

Quality Assurance & Accreditation Awareness Seminar at Fatima Jinnah Women University- Rawalpindi

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Fatima Jinnah Women University (FJWU) has been established in the premises of the old Presidency, situated at the Mall, in the heart of Rawalpindi Cantonment. The main building is Victorian as reflected in its architectural splendor. This building was originally built as a residence by two famous Sikh brothers, Mohan Singh and Sohan Singh. It became the Presidency of Pakistan around the mid 1960's. Classes were initiated at FJWU on December 28, 1998 and the first batch of students graduated in September 2001. Students have been coming from all over the country-from as far as Balochistan, Southern Punjab and Sindh. Department of Environmental Sciences was established in 1999. There are 11 faculty members, all are PhD degree holders. Uptill now 18 batches have passed BS Environmental Sciences. Currently enrolled students in BS Environmental Sciences are 200.

A Quality Assurance & Accreditation Awareness Seminar was conducted at Fatima Jinnah Women University (FJWU), Rawalpindi, Department of Environmental Sciences. Prof. Dr. Sheikh Saeed, HoD, Department of Environmental Sciences, FJWU, Rawalpindi received the guests Dr. Abdul Ghaffar, Secretary NAEAC and Mr. Abdullah, IT Coordinator NAEAC. A meeting with Prof. Dr. Uzaira Rafique, Pro-Vice Chancellor, FJWU, Rawalpindi, HoD, Department of Environmental Sciences and Prof. Dr. Shazia Iftikhar was held in the office of the Pro-VC where Pro-VC/Dean, Faculty of Science & Technology briefed about the university and Environmental Sciences degree program.

After the initial meeting, guests and faculty moved to old Library Extension Hall where Dr. Abdul Ghaffar, Secretary NAEAC delivered a talk on "Quality Assurance and Accreditation in Higher Education". The main objective of this presentation was to explain the overall process of accreditation and its significance in maintaining the quality of education. Dr. Abdul Ghaffar introduced the NAEAC, explained the evaluation criteria of accreditation process which comprised of 8 standards and 73 substandard. During presentation questions raised by the participants were discussed to their satisfaction.

The seminar was attended by representative of QEC, HoD, faculty members and students of Environmental Sciences degree program. Prof. Dr. Sheikh Saeed, HoD, Department of Environmental Sciences, FJWU, Rawalpindi assured that the management will comply with NAEAC accreditation requirements in order to maintain the high standard of education.

