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Karachi: Prof. Dr. S.M. Tariq Rafi, Chairperson of Sindh Higher Education Commission, is presenting a memento to Mr. David Lock, the facilitator of Vice Chancellor's Professional Development Programme (PDP), at the closing ceremony of the event. Dr. Mukhtar Ahmed, Chairman of the Higher Education Commission (HEC) Pakistan, also graced the occasion.

The Sindh HEC organised a comprehensive 3-day Professional Development Programme that was aimed at enhancing the strategic planning, leadership, governance and quality assurance skills of Vice Chancellors (VCs) and Pro Vice Chancellors (Pro VCs) from both public and private sector universities.

The event took place at the Pearl Continental Hotel Karachi, and was a collaborative effort of Sindh HEC and British Council Pakistan to bolster the education landscape in the province. from August 21-23, 2023, saw an impressive turnout of more than 70 VCs and Pro-VCs representing a diverse range of institutions within the Sindh province.

Mr. David Lock, Secretary General of the Association of Regional and Local Educational Networks (ARELENE), served as the Programme Director for the event.

Mr. Lock guided and facilitated the attendees through a series of interactive sessions, workshops, and discussions that covered an array of critical topics including strategic planning, effective governance, academic innovation, and in Sindh, facilitating institutions of higher l contribute to socio-economic develop enhance the quality of education in the regior

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The programme, which ran

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fostering leadership excellence.

Chairperson HEC Pakistan, Dr. Mukhtar Ahmed as the chief guest, graced the closing ceremony.

Dr. Mukhtar acknowledged the existing challenges in the selection process for Vice-Chancellors and stressed the need for a transparent and merit-based process that focuses solely on the candidates' qualifications and the potential to lead. Chairman HEC Pakistan also expressed his sincere gratitude to Mr. David Lock and Prof. Tariq Rafi, Chairperson of Sindh HEC, for their dedication and effort in organizing the highly successful program.

Prof. Dr. S.M. Tariq Rafi, Chairperson of Sindh HEC, while speaking on the occasion, expressed his satisfaction with the outcome of the event, highlighting the importance of continuous professional development for academic leaders in steering their institutions towards excellence.

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Dr Tariq Rafi thanked the British Council for its support and collaboration in organising the prestigious event. He said the Sindh HEC would be looking forward to British Council's support in many such events in the future as well.

Meeting with the Delegation of University of Essex, UK

Date: 04th July, 2023



Karachi: Prof. Dr. S. M. Tariq Rafi, Chairperson Sindh HEC with Vanessa Potter, Global Vice President of International Development at the University of Essex, along with Shahnaz Wazir Ali, President of SZABIST, and Prof. Dr. Altaf Mukati, Vice President (Academics), and Dean (Computing and engineering Sciences) at SZABIST.

The Sindh HEC and a visiting delegation from the University of Essex held a meeting with the vicechancellors of some of the public and private sector universities in Pakistan to foster relations between varsities in Pakistan and the United Kingdom.

The meeting primarily focused on collaborating in the undergraduate, postgraduate, and research programs.

The meeting was held under the chairmanship of Prof. Dr. S. M. Tariq Rafi, Chairperson Sindh HEC, while the visiting delegation from the University of Essex was led by Vanessa Potter, Global Vice President International Development.

Prominent educationist Shahnaz

Wazir Ali who is also President of SZABIST, Prof. Dr. Altaf Mukati, Vice President (Academics), and Dean (Computing and engineering Sciences) attended the meeting at SZABIST, Prof. Dr. Tariq Rahim Soomro, Acting Rector at IoBM, Prof. Dr. Mustaghis-ur-Rahman, Senior Professor, Management Studies at Bahria Business School, Bahria University, Dr. Sarosh Hashmat Lodi, Vice Chancellor NED University of Engineering and Technology, Karachi amongst others.

Chairperson Sindh HEC apprised the gathering about the importance of fostering such collaborative efforts between universities in Pakistan and the UK. "Pakistan and the UK enjoy a cordial, long-standing relationship where education is one of the key areas of interest. I appreciate the University of Essex in its efforts to create new opportunities for our students who are seeking education in the UK and come up with out-ofthe-box solutions for them."

