Some letters of Dr Nabibakhsh Khan Baloch to Muhammad Umar Chand 2003 to 5th February 2013
Mr. M. Umer Chaud.
448, Panama Rd.
Mt. Wellington
Auckland, 1006
New Zealand

Dear,

All these seasons, we hope you come back to happy home in your new country.

New Zealand. No Dimita.
Mt. Saint-Pele.

With my best wishes,

Yours truly,

[[Signature]]

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TO
Mr. M. Umer Chaud.
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February 28, 2003, and is addressed to the vice-chancellor of the University of Sindh. It is a moving piece of writing which can also be referred to as the jewel in the crown of this 730-page anthology. A relevant extract is reproduced as under:

“I am in good health and continuing my work normally as Allama I.I. Kazi Chair Professor. But as I am reaching the tail end of my career, I am planning for a happy exit as and when it comes. In view of my life-long association with the Sindh University and dedicated service to it under inspiration from Allama I.I. Kazi, I wish to rest eternally under the university soil and at the feet of Allama Kazi. Therefore, I beg the university authorities to allow me a small piece of 15-feet square soil for my grave, outside the Allama Kazi mausoleum.” Dr. Baloch’s remarkable correspondence epitomises Ghalib’s wish:

*He seems to reaffirm his faith through his letters/Every day should be passed as if it were to be our last.*

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**World of Work: Predicament of a Scholar**
Edited and introduced by Prof Muhammad Umar Chand
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schor par excellence. Presently, he is working as professor emeritus at the University of Sindh, which happens to be the second oldest university in Pakistan. The book under review is the latest offering from the pen of a prolific genius. World of Work: Predicament of a Scholar is a record of Dr Baloch’s correspondence from 1946 to 2003. Dr Baloch is lucky to have found a disciple like Prof Muhammad Umair Chand, who is an acknowledged scholar in his own right, to bring out the compilation. Ruminating on the idea behind the book, he writes: “Having accumulated so many books, manuscripts and documents, I attempted to wade through the record recently in order to separate the more useful items. A substantial part consisted personal papers, mainly the letters exchanged over half a century. Some colleagues suggested their publication so I took up the challenge of classifying, editing and arrange them into book form”.

Besides editing the volume, Prof Chand has also penned an exhaustive and scholarly Introduction to it. Proceeding from the very beginning of the intellectual life of Dr Baloch, he proffers an insightful study of the academic excellence attained by Dr Baloch in the varied disciplines of history — education, cultural anthropology, folk music, Islamic culture and civilisation. The tour de force of the work is the correspondence itself which is classified under relevant headings and subheadings, e.g. ‘Columbia University’, ‘Mutual contacts with scholars around the globe’, which includes correspondence with luminaries of the likes of Annemarie Shimmel, H.T. Lambrick, C.E. Bosworth, Simon Digby, Rushbrook William, to cite just a few from a formidable galaxy. The list of historians, jurists and litterateurs, eminent musicians, archaeologists, architects, linguists, artists and artisans, astronomers and men of letters is indeed awe-inspiring. It speaks eloquently about the erudition and commitment of Dr Baloch in his pursuit for knowledge during the last 60 years of his academic life. The volume presents a rare treasure trove for future research scholars and would-be historians. The last letter in it is dated
REVIEW: Renaissance man

Reviewed by G.M. Umraani

“A letter shows the man it is written to as well as the man it is written by”, thus spoke Lord Chesterfield, the inveterate letter-writer belonging to 18th-century England. Epistle writing is as old as the history of writing itself. Greeks and Romans elevated the craft of writing letters to the status of an accomplished literacy genre. In the early Christian era, 21 books of the New Testament were written in the form of epistles. In our part of the world, the best anthology of letters so far is perhaps Jawahar Lal Nehru’s Glimpses of World History, written for his daughter Indira from a prison cell during the freedom movement.

Dr N.A. Baloch, a veritable Renaissance man of Sindh, is a
WORLD OF WORK
PREDICAMENT OF A SCHOLAR

16 Dec 1917
2011
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Edited with Introduction
By
Prof. Muhammad Umar Chand

A signed copy to
Dear Muhammad Umar Chand,
with grateful regards for
my scientific research.

INSTITUTE OF SINDHOLOGY
UNIVERSITY OF SINDH, JAMSHORO
2007

Material on Hur Movement to be preserved

Barela Report
My dear [Name],

I have been meaning to write to you for some time now. I have been following the news of your work with great interest. It's a delight to see your research being recognized and respected in the academic community. The award you received last year was well-deserved, and I am sure your future contributions will be equally impressive.

