

## Accreditation Visit of Entomology and Soil Science degree Programs at The University of Haripur

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The existing premises of University of Haripur (236 Kanals) were once a Rosin and Turpentine factory established by the Forest Development Corporation (FDC) and its foundation stone was laid by then Governor General of Pakistan on September 9, 1953. The factory remained functional till 1980 and was completely shut down in 1985 due to non-availability of raw material. It remained idle for more than two decades. On March 8, 2008, the factory was formally handed over to Hazara University for establishing its Haripur Campus. In 2008, Haripur campus started its journey with initial enrolment of 150 students in 3 academic departments. Campus was granted status of a University through an Act of Provincial Assembly of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa in 2012. Currently enrolled students in the university are more than 9000 against the baseline of 1500 students in 2012-13. There are 4 faculties, 10 departments under the Faculty of Physical & Applied Sciences including Entomology and Soil & Climate Science.

Two Accreditation Inspection Committees (AICs) comprising of Dr. Abdul Ghaffar, Secretary NAEAC as a convener, Dr. Munir Ahmad, Associate Professor/Chairman, Department of Entomology, PMAS-Arid Agriculture University, Rawalpindi and Dr. Rifat Hayyat, Associate Professor, Department of Soil & Environmental Sciences, PMAS-Arid Agriculture University, Rawalpindi as members conducted Accreditation visit of Entomology and Soil Science degree programs at The University of Haripur.

Prof. Dr. Shafiq ur Rahman, Vice Chancellor, The University of Haripur (UoH) welcomed the AICs team. The inaugural session was chaired by VC where Dr. Shah Masaud Khan, Director QEC, UoH, Prof. Dr. Abid Farid, Dean, Faculty of Physical & Applied Sciences, HoDs of relevant departments and other faculty members were also present. Prof. Dr. Shafiq ur Rahman, Vice Chancellor, UoH appreciated the efforts of different councils to improve quality of education and presented the accomplishments of the university and the faculty.

Then AICs moved to relevant departments where departmental achievements as per itinerary were briefed by the relevant HoDs. 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 environment in the departments. Curriculum review and course files were checked for its contents like student attendance, weekly teaching schedule, assignments and results. Each faculty member properly maintained relevant record online. UoH has also taken an initiative to hold online mid exams for the first two semesters where general courses are offered. 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 Vice Chancellor, Registrar, Deans, HoDs, other officials and faculty members. Prof. Dr. Shafiq ur Rahman, Vice Chancellor, UoH thanked NAEAC team for their day-long deliberations and assured that the recommendations of AICs would be implemented for improving student skills. At the end university souvenirs were presented to all delegates by the honorable Vice Chancellor.

