

## Quality Assurance & Accreditation Awareness Seminar 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. The main campus is situated against a dramatic backdrop of steep mountains at the confluence of the Gilgit and Hunza rivers. 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.



A Quality Assurance & Accreditation Awareness Seminar was conducted on September 23, 2021 at KIU, Gilgit. The awareness seminar was started with the recitation of few verses from the Holy Quran. Dr. Farida Begum, HoD, Department of Environmental Science gave an overview of the university with especial emphasis on Environmental Science achievements. Dr. Abdul Ghaffar communicated the importance and need of quality assurance and accreditation. As institutions are offering agriculture-related degree programs, hence it is crucial to certify the quality of education and research facilities provided to the students by these institutions. To help this purpose, NAEAC was formed by HEC in 2005 which started its functioning in 2008 for accreditation of agriculture degree programs. He defined in depth the process of accreditation and its role in standardizing the agriculture education across the country. He also emphasized the four major and three minor criteria considered in the accreditation process.

Students and faculty members of the department of Environmental Science attended the seminar. Dr. Farida Begum expressed gratitude to the guest speaker and assured that the institute will fulfill the accreditation requirements to maintain the quality of education.

