



Azhar Rizvi

Team Leader

Business / Serial Entrepreneur / IT Consultant

Azhar is the founding Vice Chairman and one of the main leaders of MIT Enterprise Forum of Pakistan. He has helped in developing the strategy and direction of the chapter over the past five years now. The chapter with leading role played by

Azhar has been engaged in developing the entrepreneurial eco-system in Pakistan. He is also now serving as the Member on the Global Advisory Board of MIT Enterprise Forum Global. He is currently working as the CEO and Director of TAN America Fund, the first Angel fund established in the US with the primary objective of investing in the Pakistani IT firms. He is also a member of the Board of Directors of Cambridge Advisers Network.

He has been instrumental in promoting entrepreneurial education, business plan competitions for over five successful Business Acceleration Plan (BAP) Competitions since 2007, mentoring and coaching, and connecting Pakistani Diaspora in the US with the technology firms in Pakistan. These activities have resulted in an overall impact of USD 150 M increase in revenues of 200 firms that have benefited through these programs. He also developed a program to send winners of BAP to attend the EDP program at the MIT. In addition he has also been involved with chapter program activities and fund raising activities. Working with leading universities in Pakistan, he is helping in developing entrepreneurial education programs, running business plan competitions, mentoring and coaching programs in collaboration with industry leaders/professionals/entrepreneurs. These programs reach 130 universities across the country with around 5,000 student participants. One of these programs has been endorsed by the Prime Minister of Pakistan as the “Prime Minister’s Entrepreneurial Challenge”.

He is a Charter member of TiE (The Indus Entrepreneurs) Islamabad Chapter and is a Founding Charter member of Karachi Chapter of OPEN (Organization of Pakistani Entrepreneurs of North America). He is Member of the National Innovation Board of Pakistan and is an advisor to the Ministry of IT, Government of Sindh.

Azhar believes that the most rewarding source of learning and growth has been through his work in the social sector. His journey in this sector started with joining Rotary in 1997. He has contributed in the following roles as a Rotarian and a social activist:

District Chairman for Technical Education and Vocational Training, Rotary Pakistan.

Founding Member of Board of DAISY for All, Pakistan a worldwide consortium for technology based learning for the blind and vision impaired and has established 5 centers of expertise in Pakistan. Chairperson CSR Committee of Pakistan Software Houses Association (PASHA) He helped the Establishment of first telemedicine network, at 12 relief centers, for earthquake relief efforts. Member Advisory Council Rashidabad Memorial a model welfare village project. Member, National Innovation Strategy Working Group, Government of Pakistan Member, Board of Trustee, I-Care Foundation

Advisor , Ministry of IT Government of Sindh, Pakistan

Azhar is an MBA from the University of Houston and M.Com from University of Karachi. He has also successfully participated in the EDP 2009 at MIT Entrepreneurship Center.





Ammar Mursalin, Team Member
Business
(Marketing & Brand Management)

Current Position: Manager Customer Insights, Media & Promotions

Current Employer: Engro Fertilizers Limited

Current Work Focus: Marketing Research, Advertising, Media, Brand & Activations

Cumulative Experience: 5 years

Highest Education: MBA (Marketing) from IBA Karachi

Community Work: Regular volunteer with TCF Rahbar program

Member Rotaract Club of Karachi Karsaz

Languages: English, Urdu, Arabic (Basic), French (Basic)



Misbah Iqbal, Team Member
Education
(Senior Lecturer, Finance & Accounting)

Current Position: Senior Lecturer Finance & Accounting & Assistant Manager II

Current Employer: Institute of Business Management

Current Work Focus: Dealing with Higher Education Commission, Management of Treasury Operations, Preparation of Annual Budget, Teaching Financial Management, Strategic Financial Management, Financial Institutions, and Financial Accounting Courses to BBA and MBA students, Member of the Board of Studies (Accounting and Finance), Convocation Planning Committee

Highest Education: CFA Level 1 candidate -- CFA Institute

Skills: Micro Soft office. (Word, Excel, Power Point), Financial Modeling, Verbal & written communicational Skills.

Interests & Activities: Reading, History, Travelogues, Urdu Literature, Business, Interior Decoration, Antique Collection, Paintings, Yoga, Cooking/Baking, Travelling.

Languages: Urdu, English, Sindhi, Memoni



Komal Dawani, Team Member
Marketing

Current Position: Asst. Manager Marketing and Customer Excellence

Current Employer: Bonanza Garment Industries (PVT) Ltd

Current Work Focus: Handling an annual budget of Rs.,

Responsible for planning and supervising all launch campaigns and related brand activation and communication activities, Plan and prepare advertising and promotional material, identifying, planning and executing outdoor, print and TV plan, Identifying and enlisting third party contractors, Supervising timely on-store/in-store branding and Retail level Channels.

Highest Education: Greenwich University, Karachi -- Bachelors in Business Administration

Intrests & Activities: Other Interests pertain to listening music and travelling

Languages: English, Urdu, Sindhi



Faiza Aziz, Team Member
Human Resources

Current Position: Resource Deployment Manager – Global Business Services

Current Employer: IBM Pakistan

Current Work Focus: Projects Staffing, Resource Staffing, Performance Optimization, Capacity Management

Highest Education: B.E. (Textiles) NED University of Engineering & Technology

Community Work: The Citizens Foundation – Career Counselor & Mentor, Swisstex Chemicals at IGATEX 2005, AHS Textile Machinery Company at Textile Asia & IGATEX, Customer Service Representative

Intrests & Activities: Organising events – member of the event organising committee at school and university level, Singing/Listening to Music, Designing Clothes, Reading

Languages: Urdu, English/ Arabic (Read Only)