Vanessa Potter, Global Vice President of International Development at the University of Essex said, "The University of Essex wants to work closely with the universities in Pakistan to develop higher education linkages between the UK and Pakistan."

"We need to work on creative solutions for the faculty as well as the students to help provide them with flexible funding arrangements, because having an international educational experience is lifechanging."

Orientation Workshop Regarding SDGS Objectives and Their Role in Higher Education in Collaboration with UNDP-SDGS Support Unit Sindh

Date: 17th August 2023



Karachi: Group picture of all participants present at the event.

The Sindh HEC is committed to providing increased and valuable exposure to knowledge, new ideas, concepts, and cultures to its affiliated universities, their faculty members, researchers, and students, for them to excel both academically and professionally.

In this regard, the Sindh HEC organized an orientation workshop on Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and their role in higher education on August 17, 2023.

The one-day workshop was arranged

in collaboration with the UNDP-SDGs Support Unit, Sindh at the Institute of Business Management (IoBM).

The representatives of various public and private sector universities of Sindh attended the workshop.

Speaking on the occasion, Chairperson Sindh HEC, Prof. Dr. S. M. Tariq Rafi said, "In the modern-day world, the SDGs are the blueprint to a chieve a better and more sustainable future for all and address the global challenges we face today.

"The Sindh HEC is committed to

focusing on goal four of the SDGs which is Quality Education - by taking ownership of the SDGs with complete devotion and passion."

Mr. Aijaz Ali Khuwaja, a senior social development/climate change expert, then conducted an engaging session on developing an SDG Action Plan.

After the session, the representatives of all the participating universities were asked to put forward a roadmap and propose it to the Sindh HEC.

Later, Secretary Sindh HEC, Mr. Moinuddin Siddiqui presented a memento of appreciation each to Mr. Talib Syed Karim, President IoBM, and Prof. Dr. Tariq Rahim Soomro, Acting Rector at IoBM, for hosting the event.

After the workshop, all the participants received certificates of attendance.

Second Meeting for Collaboration of Russian and Pakistani Universities

Date: 30th August, 2023



Karachi: Second Meeting for Collaboration of Russian and Pakistani Universities in process.

The second consultation meeting between Sindh Higher Education Commission and the Russian State atomic energy corporation 'Rosatom' was held on August 30.

The virtual consultation meeting focused on the possible avenues in

the field of renewable energy, interuniversity collaboration and trainthe-trainers courses and scholarships.

Chairperson Sindh HEC, Prof. Dr. S. M. Tariq Rafi apprised the gathering about the importance of fostering such collaborative efforts between universities in Pakistan and Russia. Speaking on the occasion, he said, "Such collaborative initiatives will help universities become acquainted with their strengths, identify areas of improvement and drive excellence in academia. It is a collective effort of the Sindh HEC and Rosatom towards creating a multidisciplinary higher education landscape in Pakistan."

Counsellor Natalia Kudryashova represented Rosatom at the meeting where she said, "This collaboration reflects our commitment to academic precision, research, emerging trends in the field of renewable energy, and photovoltaics."

This meeting was a continuation of <u>Continued on pg. 04</u>

the first consultation meeting held between the Sindh HEC and Rosatom on April 28 this year.

Taking into consideration the

importance of this virtual consultative meeting, the vice chancellors of a few selected universities from public and private sectors in Sindh were asked to nominate the relevant technical experts of renewable energy from their respective universities to participate in the virtual meeting

One-day Concluding Quality Assurance Workshop for QA Professionals of Public & Private Sector Universities/DAIs of Sindh

Date: 31st August 2023

The Sindh Higher Education Commission recently organised the fourth and final module of its Quality Assurance Training for the Quality Enhancement Cell (QEC) officials of public and private sector universities in Sindh.

Fifteen QEC officials participated in the fourth module.

The training program's three previous modules were held between February and May this year.

In the fourth module, Prof. Dr. Abdul Wahid Usmani and Prof. Dr. Hina Kazmi who are both experts in Quality Assurance conducted the training. The training covered a wide range of topics and models, including ADLI and LETCI, the importance of Quality Assurance and the tools and techniques used for Quality Assurance.

