—hallmarks of TIP’s approach to shaping tomorrow’s fashion leaders.



From left: Ms Aqeela Zainab (TIP); Yousuf Bashir Qureshi; Dr. Salman Abbasi (TIP); Mr. Shayan Taqvi (TIP) and YBQ Team Rep.

This engagement reflects TIP’s continued commitment to building strong industry partnerships and ensuring its academic offerings remain relevant, dynamic, and future-focused.

STRENGTHENING SAFETY CULTURE AT TIP: FIRE SAFETY TRAINING WORKSHOP



March 26, 2026: Textile Institute of Pakistan (TIP) participated in a Fire Safety Training Workshop at Mövenpick Hotel, Karachi, conducted by New World Concepts (NWC) under the guidance of Dr. Tahir Barlas.

Representing TIP, Mr. Muhammad Zaheer, Manager Admin & General Services, engaged in key discussions on fire risk assessment, emergency response, and evacuation planning, with a focus on safety compliance and readiness.

Way Forward: TIP will strengthen its fire safety framework through internal trainings and improved emergency response systems, reinforcing a safer campus environment.

**Mentorship Program at TIP
HEC/NAHE initiative**

At Textile Institute of Pakistan, mentorship is getting a well-deserved upgrade—from informal guidance to a structured, future-ready system.

Aligned with the MPU framework by the National Academy of Higher Education (NAHE) under the Higher Education Commission, TIP has formed its Mentorship Program Committee (MPC). Led by Dr. Salman Abbasi, with Dr. Abdul Razak Mahar, the committee brings together the right mix of insight and intent.

Think of it as building a smarter support system: the MPC will match mentors and mentees thoughtfully, design clear roadmaps, and connect mentoring with real outcomes—career growth, performance, and academic progression.

At its core, the initiative is about continuity: experienced faculty guiding the next generation, and in the process, strengthening TIP’s academic and professional ecosystem.

URBAN CLIMATE FORUM – TIP PRESENTS A TECHNICAL PERSPECTIVE



From left: Panel Member, Dr. Umair A. Siddiqui, Dr. Kamran Khan, Mr. Abid Omar, followed by additional panel members.

March 26, 2026, Karachi: Textile Institute of Pakistan joined the Urban Climate Forum: From Systemic Climate Risk to Readiness, engaging with academia and industry to address the city's escalating environmental challenges.

Dr. Muhammad Kamran Khan (Director ORIC, TIP) spotlighted the link between industrial emissions, occupational exposure, and climate stress, calling for stronger monitoring and policy action. Dr. Umair A. Siddiqui (Program Coordinator – Fashion Program, TIP) contributed to discussions on sustainability and research-led industrial resilience.

With insights from Abid Omar (Environmental Expert), TIP's presence signaled intent—to position the textile sector at the center of climate resilience.

Overall, TIP's participation underscored its strategic focus on impact-driven research and meaningful engagement with national climate discourse.

FROM SPACE TO STRATEGY: ACTIVATING TIP'S LEARNING & INNOVATION HUB

March 31, 2026, Karachi: Textile Institute of Pakistan has partnered with SCorporated to bring its Learning & Innovation Hub (LIH) to life—transforming it into a dynamic engine for executive learning, industry engagement, and skill-building.

Led by TIP alumnus Dr. Adeel Shah and co-founder Zuhair Mohsin, the collaboration signals a powerful shift toward alumni-driven growth and industry integration. With a focused 90-day roadmap in motion, LIH is set to evolve into a vibrant space where ideas meet application—and learning meets industry.

This partnership marks a key step in TIP's vision to strengthen academia–industry linkages and build a dynamic ecosystem for continuous learning and innovation.



From left: Co-founder SCorporated Mr. Zuhair Mohsin (seated), Dr. Salman Abbasi (seated). Standing behind them are Co-founder SCorporated and Alumni Dr. Adeel Shah and Ms Sadaf Haque.

