

Zero/Pre-Accreditation visit of Environmental Sciences degree Program at COMSATS University Islamabad (CUI), Abbottabad Campus

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Abbottabad Campus of Comsats University Islamabad is spanning on 308 Kanals. This campus is imparting quality education, contributing effectively to the research base of Pakistan, providing state-of-the-art facilities to students and helping in social uplift of the community. Abbottabad Campus became functional in July 2001 and the first academic session started in September 2001. Department of Environmental Sciences was established in 2004 at CUI Abbottabad Campus. Total faculty in the department is 26.

An Accreditation Inspection Committees (AICs) comprising of Prof. Dr. Fayyaz-ul-Hassan Sahi, Chairperson, NAEAC as a convener, Prof. Dr. Khalid Saifullah Khan, Director, Institute of Soil and Environmental Sciences, PMAS Arid Agriculture University, Rawalpindi and Dr. Abdul Ghaffar, Secretary NAEAC as members conducted Zero/Pre-Accreditation visit of Environmental Sciences degree program at COMSATS University Islamabad (CUI), Abbottabad Campus.

Dr. Akhtar Iqbal, Associate Professor, Department of Environmental Sciences, CUI, Abbottabad Campus received the guests on June 22, 2023. Next day the inaugural session was held in committee room of Reactor Office. Prof. Dr. Sajid Qamar, Dean, Faculty of Sciences, CUI, Abbottabad Campus, Prof. Dr. Muhammad Irshad, Chairperson, Department of Environmental Sciences, CUI, Abbottabad Campus, Prof. Dr. Faridullah, HoD, Department of Environmental Sciences, CUI, Abbottabad Campus and other faculty members formally welcomed the NAEAC and AIC team. Prof. Dr. Sajid Qamar, Dean, Faculty of Sciences, CUI, Abbottabad Campus chaired the inaugural session and Prof. Dr. Muhammad Irshad, Chairperson, Department of Environmental Sciences, CUI, Abbottabad Campus shared the accomplishments of the Abbottabad Campus.

Departmental presentations was given by Dr. Zulfiqar Ahmad Bhatti, Associate Professor, Department of Environmental Sciences at the same committee room as per itinerary. AIC visited departmental infrastructure including labs, classrooms, library, faculty offices, day care center, medical facilities and sports facilities for girls. Girls hostel were also visited where cleanliness was up to mark. During student interaction some weakness were identified which needs improvement. After the Lunch, two major activities (curriculum review and meeting with individual faculty) were carried out. Each course file was checked for its contents like lecture breakdown, assignments and results. AIC held individual faculty meeting to know the working environment and job satisfaction level of the faculty.

In the concluding session of the visit, the program evaluator shared his observations with Prof. Dr. Maroof Shah, Campus Director, CUI, Abbottabad Campus, Dean, Faculty of Sciences, Chairman, Department of Environmental Sciences, HoD, other officials and faculty members. Prof. Dr. Maroof Shah, Campus Director, CUI, Abbottabad Campus thanked NAEAC team for their day-long deliberations and inspection visit and assured that the recommendations made by AIC would be implemented to increase the standard of education and to broaden the skills of the graduates.