Later, in his closing speech, Prof. Dr. S.M. Tariq Rafi *(TI)*, Chairperson Sindh HEC, said that Quality Assurance is a huge responsibility and a great task. He informed the participants that Quality Assurance experts from HEC Pakistan and the UK will soon visit Karachi for a day to



Karachi: Prof. Dr. S.M. Tariq Rafi, Chairperson of Sindh HEC is attending certificate awarding ceremony to the Certified Professional Reviewers of higher education institute, held at Sindh Madrassetul Islam University Karachi. Mr. Moinuddin Siddiqui, Secretary of Sindh HEC, Mr. Saleemuddin, Director Quality Assurance, Sindh HEC, Prof. Dr. Mohammad Abdul Wahid Usmani and Dr. Hina Kazmi are also present.

train the QEC officials.

Earlier, Moinuddin Siddiqui, Secretary Sindh HEC, emphasised in his speech that Quality Assurance is a critical component of higher education system and in today's competitive globalised world, it is more important than ever to have a strong QA system in place.

He further said that the trainees have received the best possible training

that will equip them with the skills and knowledge they need to effectively carry out duties as QEC officials.

At the conclusion of the session, certificates were distributed among the successful QEC officials.

The training was organised as part of the Sindh HEC's efforts to improve the quality of education in the provincial universities.

Ms. Sanam Soomro Ms. Suraiya Khatoon Mr. Mohd. Irfan Qasim Mr. Babar Ali Kalhoro DUHS, Karachi JSMU, Karachi Sukkur IBA University LUMHS, Jamshoro Prof. Dr. Asif Ali Shah Dr. Kashif Riaz Mr. Israr Ahmed Khan Syed Waqar-ul-Hassan Mehran University of Shaheed Zulfikar Bagai Medical University, Salim Habib University, Engineering & Technology, Bhutto University of Karachi Karachi Law, Karachi Jamshoro Mr. Atif Shahab Dr. Mohammad Rehan Mr. Adnan Fuzail Dr. Iftikhar Mubashir Sh: Zulfikar Ali Bhutto Sir Syed University of Institute of Business Institute of Science & UIT University, Karachi **Engineering &** Management, Karachi Technology (SZABIST) Technology, Karachi **Mr. Murad Memon** Wing CDR Jamila Syed Ms. Arisha Maham PAF Air War College ISRA University, INDUS University, Karachi (Faisal) Karachi Hyderabad

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Faculty Development Programme Through Cascading Model

Date: July – August 2023



Karachi: Cascading Training of Trainers (ToT) session is being held at Shaheed Zulfikar Ali Bhutto Insitute of Science and Technology (SZABIST), Karachi.

Sindh HEC had initiated a comprehensive Training of Trainers Program aimed to equip the early career lecturers and assistant Professors with the necessary pedagogical techniques, research methodologies and leadership skills. Following is the detailed summary of public / private sector universities that have conducted the ToT in Cascading Format at their own respective institutes.

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1) SIR SYED UNIVERSITY OF ENGINEERING & TECHNOLOGY, KARACHI

Conducted: 11th to 20th July, 2023 No. of Participants = 35

Faculty Development Program organized by Dr. Dur-e-Jabeen in Sir Syed University of Engineering & Technology, Karachi jointly with Sindh HEC from July 11–20, 2023. Higher management of HEC from all the various departments for this training selected 35 faculty members.

All the session were designed with different modules such as, academics, research, technical and soft skills.

The closing ceremony was held on July 20, 2023. Mr. Saleem Uddin (Director Quality Assurance, Sindh HEC) was the guest for this program. Opening remarks were from the Dr. Dur-e-Jabeen, Welcome remarks from the Dean basic sciences and IT, Prof. Dr. M. Asif, and Closing remarks delivered from the registrar Engr. Cdr (R) Syed Sarfraz Ali.

