

Accreditation Visit of Forestry & Wildlife Management Degree Program 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 (KP) 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 Forestry and Wildlife Management. The University of Haripur has achieved a remarkable milestone by securing a place in the world universities ranking. The University stands 4th in KP, 25th in Pakistan and ranks within the 1001–1200 globally. In terms of research quality standing, the University has earned an even more impressive position, ranking 2nd in KP, 21st in Pakistan, and 568th globally.

An Accreditation Inspection Committee (AIC) comprising of Prof (Retd). Dr. Sarwat N. Mirza, Department of Forestry & Range Management, Arid Agriculture University, Rawalpindi as member and Mr. Abdullah, Deputy Director Programs, NAEAC as a facilitator conducted accreditation visit of Forestry & Wildlife Management degree program at The University of Haripur.

Prof. Dr. Syed Moazzam Nizami, HoD Forestry & Wildlife Management and Dr. Shah Masaud Khan, Director QEC received and welcomed AIC team. The inaugural session was chaired by VC where Prof. Dr. Abid Farid, Dean, Faculty of Physical & Applied Sciences, Director QEC and HoD were also present. Prof. Dr. Shafiq ur Rahman, Vice Chancellor presented the accomplishments of the university and the faculty and appreciated the efforts of different councils to improve quality of education.

Then AIC moved to Forestry & Wildlife Management department where detailed presentation and discussion were held. HoD presented the departmental achievements as per itinerary. The AIC visited departmental and campus infrastructure including labs, classrooms, faculty offices, library, daycare center, medical facilities, Quranic garden and pheasantry. AIC held meeting with students of the department to get an insight of teaching/working environment. Course files were checked for its contents like lecture breakdown, assignments and examination results. AIC held individual faculty meeting to know about the working environment, job satisfaction level and student teacher interaction.

The concluding session was chaired by Prof. Dr. Abid Farid, Dean, Faculty of Physical & Applied Sciences, where program evaluator/expert shared his observations with Dean, Director QEC, HoD and faculty members. Dean thanked NAEAC team for their day-long deliberations and inspection visit and assured that the recommendations made by AIC would be implemented to increase the standard of education.

