

Zero/Pre-Accreditation visit of Environmental Sciences at Sindh Madressatul Islam University- Karachi

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Sindh Madressatul Islam University (SMIU) is a chartered public University, duly recognized by the Higher Education Commission (HEC) of Pakistan. It is one of the oldest institutions in South Asia. The Founder of Pakistan, Quaid-e-Azam Mohammad Ali Jinnah, studied at this institution for about four and a half years from 1887-92. Its campus is located in the commercial hub of Karachi, near Ibrahim Ismail Chundrigar Road (old McLeod Road) in vicinity of Habib Bank Plaza and MCB Tower. It is spread over more than eight acres of land and comprises some of the most beautiful colonial era buildings designed by architect James Strachan in 1880s. SMIU was established in 1885 by the legend Khan Bahadur Hassanally Effendi. The university library has more than fifteen thousand books, some of which are rare ones. The university having 10 departments including department of Environmental Sciences.

An Accreditation Inspection Committee (AIC) comprising of Prof. Dr. Ishtiaq A. Rajwana, Chairperson NAEAC as a convener and Dr. Ghulam Hassan Abbasi, Director, Institute of Agro-Industry and Environment, The Islamia University of Bahawalpur as member conducted Zero/Pre Accreditation visit of Environmental Sciences degree program.

Prof. Dr. Aftab Ahmed Shaikh, Dean, SMI University, Karachi and Dr. Imran Ali, Chairperson, Department of Environmental Sciences, SMI University, Karachi welcomed AIC team. The inaugural session was chaired by Prof. Dr. Mujeebuddin Sahrai Memon, Vice Chancellor, SMI University, Karachi. He presented the salient achievements of the university including mission and vision. Prof. Dr. Ishtiaq A. Rajwana, Chairperson, NAEAC presented a brief overview of NAEAC activities and emphasized the need & significance of accreditation of the degree programs. Dr. Rajwana described in detail the major shift of evaluation to outcome based evaluation (OBE) and how the knowledge and skills assessment of students would be required in days to come.

Later on, AIC visited the Department of Environmental Sciences where detailed presentation and discussions were held. Dr. Imran Ali, Chairperson, Department of Environmental Sciences, SMI University, Karachi briefed the AIC in detail about the departmental activities and accomplishments in terms of student graduation, faculty positions, infrastructure and research projects. AIC visited classrooms, library, faculty offices, experimental research area, green house and held individual meetings with faculty members to know the level of job satisfaction and working environment in the campus. The AIC members also held the meetings with students of the departments to get an insight about teaching, conducting practicals and to assess the technical knowledge of the students.

In the exit meeting the program evaluator shared his observations with the Prof. Dr. Mujeebuddin Sahrai Memon, Vice Chancellor, SMI University, Karachi and other relevant staff. Dr. Rajwana also shared his concern for the improvement of quality of education including teacher work load and student teacher ratio. At the end Prof. Dr. Mujeebuddin Sahrai Memon, Vice Chancellor, SMI University thanked NAEAC team for their day-long deliberations and inspection visit. He assured that the recommendations made by AIC would be implemented for the uplift of education standard and augment the market value of the graduates produced.