2) INDUS UNIVERSITY, KARACHI Conducted: 10th to 19th July, 2023 No of Participants = 34

At Faculty of Health and Medical Sciences, INDUS University Facilitated by The Head of Department of Physical Therapy and Rehabilitation Sciences. Dr. Okasha Anjum (PT) From 10th July till 19th July 2023. A copy of cascading plan, Micro-Teaching Video Clips, Assessment forms, Feedback forms and Attendance sheets for Training of Trainers Faculty Development Program are in records with the university. At the end of the session, the closing ceremony is organized which was chaired by the Director Academics Indus University, Mr. Ayaz Ahmed Panhwar followed by the certificate distribution for the Program. The cascading plan and attendance sheets are attached in this report along with the pictorial glimpse of each day.

3) HAMDARD UNIVERSITY, KARACHI

Conducted: 4th to 16th August, 2023 No. of Participants: 25

A two-week cascading of TOT program under Sindh Higher Education Commission was held in the month of August 2023. The training program was designed by Sindh HEC to improve the faculty skills and knowledge in a variety of areas and make them aware of new teaching technique with the help of technology. The participants represented a range of job levels and experience levels from lecturers to Associate Professor. This programme was a success, and participants expressed that, they found it to be valuable and informative.

Overall, the training program was a valuable experience for all participants. The skills and knowledge they gained will help them to be more effective in their teaching and research domains to contribute to the success of the University.

Prof. Dr. Shabib Ul Hassan (Vice Chancellor, Hamdard University), Prof Dr. Nadeem Hafeez Khokhar (Dental College, Hamdard University), Prof. Dr. Aamer Saleem (Dean, Faculty of Engineering) and Mr. Shahzad Afal Kayani (Director QEC) graced the closing ceremony.

Prof. Dr. Syed Shabib Ul Hassan Vice Chancellor expressed his gratitude for the continues efforts of Director QEC and Prof. Dr. Nadeem Hafeez Khokhar for enhancing the skills of faculty by arranging such a wonderful faculty development program at Hamdard University. At the end, certificates were distributed amongst the participants.

4) SHAHEED ZULFIKAR ALI BHUTTOINSTITUTEOFSCIENCE& TECHNOLOGY (SZABIST), KARACHI

Conducted: 15th to 22nd August, 2023

No. of Participants = 35+

Sindh HEC Faculty Development Training was conducted at SZABIST with the primary objective of enhancing the teaching and professional skills of faculty members of various departments. The training aimed to equip them with the latest pedagogical techniques and methodologies to create an enriched learning experience for students. Research & Training Center, Faculty of Management Sciences, and SZABIST

University Karachi organized it.

The participants showed great interest and actively engaged in collaborative learning. Six days training was based on interactive sessions on variety of teaching and professional development, including teaching methodologies, effective instructions, curriculum design, research, research supervision, student counseling, educational technologies, assessment strategies, q u a l i t y a s s u r a n c e a n d microteaching.

Madam Shahnaz Wazir Ali, President SZABIST University joined the training sessions and appreciated the learning buzz in the hall and applauded the engaging activities by the trainers. Dr. Muhammad Kashif, Dean Faculty of Management Sciences, Dr. Imran Amin, HoD Computer Sciences, Dr. Sarah Wali Kazi, Head of Research & Training Center, and FMS SZABIST University attended the closing ceremony and appreciated the active participation of trainees.

5) JINNAH UNIVERSITY FOR WOMEN, KARACHI

Conducted: 16th to 24th August, 2023

No. of Participants = 25

Jinnah University for Women facilitated an extensive training program, overseen by the Sindh HEC Program Training of Trainers, with the primary goal of empowering its faculty members. The program's agenda embraced a multifaceted approach, encompassing the enhancement of research skills, the seamless integration of technology into education, the advancement of teaching methodologies, the cultivation of an in-depth understanding of educational policies, and the refinement of assessment and evaluation skills. This initiative was meticulously crafted to equip the university's educators with a diverse skill set, with the ultimate aim of elevating the quality of education they deliver and fostering their ongoing professional development.

6) SHAHEED ZULFIKAR ALI BHUTTO UNIVERSITY OF LAW (SZABUL) KARACHI

No. of Participants: 36 Conducted: 22nd August, 2023 to 7th September, 2023

The training session at Shaheed Zulfiqar Ali Bhutto University of Law (SZABUL), Karachi comprised of 40 hours that included interactive session, exercises, demonstrations, simulation, modelling, AI tools, policy implications, rubrics development and microteaching.

