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CEO's Message

I am pleased to welcome you to the first edition of our newsletter for Habitat GP and LSBU UAE. This milestone reflects the progress we have made together and provides a platform to share our achievements, key developments, and the journey ahead.

I would like to commend our teams for their dedication and hard work. The progress we have achieved so far is a direct result of your commitment, collaboration, and focus on quality and student success. I wish everyone continued success as we build on this strong foundation and move forward with confidence and purpose.

Mohammed Zaheer

CEO, London South Bank University UAE

Dean and Head of Faculty's Message

I am delighted to introduce this first edition as a space to celebrate our achievements, shared commitment to academic excellence, innovation in teaching and learning, and the powerful role education plays in transforming lives and communities.

I encourage you to engage with these pages, celebrate the successes within them, and see this newsletter as a reflection of our collective efforts to deliver inclusive, applied, and impactful education, as we look ahead with confidence, collaboration, and a shared sense of purpose for the future of LSBU.

Throughout this newsletter you will find stories that reflect our commitment to inclusive excellence, applied learning, and forward-thinking research, as well as updates that connect us more closely as one LSBU community, and I hope this newsletter becomes a source of pride, connection, and inspiration as we continue to learn, grow, and shape the future together.

Mohammed Mirza

Dean and Head of Faculty



Importance of Cyber Security for Employees

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Employees frequently serve as the first line of defense against cyber threats.

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Awareness of cyber risks can significantly reduce vulnerability.

03

Improved security practices foster greater employee trust and confidence.

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Cybersecurity protects personal and organizational information from breaches.



Cyber Security Awareness for Employees

Why Every Employee Plays a Critical Role in Protecting Our Organization In today's digital-first workplace, cyber security is no longer solely the responsibility of the IT department. Cyber threats continue to evolve in scale and sophistication, and employees at every level play a vital role in safeguarding the organization's data, systems, and reputation. Cyber security awareness empowers employees to recognize risks, make informed decisions, and act responsibly when handling information and technology.



Why Cyber Security Awareness Matters

Cyber incidents can result in financial loss, operational disruption, legal consequences, and damage to customer trust. Many successful cyberattacks exploit human behavior rather than technical vulnerabilities. Phishing emails, weak passwords, and unsafe browsing habits are among the most common entry points for attackers. By increasing awareness, organizations significantly reduce the likelihood of these threats succeeding.

Common Cyber Threats Employees Should Know

Phishing and Social Engineering

Attackers often impersonate trusted individuals or organizations to trick users into sharing sensitive information or clicking malicious links.

Malware and Ransomware

Malicious software can infect systems through unsafe downloads, email attachments, or compromised websites, potentially locking or stealing critical data.

Password Attacks

Weak or reused passwords make it easier for attackers to gain unauthorized access to accounts and systems.

Unsecured Devices and Networks

Using public Wi-Fi or unsecured personal devices for work can expose sensitive information to cybercriminals.

Best Practices for Employees

Employees can strengthen cyber security by following a few essential practices:

Be vigilant with emails and messages

Verify the sender, watch for unusual requests, and avoid clicking links or attachments from unknown or suspicious sources.

Use strong, unique passwords

Create complex passwords and never share them. Where available, enable multi-factor authentication (MFA).

Keep systems and software updated

Regular updates help protect against known vulnerabilities.

Handle data responsibly

Access only the information you need for your role and store or share it securely.

Report suspicious activity immediately

Prompt reporting allows potential threats to be investigated and contained before they escalate.

Creating a Culture of Cyber Security

Cyber security is most effective when it becomes part of the organizational culture. Ongoing training, clear policies, and open communication encourage employees to stay informed and proactive. Asking questions, reporting concerns without fear, and learning from incidents all contribute to a stronger security posture.



Conclusion

Cyber security awareness is a shared responsibility. By staying informed, alert, and accountable, employees become the first line of defense against cyber threats. Small,

everyday actions can make a significant difference in protecting our organization, our colleagues, and our customers in an increasingly connected world. Together, we can build a safer and more secure digital workplace.

Dr Syeda

December Calendar of Events

Volunteer Outreach



London South Bank University, Ajman, was proud to have 14 student volunteers participate in the historic Asian Youth Para Games 2025 in Dubai. Their activities ranged from exploring facilities and networking with athletes to assist visitors and celebrating victories. The experience provided them with profound learning outcomes, including enhanced global awareness, deepened empathy for resilience, and strengthened team cohesion, as they contributed to a celebration of inclusivity and sporting excellence.

National Day



UAE National Day, celebrated on December 2nd, commemorates the historic 1971 unification of the seven emirates into one nation, marking a moment of unity and vision under Sheikh Zayed bin Sultan Al Nahyan, transforming disparate states into a dynamic, modern country. Celebrations burst with national pride, featuring dazzling fireworks, parades, traditional cultural performances, and decorations in the national colors (red, green, white, black) adorning cities, symbolizing progress, heritage, and shared identity for citizens and residents alike.

WellBeing Session



Vice president Mr. Siraj and his welfare team arranged a mental wellness session about smoking in which they presented a ppt about smoking and its harmful after effects on the human body to spread awareness about the diseases that are caused by the dangerous chemicals that are present in cigarettes and vapes. The session took place at all classes.

New Year Party



The 'Hasta La Vista Amigos!' theme carries a special significance. "Hasta la vista" (literally "until we see each other again") isn't just a catchy phrase from pop culture; it embodies the friendships and bonds that transcend time. As students from all walks of life, backgrounds, and disciplines come together for this event, they say goodbye to the year in the spirit of community and unity, while looking ahead to the new challenges and opportunities that the future holds.

The Year-End Party serves as a collective recognition of how far we've come, the hurdles we've overcome, and the triumphs we've celebrated along the way. It's also about the connections the students make, the late-night study sessions, the spontaneous dance-offs, the shared victories, and the friendships that last a lifetime.

The Year-End Party is their way of saying "thank you" to 2025 for all it's given them, while looking forward to the journey ahead.



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