

## Accreditation Visit of Agronomy, Horticulture and Soil Science Degree Programs at UAP- Amir Muhammad Khan Campus, Mardan

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The University of Agriculture Peshawar (UAP) Mardan Campus known as Amir Muhammad Khan (AMK) Campus, Mardan was established in 2009. The UAP-AMK Campus Mardan is recognized by HEC and aims to become a leading agriculture institute by making the programs more diverse and outmatching its education.

Three Accreditation Inspection Committees (AICs) comprising of Dr. Abdul Ghaffar, Secretary NAEAC as a convener and Prof. (Retd). Dr. Riaz Ahmad, Department of Agronomy, University of Agriculture, Faisalabad, Prof. Dr. Ishfaq Ahmed Hafiz (Retd), Department of Horticulture, PMAS Arid Agriculture University, Rawalpindi and Prof. Dr. Khalid Saifullah Khan, Institute of Soil & Environmental Sciences, PMAS Arid Agriculture University, Rawalpindi as members conducted accreditation visit of the respective departments at UAP-AMK Campus, Mardan.

Prof. Dr. Muhammad Akmal Chairman Department of Agronomy, UAP accompanied the AIC team to UAP-AMK Campus Mardan. Dr. Muhammad Israr, Campus Director, UAP-AMK Campus, Mardan welcomed NAEAC team and presented the salient achievements of the campus including the improvement in infra-structure. Dr. Abdul Ghaffar, Secretary NAEAC presented a brief summary of NAEAC activities and informed the faculty about the need & importance of accreditation including achievements made so far.

Afterward, AICs visited the related departments where detailed presentations and discussions were held. HoD of each department briefed relative AIC in detail about the working of the department and achievements in terms of student graduation, faculty positions and research projects. AICs also visited respective departmental labs, classrooms, library and faculty offices beside the actual site marked for constructing the new campus. Earlier AIC held individual meetings with faculty members to know the level of satisfaction and students of the departments to get an insight of teaching/working environment in the departments. In the exit meeting experts shared their observations with the campus Director and other officials. Prof. Dr. Muhammad Akmal and Dr. Israr thanked NAEAC team. They assured that the recommendations made by AICs would be implemented to raise the standard of education and to improve the skills of the graduates. At the end Prof. Dr. Muhammad Akmal and Dr. Muhammad Israr presented shields to Secretary and IT Coordinator NAEAC.