TIP X ENGRO POLYMER AND CHEMICALS LIMITED (EPCL) WHERE RESEARCH MEETS INDUSTRY

March 2026, Karachi: Textile Institute of Pakistan is teaming up with Engro Polymer & Chemicals Limited (EPCL) to bring academia and industry closer than ever.

TIP will dive into technical testing, product evaluations, and hands-on research, while EPCL opens doors for internships, plant visits, and real-world projects. Together, they're turning labs into launchpads for innovation.

The goal? Students and professionals ready to tackle the future of Pakistan's textile and chemical industries—with skills, smarts, and impact.



From left: Engro Team representative, Dr. Kamran Khan, Ms. Shafia Sagheer, Dr. Adnan Amjad, and Engro team representatives, EPCL and Chancellor Nausheen Ahmad signing

Through strategic collaborations with leading industry partners such as EPCL, TIP continues to expand its role as a hub for applied research, technical validation, and industry-focused education in Pakistan.

FROM HORMUZ TO AGRICULTURE FIELDS: A CRISIS MOVING THROUGH PAKISTAN'S ECONOMY



Although the US-Iran conflict might seem far away, it is impacting Pakistan via the Strait of Hormuz. Pakistan relies on this route for LNG. Energy costs rise and shortages are created. Factories feel the heat. A deeper risk lies with fertilizer which poses a threat to agriculture and all economic chains.

Fertilizer, which boosts agricultural production, is the lifeblood of Pakistan's agriculture and a crucial input for cotton. Over the span of 40 years, fertilizer use on cotton increased more than seven times, from 172,000 tons to over 1.25 million tons. However, cotton production has not become stable, rather has become more fluctuating. Due to a higher fertilizer consumption, it registered a sharp fall to 4.9 million tonnes in 2022-23. This indicates a major worry. Pakistan's lesser stability is attributable to more inputs which shows that the system is becoming fragile. Even minor changes now have serious consequences. Decreasing fertilizer application by one percent may lead to a decrease in cotton yield by 0.7 percent. When fertilizer prices increase, farmers decrease their use, which further reduces yields. The crisis is occurring step by step. Energy disruption has created fertilizer shortages. Farmers affected by fertilizer shortages. Utilization of fewer inputs resulting in lower yields and falling cotton output. Due to decreased production, Pakistan must now pay more to increase cotton imports. This undermines the competitiveness of textile exports and intensifies pressure on foreign exchange. The entire value chain will be affected by a single disruption, which will further trigger a wider disruption in the economy.



The protection against sudden distortions is no longer provided by the system. If LNG shortages persist, the next sowing season will be adversely impacted. The fertilizer will be expensive or limited. The utilizing of farmers will lessen. As a whole, yields and cotton production will decline. Consequently, Pakistan will need to purchase expensive cotton abroad. Textile export competitiveness will deteriorate pressure on foreign exchange will build up. Cotton is not the only thing at risk. The production and prices of wheat and rice will also undergo a decline as a result. Food shortage may happen due to energy supply disruption.

The problem is with the structure. Agricultural support is fertilizers which is backed by energy. Fabric and trading are sustained by Farming. When a link goes down, the system gets affected. "This indicates that a warning is present." costlier crisis.



What Must Be Done

Now is the time for strong and pragmatic policy response. Supply of Fertilizers be treated as a national priority. Fertilizer plants must receive designated gas that should not be diverted elsewhere. To prevent any unexpected shortages during the next sowing up. Farmers should receive targeted farmers' support to generate timely production so that prices do not cause a reduce in fertilizer use through smart subsidy or credit access.

season, strategic reserves must be built

It is essential to reduce Energy exposure through diversification of LNG sourcing and fast tracking of in textile clusters. If such measures are not adopted, the short-term disruptions in the domestic economy will for agriculture and exports. The textiles sector should less depend on cotton and promote seed and efficient farming must be invested. To ensure food security, the delivery of planning should be executed to protect the production of wheat and rice.

renewable energy turn into long-term structural losses; both blended and synthetic products. Superior fertilisers must be monitored, and timely

A Moment of Decision

The conflict did not create the weaknesses. They have become clear through it. The impact will go beyond the policy debates. Farmers, manufacturers and homes will all feel the heat. It is evident what has occurred. The question now is whether Pakistan will act quickly or will it choose to wait until it becomes a costlier crisis.



