

Pre-Accreditation/Zero visit of Agronomy and Horticulture Departments at Hazara University, Mansehra

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Hazara University (HU) is the public sector university fully engaged in the discovery, dissemination, synthesis, and application of knowledge. The university established under the Act of Provincial Assembly Khyber Pakhtunkhwa titled, "Hazara University Act 1997", on 29 April 1997. The then Governor, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa took the bold step of initiating Hazara University activities in 2001 in the old buildings which were vacated from Neuropsychiatry Hospital, Dhodial and Agriculture Department etc. It was formally inaugurated by the then Governor, (Chancellor of the University) on 14 April 2002. Presently the university is functioning under the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Universities Act 2012 (amended 2016). According to Times Higher Education (THE) ranking, Hazara University, Mansehra is 2nd in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, 5th in Pakistan and 169th in Asia. The university consists of 450 faculty members with 220 PhDs and having two campuses, Garden campus and Battagram campus. Currently there are 2,217 female and 7,407 male students.

Prof. Dr. Muhammad Sajid, Chairman, Department of Agriculture, Hazara University, Mansehra and Prof. Dr. Syed Mujtaba Shah, Director ORIC received the guests on June 13, 2022. Later Dr. Mehmood ul Hassan, Lecturer, Department of Agriculture, Hazara University, Mansehra joined the team and held informal discussion on topics of mutual interests.



Two Accreditation Inspection Committees (AICs) comprising of Dr. Abdul Ghaffar, Secretary, NAEAC as a convener and Prof. Dr. Shakeel Ahmad, Department of Agronomy, Bahauddin Zakariya University (BZU), Multan and Dr. Sajjad Hussain, Associate Professor, Department of Horticulture, BZU, Multan as members were constituted to conduct accreditation visit of department of Agronomy and Horticulture at Hazara University, Garden campus Mansehra.

The inaugural session started with recitation of Holy Quran which was held in the Conference Hall at VC Secretariat Hazara University. Prof. Dr. Inam Ullah, Dean, Faculty of Biological and Health Sciences, Hazara University, Mansehra chaired the inaugural session where Director QEC, Director ORIC and Director Academic were also present besides the other officials. Prof. Dr. Inam Ullah, Dean, HU, Mansehra presented an overview/accomplishments of the university and Dr. Abdul Ghaffar, Secretary, NAEAC presented a brief about NAEAC activities.

At same place, Prof. Dr. Sajid, Chairman, Department of Agriculture also gave a detailed presentations of both departments (Agronomy and Horticulture). After detailed discussions AICs moved to Department of Agriculture, Block No. 1 where remaining accreditation process activities were witnessed. AICs also visited respective departmental labs, classrooms, central library, glasshouse, faculty offices, medical facilities, transport facilities and experimental research area/Quran Garden. AICs 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, program evaluators shared their observations with Prof. Dr. Jamil Ahmad, Vice Chancellor, Hazara University Mansehra and other officials. Prof. Dr. Jamil Ahmad, Vice Chancellor, HU, Mansehra shared the recent training managed by NCEAC where he was a resource person emphasizing that he is well versed with accreditation activities. He thanked NAEAC team for their deliberations and assured that the recommendations made by AICs would be implemented to raise the standard of education and to improve the skills of the graduates.

