

## **National Agriculture Education Accreditation Council**



## Quality Assurance & Accreditation Awareness Seminar at Federal Urdu University of Arts, Science & Technology (FUUAST) - Karachi

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The Federal Urdu University of Arts, Sciences & Technology (FUUAST) enjoys the unique distinction of being the first ever university in Pakistan which ultimately aims at using Urdu as the main language of instruction and teaching. The university was established on 13<sup>th</sup> November 2002 under Ordinance No. CXIX of 2002 promulgated by the President of Pakistan. FUUAST has 03 campuses 02 in Karachi and 01 in Islamabad. There are more than 12,000 students in Islamabad and Karachi campuses and 450 faculty members in both campuses. Currently, the university offers 39 undergraduate and 31 master programs beside M. Phil and Ph.D programs under its full-fledged faculties. The Department of Environmental Science (ES) was established in 2004 in a single room with the Geology department. Now it had a separate identity. Initially, the postgraduate program was started in 2006, at present, university have undergraduate (BS, four-year degree), graduate (M.Sc., two-year degree) and postgraduate (M. Phil /Ph. D degree) programs. Up to now, more than 2000 graduates passed out from the department of ES.

A Quality Assurance & Accreditation Awareness Seminar was conducted at Gulshan Campus, Karachi. Prof. Dr. Muhammad Zahid, Dean, Faculty of Science & Technology, FUUAST, Karachi welcomed the guest. Prof. Dr. Ishtiaq A. Rajwana, Chairman NAEAC was the Guest Speaker. The proceedings of the seminar started with the recitation of Holy Quran. Dr. Shabbar Raza Rizvi, Director, QEC, FUUAST, Karachi presented an overview of the university and shared the accomplishments of the institute.

Prof. Dr Ishtiaq A. Rajwana speaking on the occasion emphasized, "Quality education and research guarantees bright future for the youth since knowledge economy is the new mantra of success in the world today to achieve progress and development goals. Competent and dedicated teachers play a pivotal role in the intellectual development and promotion of academic potential of the students."

"Environmental issues pose a serious threat in Pakistan. Well-equipped laboratories, scholarships, market and industry-oriented education and research, in addition to fashioning a culture of training workshops and conferences, will go a long way in improving the quality of education," Prof. Dr. Rajwana added. He also briefed the seminar participants about the working and performance of NAEAC. Students and faculty members of the department of Environmental Science attended the seminar.

Prof. Dr Muhammad Zahid, Dean, Faculty of Science & Technology, FUUAST, Karachi gratitude to the guest speaker and accentuated that our hopes for a sustainable future of Pakistan are linked with the young students.



