

Accreditation Visit of Agriculture Degree Programs at Karakoram International University, Gilgit

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Karakoram International University was established in 2002 in Gilgit on the orders of General Pervez Musharraf, the then President of Islamic Republic of Pakistan. In July 2011 its Skardu campus was inaugurated by the then Chief Minister Gilgit Baltistan Syed Mehdi Shah. This campus was later upgraded to the independent University of Baltistan in 2017. 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.

Three Accreditation Inspection Committees (AICs) comprising of Dr. Abdul Ghaffar, Secretary NAEAC as a convener and Prof. Dr. Masood Sadiq Butt, Dean, Faculty of Food, Nutrition & Home Sciences, University of Agriculture, Faisalabad, Dr. Mamoon Wali Muhammad, Director Forest Education, Pakistan Forest Institute, Peshawar and Prof. Dr. Aman ullah Malik, Director Institute of Horticultural Sciences, University of Agriculture, Faisalabad as members conducted accreditation visit.

Prof. Dr. Atta Ullah Shah, Vice Chancellor welcomed NAEAC team. He presented the salient achievements of the university including mission and vision. Dr. Abdul Ghaffar, Secretary NAEAC presented a brief overview of NAEAC activities and informed the faculty about the significance of accreditation.

Later on AICs visited the relevant departments (Agriculture & Food Technology, Forestry, Human Nutrition & Dietetics and Horticulture) where detailed presentations and discussions were held. Each HoD briefed relevant AIC in detail regarding the department working and attainments in terms of student's graduation, faculty positions and research projects. AICs also visited respective departmental labs, classrooms, library, glasshouse, faculty offices, experimental research area and held individual meetings with faculty members to know the level of satisfaction and students of the departments to get an insight pertaining to teaching environment in the departments.

In the concluding session, the program evaluators shared their observations with the Vice Chancellor and other officials. Prof. Dr. Atta Ullah Shah thanked NAEAC team for their day-long deliberations and inspection visit. He assured that the recommendations made by AIC would be implemented for the uplift of education standard and increase the market value of the graduates produced.

