



MITEF Event update - November 14th, 2015

The event on November 14th, 2015 was a huge success. It was graced by **John Groarke**, Mission Director USAID, Pakistan; **Jason Pontin**, Chairman MIT Enterprise Forum Global and Editor in Chief of MIT Technology Review; **Ken Morse**, Founding Managing Director of MIT Entrepreneurship Center; **Umair Khan**, CEO Secret Builders; **Dr. Umar Saif**, Chairman Punjab IT board, **Ashar Qureshi**, Partner, Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer, **Samad Dawood**, CEO Dawood Hercules, **Danish Lakhani**, CEO Cybernet, **Ali Jameel**, CEO Tracker, **Naeem Zamindar**, CEO Acumen Fund; **Ahmad Jalali**, CEO Aman Foundation; **Saddafe Abid**, Founder Circle Co; **Naveed Siraj**, Country Head, Intel; a number of USAID and US Embassy Staff members, Business Leaders, Senior Academicians, Professionals, Entrepreneurs and Media personnel.

Presentations by the finalists from the three tracks (Existing Companies, Women Led Companies and Start-ups/Researcher) were highly appreciated and an offer of support was made to one women led team on the spot. The judges had difficult time in selecting the winners and some of the teams were called in for further questioning while the judges deliberated. The list of finalist and the winners are attached for your reference.

This time we also introduced Lifetime Achievements Awards for Late Mr. Abdul Rahim Dadi, who started IBM in Pakistan, Late Mr. Badar UI Islam who took NCR Pakistan to new heights, Retired Brig Saleem Moeen, who did the CNIC project while he was at NADRA and Mr. Ashraf Kapadia, who was CEO of Systems Limited (oldest software house of Pakistan).

In the end MITEFP would like to thank all of you for your support and a special thank you goes out to the people who devoted time and effort out of their busy schedule and mentored the teams. You all did a wonderful job.