Training sessions were conducted with great zeal and dedication. Participants thoroughly enjoyed and learned a lot from the event, appreciated the efforts of Sindh Higher Education Commission and were of the opinion that there should be more events related to faculty training. They learned different teaching methodologies along with use of technology in teaching.

The session also focused on how to develop systematic assessment while considering Bloom's Taxonomy followed by sessions on effective communication. Other aspects of the training included research conduction and supervision, academic policies (awareness and implementation) and Quality Assurance session that attempted to align the PLO, CLO and Assessment with the curriculum.

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Mr. Saleemuddin (Director QA) Sindh HEC was supportive throughout the event and was the chief guest in the closing ceremony in which shields and certificates were distributed. Prof. Dr. Abdul Wahid Usmani also enlightened the participants and shared his wisdom.

Honorable Registrar Brigadier Kamran Jalil (Retd) Sitara-e-Imtiaz thanked all the participants, organizers, master trainers and specially appreciated Mr. Saleemuddin (Sindh HEC) along with Mentor Prof. Dr. Abdul Wahid Usmani by awarding them with shields and honorarium in recognition of their tremendous efforts in making ToT program a great success all across Sindh.

7) BAQAI MEDICAL UNIVERSITY

Conducted: 4th to 12th September, 2023

No. of Participants = 19

For the conduction of this workshop, three facilitators from Baqai Medical University were trained through Sindh HEC Masters Training Program. Out of these, two facilitators cascaded the program at BMU. They have a background knowledge base as well as direct involvement in Faculty Development in the required areas. For the session on IQA, external expert was invited.

S. No.	Name of University	No. of Trainers Trained
1	Sir Syed University, Karachi	35
2	Indus University, Karachi	34
3	Hamdard University, Karachi	25
4	SZABIST, Karachi	35
5	Jinnah University for Women, Karachi	25
6	SZABUL, Karachi	36
7	Baqai University, Karachi	19

ACADEMICS WING

Meeting for New Applications of International Conference, Seminar and Symposium

Date: 20 September 2023



KARACHI: International Conference, Seminar and Symposium Committee Meeting in Process.

Sindh HEC advertised in the leading newspapers, dated 08th & 10th July 2023, for inviting proposals for conducting International Conferences/Seminars/Symposium s for the Fiscal Year 2023-24. In response to the advertisement, the Sindh HEC received 43 proposals from 18 Public Sector Universities/DAIs in Sindh until dated 25th August 2023.

The committee in its meeting after detailed scrutiny and in view of importance of conference topics selected 15 topics for International Conferences, detailed as under:

Conference/Seminar Symposium Proposals-2023-2024

S. No.	Proposal Number	Name of University	Conference Title	Date	Recommended Amount
1	8	Sindh Madresatul Islam	2nd International Conference on Teacher Education for Sustainable Development (ICTESD 2024)	10 - 11 January 2024	2,800,000
2	12	University of Sindh, Jamshoro	International Conference on Consequences of Environmental Degradation: National Disasters, Socio -Economic & Governance, Challenges for Sindh, Pakistan and way Forward.	4 & 5 December ,2023 (Tentative)	3,140,000
3	14	Sindh Agriculture University, Tando Jam	1st IEEE Karachi Section Humanitarian Technology Conference 2023	08-09 January ,2024	2,304,000
4	18	Quaid-e-Awam University of Engineering, Sciences & Technology	TechXChange International Conference 2023	01-02 November-2023	3,200,000
5	23	IBA Sukkur	5th international conference on business economics & management (ICBEM-2024)	Feb-12-13th 2024	3,000,000
6	29	GCU Hyderabad	1st International Conference on role of mathematics & allied sciences for sustainable development bridging industry & academia (ICRMASSD:BIA)	11-12 Jan-2024	3,184,000
7	35	SMBBMU larkana	1st conference on emerging trend in basic medical sciences	08-09th Jan- 2024	3,500,000

