

Accreditation Visit of Forestry & Plant Pathology- Bahauddin Zakariya University, Multan

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The University of Multan was established in 1975 by an Act of the Punjab Legislative Assembly. To pay homage to the Great Saint, the name was changed from University of Multan to Bahauddin Zakariya University (BZU) in 1979. The university is located at a distance of 10 km from the city center. The university has eight faculties and three sub-campuses at Layyah, Vehari and Lodhran. The main campus is spread over 960 acres of land. The university started functioning in 1975 in rented buildings with 8 departments. Presently, it has more than 51 departments / institutes / colleges. Out of its 630 faculty members, 389 hold doctoral degrees and around 26659 students, half are female. The university has a fleet of 45 buses and 3 coaches which provides transport facilities to students and staff.



Accreditation Inspection Committees (AICs) comprising of Prof. Dr. Ishtiaq A. Rajwana, Chairperson NAEAC as a convener, Prof. (Retd) Dr. Muhammad Tahir Siddique, Department of Forestry, University of Agriculture Faisalabad (UAF), Dr. Muhammad Farrakh, Chairman, Department of Forestry, UAF, Prof. Dr. Nazir Javed, Chairman, Department of Plant Pathology, UAF and Dr. Abdul Rehman, Associate Professor, UAF as members conducted accreditation visit of the Forestry and Plant Pathology departments of BZU.



Prof. Dr. Zahid Din Muhammad, Chairman, Department of Forestry & Range Management and Prof. Dr. Rashida Atiq, Chairman, Department of Plant Pathology, BZU welcomed NAEAC and AIC team. The session started with the recitation of Holy Quran. Dr. Hakoomat Ali, Dean Faculty of Agriculture presented the salient achievements of the university and Prof. Dr. Ishtiaq A. Rajwana, Chairperson, NAEAC shared the previous AIC visit recommendations of the departments beside a brief account on importance and significance of accreditation. Vice Chancellor awarded accreditation certificates to the HoDs of departments of Entomology, FS&T (BZU main campus), Agronomy and Horticulture (BZU Layyah campus).

Afterward, AICs visited the department of Forestry and Plant pathology. HoDs of the relevant departments briefed the working and achievements in terms of students' graduation, faculty position and research projects. AIC also visited the departmental labs, classrooms, library, glasshouse, faculty offices, experimental research area and held individual meetings with faculty members to know the level of satisfaction. Subject experts also held individual meetings with students to get an insight teaching/working environment in the departments. In the exit meeting program evaluators shared their observations with the Vice Chancellor and other officials. Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob (Tamgha-e-Imtiaz), Vice Chancellor thanked NAEAC team and assured that the recommendations made by AICs would be implemented to raise the standard of education and to improve the skills of the graduates.