Data source: Pakistan Bureau of Statistics (PBS) and National Fertilizer Development Centre, Islamabad
Umair Nizami: Economist | Researcher | Policy Analyst

VALUE DRIVEN COMMUNITY BENEFITS – TIP X ARE VENTURES

Textile Institute of Pakistan continues to enhance student and alumni experiences with exciting lifestyle perks. In partnership with ARE Ventures, TIP community members can now unlock exclusive discounts and benefits across fashion, wellness, lifestyle, and more.

Curious what's waiting for you? Scan the QR code on the right and explore the world of perks reserved just for TIP!



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Alumni CHAPTERS

EXPANDING GLOBALLY Connecting Impactfully

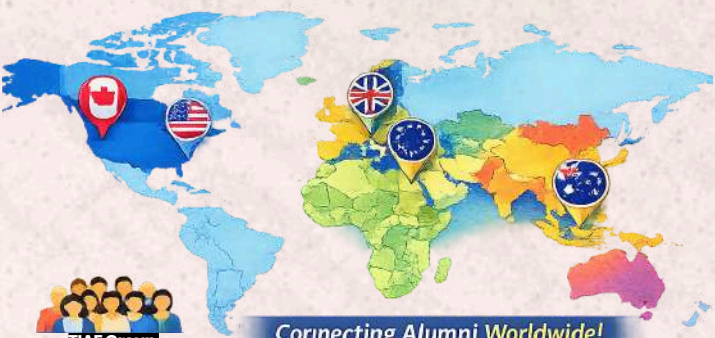
The Alumni network is rapidly expanding across borders, reflecting both its global footprint and the strength of its community

With established chapters in North America (57), the UK (42), and Europe (35), and newly launched chapters in Canada (24) and Australia (21), the network continues to grow in both reach and relevance.

Complementing these regional chapters are vibrant affinity groups such as SheisTIP (153 members), empowering women alumni, and the TIAF Group (1,019 members), serving as a dynamic platform for engagement at scale.

Together, these chapters are driving meaningful connections through meetups, mentorship, business collaborations, and career opportunities – directly contributing to the institute's growth, visibility, and impact.

Growing Beyond Borders



Connecting Alumni Worldwide!

-  North America (57)
-  Canada (24) NEW
-  Australia (21) NEW
-  UK (42)
-  Europe (35)
-  SheisTIP (153)

Inspired? Join the network! Contact alumni.affairs@tip.edu.pk

Alumni Engagement



Eid-ul-Fitr 2026, Dallas, USA: The Alumni Community in USA came together – celebrating not just the occasion, but the connection that continues beyond borders.

Hosted by Mr. & Mrs. Ali Raza Merchant. The gathering brought together: Nabeel Raza (2005), Zohaib Azam (2008), Jawed Iqbal Millwala (2007), Baber Javed (2010), Aasim Atiq (2007), Kanwal Ahmed (2003), Sidra Irfan (2014), and Ayesha Rehman (2006).

We
are
TIP!



Eid-ul-Fitr 2026, Chicago, USA: The TIP Alumni Community came together in Chicago – reconnecting, sharing stories, and celebrating the bond that goes beyond time and distance.

Present at the meetup – Batch 2008:
Zohaib Azam, Zohaib Haider, Nasir Subhan, and Saad Bakali.






BRAIN TEASER

UNSCRAMBLE
THE WORDS

1. TROSHMENPIM ?
2. ROABTILLOCA ?
3. NOCNTEICNO ?
4. ONNTAIIONVI ?

Hint: the correct words are somewhere in the newsletter

**GOT THE ANSWER?
SCAN TO SUBMIT**



WINNER WILL BE ANNOUNCED IN THE NEXT ISSUE
February winner: Abdul Rehman

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