I understand that you are currently working on a new project. I would love to hear more about it. Perhaps we could schedule a virtual meeting to discuss your progress and share ideas.

I hope this letter finds you well. Please take care of yourself and your family. I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Best regards,

[Signature]

Dr. N.A. Baloch
Professor Emeritus

University of Sindh

Ref. No.

Old Campus
Hyderabad City-71100

Dated: [Date]

My dear Muhammad ..

Heartily congratulations again for producing this Ist
Volume which [illegible] on the nature and work
of the Empire in India. You have produced a history that
will live (though we will all be gone). It is a judicial
analysis of the past and a [illegible] investment in future.
You have given your verdict by reference to the
Religious Law of Al-Mizan and warned everyone and all [illegible]
never to disturb the cosmic law (al-Mizan).
I quote you because it is all beautiful. I appreciate you
have thanked me adequately, more than I desired fearing lest
I may be displeased with you. That will never be, I assume you.

The books are being sold like hot cakes. Mr. Chengro is
a clever man, for he has put someone to write articles about
the importance of the book, for the Jamait and for all.
Mr. Muhammad Hizamani and [illegible] have visited me for
inaugurating the book. I urged them to make it sure you are with
us here. May be something comes out. But this is of Secondary
importance; the most urgent and important assignment yet
remains to be done — to produce the two of the remaining
two volumes. It will, indeed, be a memorable achievement.
Mr. Muhammad informed that Dr. Baloch had talked to you and you had
said: "I have entrusted all to Dr. Baloch" I assured them
I will do my best.

I hope all the family members and your goodsell, are in
their best spirits. I will be happy to see this book in
their own hands.

With regards,

N. A. Baloch
University of Sindh
Professor Office Allama I.I. Kazi Chair

Dr. N. A. BALOCH
Professor Emeritus

Ref. No.

Dear Sir,

The purpose of this letter is to inform you of the recent developments in our institution. We have observed a significant increase in the number of students enrolling in our courses, which has led to an increase in the demand for faculty members. In light of this, we have decided to initiate a recruitment process to fill the vacant positions.

We have advertised the vacancies on our website and in various academic journals. The deadline for applications is [insert deadline]. Interested candidates are requested to submit their applications along with relevant documents by the specified date. The selection process will be conducted in [insert details].

We are looking for candidates with [insert qualifications and experience]. Preference will be given to candidates with a [insert additional criteria].

If you know of any suitable candidates, please forward their applications to us. We value your assistance in this matter.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Yours sincerely,

[Signature]

Deputy
My dear Muhammad,

I am writing to you to let you know that things are looking up. I have found a job and will be moving to England soon. I am very excited about this new opportunity. The city is beautiful and the people are friendly. I am looking forward to exploring and making new friends. I will keep you updated on my progress.

With love,
[Signature]

P.S. I hope you are doing well and enjoying your time in Pakistan.

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[Handwritten text on the envelope]
Mr. M. Ullah Chaudry
449, Parnawa Road,
AUCKLAND, 100 5

My dear Mr. Chaudry,
I hope this letter finds you well. I am glad to hear that you are well. I hope you and your family are doing well. Please convey my regards to your family. I am always happy to hear from you. Thank you for your kindness.

Best Greetings,

[Signature]

My dear Mr. Chaudry,
I was very happy to receive your letter. I am glad to hear that you are well. I hope you and your family are doing well. Please convey my regards to your family. I am always happy to hear from you. Thank you for your kindness.

Best Greetings,

[Signature]
Renaissance man

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By G.M. Umar

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Professorial Office Allama I.I. Kazi Chair

Dr. N. A. BALOCH
Professor Emeritus


Old Campus
Hyderabad City-71000

Dated 18-11-2006.

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN.

I am happy to record my appreciation of the scholarly work done by Mr. Muhammad Umair Chand, here with us, I have known him for long, and recently he came to Pakistan from New Zealand on my personal invitation to assist in research work, particularly on the Hur Movement of the last century. Since his arrival in March 2003 A.D., he has remained fully engaged in scholarly pursuits with fruitful results as under:

1. He completed the study of the Hur Movement record available at the Document Centre, Islamabad, and also contributed research papers, the one published by the Sindh University (Gressroot Journal) and the other by Jamshaid University, Karachi (Historic Journal), 2004.


3. He has helped me in editing my 'Correspondence in English' and completed the script of the book (761 pages) which is to be published by the University of Sindh.

4. His essays on different themes have been published in the prestigious Sindi Quarterly MEHRAN.

I wish him all success in his scholarly career.

