

## Accreditation and Zero visit at UAF Sub-Campus Depalpur Okara

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The University of Agriculture, Faisalabad has always been striving very hard to achieve the objective of revolutionized agriculture by providing skilled and professional manpower for this sector. The newly established UAF sub-campus Depalpur, Okara is a recent example of the University's mission. Okara district is well known for agricultural production particularly for maize and potato crops being. The sub-campus has a spacious building with a spectacular view of citrus gardens along the bank of Lower Bari Doab Canal (LBDC) and is situated at Okara-Lahore GT Road about 6 km towards Renala Khurd. The campus has 77 acres of land at this site and a research farm of about 153 acres at Rakh Bhulewal, Haveli Lakha, Tehsil Depalpur, Okara.



Seven Accreditation Inspection Committees (AICs) comprising of Prof. Dr. Ishtiaq A. Rajwana, Chairperson NAEAC as a convener, Prof. Dr. Shakeel Ahmad, Department of Agronomy, BZU, Multan, Prof. Dr. Ijaz Rasool Noorka, Department of PBG, College of Agriculture, University of Sargodha, Prof. Dr. Muhammad Naveed Aslam, Department of Plant Pathology, The Islamia University of Bahawalpur, Prof. Dr. Muhammad Abdi, Department of Soil Science, BZU, Multan as members conducted accreditation visit of Agronomy, PBG, Plant Pathology and Soil Science degree programs and Prof. (Retd). Dr. Sher Muhammad, Institute of Agricultural Extension, Edu. & Rural Development, UAF, Prof. Dr. Sarfraz Ali Shad, Department of Entomology, BZU, Multan, Dr. Basharat Ali Saleem, Deputy Director Agriculture (Technical), Department of Agriculture, Lahore and Dr. Tanveer Ahmad, Department of Horticulture, MNS-University of Agriculture, Multan as members conducted Zero visit of Agricultural Extension, Entomology and Horticulture degree programs at UAF Sub-Campus Depalpur, Okara.

Dr. Tariq Aziz, Principal UAF, Sub-Campus Depalpur, Okara, Prof. Dr. Hafiz Naeem Asghar, Director QEC, UAF, HoD of respective departments and other faculty members received and welcomed the guests. After the recitation of Holy Quran, he formally welcomed all evaluators. Dr. Tariq Aziz, Principal highlighted the major accomplishments and future plan of the campus. Prof. Dr. Ishtiaq A. Rajwana, Chairperson NAEAC presented a brief overview of NAEAC activities and achievements made so far. During the inaugural session, Director QEC, HoDs and all faculty members were present.

Later on, AICs moved to relevant departments where detailed presentations and discussions were held. Each HoD briefed respective AIC in detail about working of the department and achievements in terms of student graduation, faculty positions and research projects. AICs also visited respective departmental infrastructure including labs, classrooms, library, glasshouse, faculty offices, experimental research area and held meeting with students of the department to get an insight of teaching/working environment in the departments. After 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. AICs held individual faculty meeting to know the working environment and job satisfaction level.

In the informal concluding session of the visit the program evaluators shared their observations with Dr. Tariq Aziz, Principal, UAF Sub-Campus Okara, Director QEC, UAF and other faculty members. Dr. Tariq Aziz thanked NAEAC team for their day-long deliberations and inspection visit. In order to raise the threshold for education and increase the value of the graduates produced, he promised that the recommendations given by the AICs would be put into action.

