

## Accreditation (HND) and Zero/Pre-Accreditation (ES) visit of degree Programs at Karakoram International University- Gilgit

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Karakoram International University was established in 2002 in Gilgit chartered by Federal Government on the orders of General Pervez Musharraf, the then President of Islamic Republic of Pakistan. At present, the university has four faculties: Faculty of Life Sciences, Faculty of Natural Sciences & Engineering, Faculty of Humanities and Faculty of Social Sciences. Under these faculties, various undergraduate, graduate and post-graduate degree programs are offered and quality graduates are produced who after completion of their education serve in Gilgit-Baltistan in particular and across the country at large. In 2014, during the visit of the Chancellor of KIU and The President of Islamic Republic of Pakistan, His Excellency Mr. Mamnoon Hussain, announced the establishment of KIU Hunza and Women Campus. Consequently, KIU Hunza Campus started its academic programs in 2016. In addition, KIU's Ghizer and Diamer Campuses were established in 2018 under the HEC's vision2025 to provide access to higher education at the district level. There are four departments under the Faculty of Sciences including Department of Agriculture & Food Technology which is offering four undergraduate degree programs including BS HND and Department of Environmental Science is offering one undergraduate degree program BS Environmental Science degree program.



Two Accreditation Inspection Committees (AICs) comprising of Dr. Abdul Ghaffar, Secretary NAEAC as a convener, Prof. Dr. Asif Ahmad, Institute Food & Nutritional Sciences, PMAS Arid Agriculture University, Rawalpindi as member conducted Accreditation visit of Human Nutrition & Dietetics (HND) degree program and Prof. Dr. Azeem Khalid, Department of Environmental Sciences, PMAS Arid Agriculture University, Rawalpindi as member conducted Zero/Pre-Accreditation visit of Environmental Sciences degree program at Karakoram International University, Gilgit.

Prof. Dr. Khalid Ahmed, Dean, Faculty of Sciences, KIU, Gilgit, Dr. Sartaj Ali, HoD, Department of Agriculture & Food Technology, KIU, Gilgit, Dr. Shaukat Ali, HoD, Department of Environmental Science and other faculty members received and welcomed the NAEAC and AICs teams. Prof. Dr. Atta Ullah Shah, Vice Chancellor, KIU, Gilgit chaired the inaugural session and shared the accomplishments of the university Dr. Abdul Hameed Lone, Registrar, KIU, Gilgit, Prof. Dr. Abdul Razaq, Director, QEC, KIU, Gilgit also attended the Inaugural session. Later, Dr. Abdul Ghaffar, Secretary NAEAC shared the standards (8) and substandard (73) besides the importance and significance of accreditation along with previous AIC recommendations.

Then AICs moved to relevant departments where each HoD presented the accomplishments in terms of annual student intake, students graduated, curriculum taught and other research projects being under execution. AICs visited departmental infrastructure including labs, classrooms, library, faculty offices, experimental research area and held meeting with students of the department to get an insight of teaching/working environment in the departments. After completing task, a picnic point Nultar was visited in the evening. On June 20, 2023, two major activities (curriculum review and meeting with individual faculty) were carried out. Some course files were checked online for its contents like lecture breakdown, assignments and results. AICs held individual faculty meeting to know the working environment and job satisfaction level.

In the concluding session of the visit, the program evaluators/experts shared their observations with Prof. Dr. Khalid Ahmed, Dean, Faculty of Sciences, KIU, Gilgit, HoDs, other officials and faculty members. Prof. Dr. Khalid Ahmed thanked NAEAC team for their day-long deliberations and inspection visit and assured that the recommendations made by AICs would be implemented to increase the standard of education and to expand the skills of the graduates.