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8	36	JSMU KHI	International endocrine diseases conference	1-4 March-2024	3,500,000
9	6	NED University, Karachi	Pluralism in Architecture of South Asia and other Regions	17-18 November 2023	3,000,000
10	11	Shah Abdul Latif University, Khairpur	Climate Change, water scarcity, and future of agriculture in current scenario: suggesting the way forward for sustainable agriculture growth	re of agriculture in current ario: suggesting the way ard for sustainable agriculture	
11	13	University of Sindh, Jamshoro	Three -day International conference on exploring the Impact of Urbanization, Natural Disasters ,and Protection Strategies on folk Medicine and Cultural Heritage of Sindh.	22-24 November, 2023	3,200,000
12	16	IBA Karachi	Third Annual International Conference - Challenging Linearity	16-18 November	3,200,000
13	21	BBSU of Technology and Skill Development Khairpur,	2nd International Multidisciplinary Conference on Emerging Trends in Engineering Technology -2024 (2nd IMCEET-24)12-14 Febrauary-2024		3,000,000
14	22	Liaqat University Jamshoro	2nd International Nursing Research Conference NRCON	10 & 11 th Nov-2023	680,000
15	27	SBB University Sakrand	Animal production and bio safety (IC-AP&BS-23)	27th Dec 2023	3,200,000

The committee in its 23rd meeting held on 20 September 2023, approved the recommendations of the GIA Committee regarding the International Conference/ Symposium as under:

Meeting for New Applications of Sindh Lab Strengthening Programme (SLSP)

Date: 18th September, 2023



KARACHI: Sindh Lab Strengthening Programme (SLSP) Committee Meeting in Process.

The Sindh HEC advertised in leading newspapers, dated 10th July 2023, for

inviting proposals to upgrade laboratories under the Laboratory

Strengthening Program for Public Sector Universities /DAIs in Sindh

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for the fiscal year 2023-24.

In response to the advertisement, the Sindh HEC received 85 proposals from 14 Public Sector Universities/DAIs in Sindh until dated 25-08-2023.

The recommendation of the GIA committee under SLSP were placed before the commission in its 23rd meeting held on 20 September 2023.

The commission approved the following proposals of 13 public sector universities under the SLSP 2023-24, detailed as under:

S. #	Lab Proposal No.	Name of University	Laboratory Name	Requested Amount	Funding Approved	Remarks
1	5	Aror University of Art, Architecture, Design and Heritage	Environmental Microbiology Laboratory	4,946,900	3,800,000	Recommended
2	26	Sindh Agriculture University Tandojam	Soil Microbiology Laboratory	4,946,900	4,000,000	Recommended
3	28	Jinnah Sindh Medical University	Quality Management And Bio pharmaceutics	5,000,000	4,000,000	Recommended
4	30	NED University of Engineering & Technology	1. Intelligent Mechanical Engineering System Lab 2. Control and Instrumentation Lab 3. Energy Storage Lab	4,990,000	4,000,000	Recommended
5	35	Quaid E Awam University of Engineering, Science & Technology, Nawab Shah.	Digital Signal Processing Laboratory	4,300,000	3,500,000	Recommended
6	42	University of Sindh, Jamshoro	Nano-Biotechnology and Research Laboratory	4,772,500	4,000,000	Recommended
7	57	Sukkur IBA University	Robotics and Automation Laboratory	3,742,875	3,500,000	Recommended
8	61	Shah Abdul Latif Khairpur	Drug Discovery Research Laboratory	4,875,760	4,000,000	Recommended
9	64	University of Karachi	Environmental Geology	4,474,500	3,800,000	Recommended
10	67	Liaquat University Of Medical & Health Sciences Jamshoro	Ophthalmic Diagnostic Research Laboratory	5,000,000	4,000,000	Recommended
11	68	Mehran University of Engineering & Technology Jamshoro	Embedded AI (Edge Artificial Intelligence)	3,321,558	3,300,000	Recommended
12	72	Sindh Madressatul Islam University, Karachi.	Artificial Intelligence Laboratory	5,000,000	4,000,000	Recommended
13	74	Benazir Bhutto Shaheed University of Technology and Skill Development Khairpur,	Power Laboratory	4,991,400	4,000,000	Recommended
	Grand Tota	1		60,362,393	49,900,000	