N. A. Baloch
University of Sindh
Professorial Office Alhoma I.I. Kazi Chair

My dear Mr. Ali, my sincere thanks for the kind letter which you sent to me. It is unfortunate that the medical report of your brother is not as good as expected. I have tried my best to secure a copy of the report. I would be glad if you could send it to me.

Your letter also contains some important information. The condition of your brother is critical and it is necessary to take immediate action. I have advised him to consult a specialist as soon as possible. The doctor has recommended that he should be under constant medical supervision.

I hope that your brother will recover soon. Please keep me informed of any developments.

Yours sincerely,

[Signature]
I have seen my age is advancing.
Then he said to the one who would wish his age to increase:

Your letter became the best guide for me to view the exhibition of literature. I have learnt now that I am also being exhibited in the nooks and corners of this virtual universe. Some one will open another window to inform of something new.

It is good to be a milestone on this highway of information. Unfortunately, I lack the expertise to manipulate it and benefit by it. But your letter had relieved so many windows that I find myself to be 'Alice in Wonderland'.

You seem to have raised acquaintance with some 'Fangs of Tripet'. It is intriguing by the title name 'Tripet'. In case as belongs to Sindhi, the correct name should be 'Tripet' (near Delhi, in Taluka Sagem) which was the seat of an important administrative during the Talpur period. I have read titles of the six volume of the UNESCO's History of Civilization with interest. I think I also contributed an article on 'Sindh Migration' under Vol. III.

All who know you, continue to inquire about you. Accept their salutations for you, and I will convey your salutations to them. Now we have our winter here, and this is our coldest week. There are some rites, which was followed by a heavy rain. February 16 will be the day of national elections. So the uncertain moves on.

With best wishes and love for all.

Sincerely yours,

M. A. Baloch
Mr. M. Umar Chaudry
449 Panama Road, Block A
Auckland 1005
New Zealand.

My Dear Mohamed Umar,

I have received your kind letter of 14-12-2007/9-1-2008 in today’s mail. Naji Ahmad has quickly re-posted to me. I am always anxious to write to you and to hear from you. What letter of yours is full of awe—rich food so generously served. I wonder how many things you can do, in time! Your ‘Sindhi letter’ influenced me long back, and now your English writings are so very impressive. I have read the letter three times, but more readings are necessary to learn more and more. Your expression in English is wonderful and thoughts even more, wonderful. I give you credit for consolidating your thoughts soundly and sensibly (صبر). It is indeed creditable! I assume you are reading Takabale and writing about it. Take your time and do your best to evaluate it closely and completely. The English text should also be mailed to DAWN for publication. I took some six to seven months to complete this first version hoping that more material will become available for the 2nd edition. Frankly, I have never written a book for the book’s sake; I write for solving my problems, to remove my ignorance. It was necessary to educate me, to inform me of the many poets from Sindhi who are not known in Persian. Mir Ali Sher Gani’s work Najarat al-Shar’ was inspiring, and also the Takabale Najarat of Ibrahim Khalil. But I found some names missing in these two sources and attempted to find out others. This effort resulted in compilation of Takabale. But I am getting exhausted by such exercises. For the last few years, I had the feeling if I was getting younger by day by day. But then read Naji Ahmad Mollah’s Gis to告诉我们! The opening line was
Nov.

Mr. [Name]
Mr. W. [Name]
Mr. [Name]
458 Panama Road
Auckland, 1006
New Zealand

Halle, 5th Dec.
9-10-70

M. dear reader,

I hope you have made a happy
time in your new country.

New Zealand, the island of
the windfarms.

Take my best wishes.

Yours ever,

[Signature]
University of Sindh

Professorial Office Allama I.I. Kazi Chair

F. N. A. BALOCH
Professor Emeritus

Old Campus
Hyderabad City-71000

F. No.

My dear Professor,

Greetings from the Baloch. We hope you are doing well. We are all well. Yesterday I received a phone call from Obama, the former US President. He called to express his condolences over the loss of some of our friends in the recent floods. Obama congratulated me on the success of our students and the overall improvement of our university. He also expressed his wish to visit our campus in the near future.

I have been invited to speak at the University of Chicago. I am glad to hear that several of our students have been accepted into prestigious universities in the United States. I am proud of their achievements and wish them all the best for their future endeavors.

The response to our recent publication in The New York Times has been overwhelming. I am grateful to all of you for your support.

I hope to see you soon. Until then, please take care and keep in touch.

Yours sincerely,

[Signature]