

Quality Assurance & Accreditation Awareness Seminar at Minhaj University, Lahore

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Minhaj University Lahore was founded in 1986 by Shaykh-ul-Islam Prof. Dr Muhammad Tahir-ul-Qadri, patron-in-chief of Minhaj ul Quran International. It is located in a significant place, easily approachable from all the main areas of the city. Its campuses are situated at Township & Model Town. Degree awarding status was granted by Govt. of the Punjab vide Act No: XII of 2005. The Higher Education Commission of Pakistan has also recognized Minhaj University, as 'W3' category. It comprises of nine faculties including Allied Health Sciences.



A Quality Assurance & Accreditation Awareness Seminar was conducted at Minhaj University, Lahore (MUL). Dr. Uswa Hameed, Acting HoD, Department of Human Nutrition & Dietetics (HND), Minhaj University, Lahore and Dr. Jawad, HoD, Food Science & Technology (FST), MUL welcomed Prof. Dr. Ishtiaq A. Rajwana, Chairperson NAEAC. Dr. Rajwana held a meeting with Dr. Sajid Mahmood Shahzad, Vice Chancellor, Minhaj University, Lahore to discuss various aspects of applied research and mutual interest. The awareness seminar was started with the recitation of Holy Quran followed by Naat Sharif. Dr. Khurram Shahzad, Registrar, MUL presented an overview of the institute and shared the salient accomplishments of the university. Awareness seminar was attended by Vice Chancellor, Registrar, Director QEC, Director ORIC, Dean and Acting HoD, Minhaj University Lahore.



Dr. Rajwana delivered a speech on importance and need of quality assurance and accreditation. He emphasized "Agriculture and nutrition share a common entry point "food". Food is a key outcome of agriculture activities and a key input into good nutrition for the health and strength of all people. The field of Human Nutrition & Dietetics is closely connected with food consumption, health services, healthy environment and adequate child caring practices".

Further he pointed out that many institutions are offering Human Nutrition & Dietetics degree program where large number of students are studying in these institutions. Hence, it is essential to ensure the quality of education and research facilities provided to the students by these institutions. NAEAC has been entrusted by HEC to accredit of this degree program besides other disciplines under the purview of NAEAC. He described in detail the process of accreditation and its role in standardizing the agriculture and allied education across the country. He also highlighted the four major and three minor criteria in addition to different steps involved in the accreditation process.

Accreditation certificate was awarded to HoD of Food Science & Technology degree program evaluated last year. Students and faculty members of the department of HND attended the seminar. Dr. Sajid Mahmood Shahzad, Vice Chancellor, Minhaj University Lahore thanked the guest speaker and assured that the institute administration will fulfill the accreditation requirements of NAEAC to maintain the quality of education and increase the market value of their graduates.