Meeting of Technical Experts Committee of Sindh Research Support Programme (SRSP)

Date: 25th September, 2023

A meeting of Technical Experts Committee of SRSP was held on 25th September 2023. Mr. Khalid Mahar, Director Academics Sindh HEC, apprised the committee about the statistics of SRSP 2023-24. He informed the committee that 413 projects were received against the published advertisement in leading newspapers dated 24-06-2023 of the following 07 Thematic Areas from Researcher/Scholars under SRSP 2023-24. 388 projects were received within the due date and 25 projects were received after the due date. The committee unanimously decided that late-submitted projects shall not be considered and only 388 projects shall be considered for further evaluation processes. Consecutively 388 projects of 07 Thematic Area were shared with the concerned expert committee member of (SRSP) for evaluation.

The research panel heads briefly

examined their respective projects and found few projects, which were not pertaining to their thematic areas. With the permission of the chair and in view of expert opinion, such projects were included in the relevant thematic areas.

Following are the details of the received projects which were given to the respective Committee Expert as per the thematic distribution:

Sr.#	Name of Committee Expert	Name of Thematic Area	No. of Projects Given
1	Prof. Dr. Moazzam Ali Khan	Natural and Physical Sciences	68
2	Prof. Dr. Tayyaba Zarif	Social Sciences	47
3	Prof. Dr. Irfan Haider	Management Sciences	29
4	Prof. Dr. Fateh Muhammad Marri	Agriculture, Agriculture Engineering	53
5	Prof. Dr. Syeda Kouser Ali	Medical and Allied Sciences	91
6	Prof. Dr. Tufail Jokhio	Engineering and Technology	75
7	Prof. Dr. Waseem Qazi	Information Technology & Computer Sciences	25
		Total	388

Researcher's Testimony

I am writing to express my heartfelt gratitude to Sindh HEC for awarding me research grant for my project under the prestigious "Sindh Research Support Program" recently.

I feel very fortunate that my project titled **"Production of Paper from Waste Plastic Bottles and Eggshells**" has been shortlisted by the Sindh HEC. It is with great pleasure and humbleness that I accept this recognition and the accompanying financial support.

The Sindh HEC's dedication towards supporting such research endeavours and promoting academic excellence is highly commendable and has a significantly positive impact on the advancement of knowledge in higher education institutions.

This grant will undoubtedly play a pivotal role in advancing the objectives of my research and better understanding of the topic.

With your kind support, I look forward to the journey ahead with great enthusiasm and dedication.

Sincerely,

Dr. Muhammad Shuaib Shaikh

Principal Investigator: Project # SHEC/SRSP/E&T-2/118/2022-23, Associate Professor Department of Chemical Engineering Mehran University of Engineering and Technology, Jamshoro

CHARTER INSPECTION EVALUATION COMMITTEE (CIEC)

9th Round of Visits Being Conducted by CIEC

The CIEC commenced its 9th round of visits/inspections of both private & public sector universities/institutes, with effect from February 7, 2023.



Mr. Moinuddin Siddiqui Secretary Sindh HEC, Mr Nasir Shah, Director of Accreditation HEC, with other representatives of HEC/ Sindh HEC and SZABUL, during inspection of Shaheed Zulfiqar Ali Bhutto University of Law, Karachi conducted on 05th September 2023.

The members of CIEC managed to visit/inspect 28 universities/ institutes along with the experts of various fields who were appointed in accordance with the respective departments/programs of the institutions for the purpose of its monitoring, evaluation and grading. From July-September 2023, the following universities/institutes were visited by CIEC:

Sr.	Name of University / Institute	Туре	Date of Visit
01	DHA SUFFA University, Karachi	Private	13 th July 2023
02	Nazeer Hussain University, Karachi	Private	20 th July 2023
03	Shaheed Zulfiqar Ali Bhutto University of Law, Karachi	Public	05 th September 2023
04	Benazir Bhutto Shaheed University Lyari, Karachi	Public	14 th September 2023
05	Habib University, