

Quality Assurance & Accreditation Awareness Seminar for Environmental Sciences Degree Program at Aror University of Art, Architecture, Design & Heritage Sukkur

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The Aror University of Art, Architecture, Design and Heritage established near Sukkur at Rohri bypass N-5 National Highway in the vicinity of ancient historical town of Aror, once the capital of Sindh. The land of the university is 60 acres. The university offers the graduate, postgraduate and advance studies in the field of architecture, environmental science, textile design, fashion design, civil engineering, media sciences, archaeology, photography, interior design, communication design, ceramics and other disciplines. Current total enrollment is more than 1000 students. There are 62 qualified faculty members in the university ranging from professors, associate professors, assistant professors to lecturers.

The NAEAC team reached the Aror University on very early in the morning. They were accommodated at the campus guest house for stay. Dr. Sabab Ali Shah, Chairman Department of Environmental Sciences meet the team at guest house and then left together for university. Before seminar, chairman of Environmental Science (Dr. Sabab Ali) presented the overview of the university and the department. All faculty members and Prof. Dr. Zameer Hussain Abro, Dean Faculty of Design participated in this meeting. The Dean faculty of Design, welcomed the honorable guests (Dr. Abdul Ghaffar, Secretary NAEAC and Mr. Abdullah, IT Coordinator NAEAC) at the campus.

The seminar was held in the Senate Hall of the campus especially built for recording conference proceedings. Mr. Zafarullah acted as the stage secretary and initiated the seminar by reciting the Holy Quran by Dr. Akhtar Hussain Lashari. Mr. Zafarullah invited the Dean, faculty of Design, Prof. Dr. Zameer Hussain Abro, for welcome speech. The Guest speaker Dr. Abdul Ghaffar, Secretary NAEAC for delivered the talk on “Quality assurance and accreditation role in higher education”.

Talk mainly comprised NAEAC history, accomplishments, accreditation process details, standards, substandard and outcome of the accreditation process in terms of rating the degree programs. During question-answer session, further clarifications were made regarding the time lag between the awareness seminar & zero visit and then accreditation visit. The seminar was attended by In-charges Academics, Quality Control Cell, Librarian, all faculty members and students of the Environmental Sciences degree program. After the group photo administration and faculty members along with the NAEAC team paid a campus visit. The department of Environmental Science and its main labs including Environmental Chemistry Lab, Environmental Microbiology Lab, Soil and Environment Lab, Biodiversity Conservation Lab and Water Quality Lab were thoroughly visited by the NAEAC team. They were comprehensively briefed by Lab Engineers and the Chairman along with faculty members.

A short meeting with the Prof. Dr Zahid Hussain khand, Vice Chancellor, Aror University was held in the VC Office after the seminar. During discussion, the Worthy VC highlighted the role of accreditation councils established by HEC for improving the education quality. VC and HoD ES thanked the guest speaker and assured that the administration will fulfill the accreditation requirements of NAEAC to maintain the quality of education and increase the market value of their graduates.

