



Institute Of Space Technology (IST) celebrated its 6th Commencement 2011 with the graduation of 40 students, in the disciplines of Aerospace and Communications Systems Engineering on Tuesday 4th October 2011. Prime Minister Syed Yousuf Raza Gilani graced the occasion as the Chief Guest. Senior dignitaries from the civil and military establishments were also present on the occasion. The chief guest conferred 20 students each, with the baccalaureate degrees in Aerospace and Communication Systems Engineering. He gave away the President of Pakistan's Gold Medals to Mr. Tanzeel ur Rehman of Aerospace Engineering and Mr. Ubaid Bashir Awan of Communication Systems Engineering who stood first in their respective programmes. Mr. Tanzeel ur Rehman and Hamdan Ajmal Khan from Aerospace Engineering and Syed Akhlaq Hussian Shah and Ali

Ahmed from Communication Systems Engineering Department, were awarded Vice Chancellor's Medal for best final year projects.

The Chief Guest while congratulating the graduates also advised them to gear up to work diligently in their professional endeavors to promote and extensively employ space technology applications for socio economic development or our country in a befitting manner. He also expressed his hope that the new graduates would give their best in their future endeavors and assignments in contributing to the national development. He also reminded them that we all owe a great deal to our dear country and they could repay for what the country has done for them by serving honestly and with complete dedication.



Prime Minister said that it was indeed a matter of immense satisfaction to see IST flourish and emerge as a renowned seat of learning within a short span of nine years. This great fulfillment bespoke of hard work and selfless devotion of the Institute's management and faculty. Being an eminent seat of learning, focusing on engineering subjects specific to space technology, IST had been successful in synthesizing and transmitting to the younger generation, the proper sense, understanding and importance of space technology applications and their role in the modern era for economic development and security of a nation. Prime Minister also appreciated high employment rate of the graduates of IST. He said that this was obviously the result of the high standards of education at IST and good liaison with industry and premier Research and Development organizations of the country. Prime Minister also lauded the role of SUPARCO in launching of Pakistan's first communication satellite PAKSAT 1R. He appreciated the efforts of

SUPARCO engineers who worked on the project along with their Chinese counterparts during all the stages of design, manufacturing and development of this satellite.

Prior to this, Vice Chancellor Engineer Imran Rahman while addressing the august gathering highlighted the contributions of IST and specifically mentioned about the design and development of IST's PICO-Satellite called iCUBE. He emphasized that the work had been undertaken by IST students under the supervision of its able faculty, and the satellite would Inshallah be launched early next year. This would make IST the first University in Pakistan to launch a student satellite.

IST also showcased various projects of the graduating students which were highly appreciated by The Prime Minister and the visiting dignitaries.



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