

## Quality Assurance & Accreditation Awareness Seminar at Bahauddin Zakariya University (BZU), Multan

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The University of Multan was established in 1975 by an Act of the Punjab Legislative Assembly. To pay homage to the Great Saint, the name was changed from University of Multan to Bahauddin Zakariya University (BZU) in 1979. The university is located at a distance of 10 km from the city center. The university has eight faculties and three sub-campuses at Layyah, Vehari and Lodhran. The main campus is spread over 960 acres of land. The university started functioning in 1975 in rented buildings with 8 departments. Presently, it has more than 51 departments/institutes/colleges. Out of its 630 faculty members, 389 hold doctoral degrees and among its around 26659 students, half are female. The university has a fleet of 45 buses and 3 coaches which provides transport facilities to students and staff.

A Quality Assurance & Accreditation Awareness Seminar was conducted on December 07, 2021 at BZU Multan. Dr. Muhammad Farooq, Director QEC, BZU, Multan welcomed NAEAC team. A meeting of NAEAC team was held with Prof. Dr. Aleem Ahmed Khan, Pro-Vice Chancellor, BZU, Multan along with Prof. Dr. Hakoomat Ali, Dean, Faculty of Agriculture Science & Technology, BZU, Multan, Prof. Dr. Masood Akhtar, Dean, Faculty of Veterinary Sciences, BZU, Multan, Prof. Dr. Abdul Wahid, Chairman, Department of Environmental Sciences, BZU, Multan and Prof. Dr. Saeed Akhtar, Director, Institute of Food Science and Nutrition, BZU, Multan. The awareness seminar was formally started with the recitation of the Holy Quran. Dr. Muhammad Farooq, Director QEC, BZU, Multan presented an overview of the university and especially emphasized on quality. Prof. Dr. Ishtiaq A. Rajwana, Chairperson, NAEAC delivered a comprehensive talk on significance and need of accreditation and quality assurance. The speaker emphasized that many institutions are offering agriculture-related degree programs where large number of students are studying in these institutions. Hence, it is essential to ensure the quality of education and research facilities provided to the students by these institutions. NAEAC is entrusted the responsibility by HEC to accredit agriculture and allied disciplines in higher education. Dr. Rajwana illustrated in detail the process of accreditation and its role in standardizing the agriculture and allied education across the country. He also discussed four major and three minor criteria considered in the accreditation process.

All students and faculty members of the department of Human Nutrition & Dietetics, Environmental Sciences and Poultry Sciences attended the seminar. Prof. Dr. Aleem Ahmad Khan, Pro Vice Chancellor, BZU, Multan thanked the guest speaker and assured that the institute will live up to the standards of NAEAC to improve the quality of education on priority basis.

