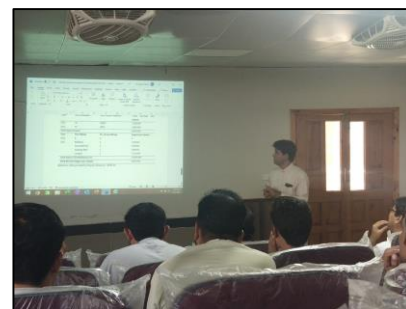


Quality Assurance & Accreditation Awareness Seminar at Abdul Wali Khan University, Mardan

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Abdul Wali Khan University Mardan (AWKUM) was established in 2009, it is the second-largest university of the province and stands 2nd HEC ranking for Khyber Pakhtunkhwa. The area has witnessed the rise and fall of the famous civilizations that inspired the world with the glorious culture and civilized traditions devoted to learning. Five campuses of AWKUM have been upgraded as independent universities i.e. Women University Mardan, Bacha Khan University Charsadda, University of Swabi, The University of Chitral and University of Bunir. In the recent past, HEC awarded and ranked it 1st in the province and 15th in the country for research award under National Research Program for Universities. The university has 32 academic departments where 95 undergraduate and graduate programs are offered. The university has a qualified faculty of 450 members (half being PhDs), qualified administration and a vibrant community of 15,000 students. The university has tremendous potential for further contribution and becoming a leading educational institution.



A Quality Assurance & Accreditation Awareness Seminar was conducted at Abdul Wali Khan University, Mardan. Dr. Muhammad Qayash Khan, Head of Fisheries & Aquaculture degree program, AWKUM received the guests. Prof. Dr. Sultan Ayaz Khatak, Dean, Faculty of Chemical & Life Sciences, AWKUM formally welcomed Dr. Abdul Ghaffar, Secretary, NAEAC and Mr. Abdullah, IT Coordinator and presented an overview of the university. Dr. Abdul Ghaffar, Secretary, NAEAC was the Guest Speaker. The proceedings started with the recitation of Holy Quran. Dr. Muhammad Qayash Khan, Head of Fisheries & Aquaculture degree program gave a comprehensive presentation about the department.

Dr. Abdul Ghaffar, Secretary NAEAC delivered a talk on the role of accreditation process in quality assurance with examples during last 14 years. Talk mainly comprised on NAEAC history, accomplishments, accreditation process details, major standards (07) and substandard (71) used to evaluate undergraduate degree program and its outcome in terms of the programs rating. During question answer session further clarification were made regarding the time lag between the awareness seminar & zero visit and then accreditation visit. The seminar was attended by faculty members and students of the Fisheries & Aquaculture degree program.

After the seminar, Prof. Dr. Sultan Ayaz Khatak, Dean, Faculty of Chemical & Life Sciences, AWKUM uttered gratitude to the guest speaker and accentuated that our hopes for a sustainable future of Pakistan are linked with the young students. At the end, NAEAC team visited classrooms, labs, ponds and fish hatchery.

