

Quality Assurance & Accreditation Awareness Seminar at Hamdard University- Islamabad Campus

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Hamdard University is a private research university with campuses in Karachi and Islamabad, Pakistan. It was founded in 1991 by the renowned philanthropist Hakim Said of the Hamdard Foundation. Hamdard is one of the first and the oldest private institutions of higher education in Pakistan. In Karachi, Hamdard University is the largest private research university with a campus area of over 350 acres. Hamdard University's central library Bait-ul-Hikmah is one of the largest research libraries in South Asia with a collection of over half a million books, some of them dating back to the 17th century. The university includes eight faculties, nine research institutes, three teaching hospitals and three affiliated engineering institutes. The Hamdard University Main Campus Karachi was established in 1991 by Hakim Mohammed Said and Islamabad in 1998 then move to blue area in 2013 and currently on chak Shahzad campus from 2019. In Hamdard University Islamabad Campus (HUIC), there are 6 faculties and 19 different programs offers in HUIC. The Human Nutrition and Dietetics (HND) degree program was initiated in 2022, with 46 students enrolled and 2 specialized teaching faculty in HND.



A Quality Assurance & Accreditation Awareness Seminar was conducted at HUIC, Department of Human Nutrition and Dietetics (HND). Prof. Dr. Faisal Haider (Director & Associate Dean, Faculty of Eastern Medicine), Director QEC, Mr. Shahzad Kayani and Miss. Neelum Shahzadi (Assistant Professor, Faculty of Eastern Medicine) welcomed the guests, Dr. Abdul Ghaffar, Secretary National Agriculture Education Accreditation Council (NAEAC) and Mr. Abdullah, IT Coordinator (NAEAC). A welcome meeting was held in Associate Dean's office. During discussion, Prof. Dr. Faisal Haider and Miss Neelum Shahzadi briefed the guests about history of the University Campus, Infrastructures and Physical and human resources of the Human Nutrition and Dietetics Department at Faculty of Eastern Medicine.

The Seminar was held in Said auditorium, HUIC. Miss Rida Asif (Student of 3rd semester HND) acted as the stage secretary. The seminar was started with recitation of the Holy Quran by Dr. Fakhri Ahmed and Naat by Miss Hadiya Rajput (Student of 3rd semester HND). After that the guest speaker Dr. Abdul Ghaffar, Secretary NAEAC delivered his talk on "Quality Assurance and Accreditation in Higher Education". The main objective of this presentation was to explain the overall process of accreditation and its significance in maintaining the quality of education. Dr. Abdul Ghaffar introduced the NAEAC, explained the evaluation criteria of accreditation process which comprised of 8 standards and 73 substandard and impact of accreditation on quality improvement through the data of last 14 years.

The seminar was attended by Director General Imtiaz Haider, Associate Dean Prof. Dr. Hk. Faisal Haider along with the Focal person of HND and FEST department, all faculty members and students of Human Nutrition & Dietetics and FEST department participated in this seminar. Seminar was ended with a note of thanks by DG. The Director General and Associate Dean thanked the guest speaker and assured that the administration will fulfill the accreditation requirements of NAEAC to maintain the high quality of education. At the end of seminar the souvenirs were presented to the guests.

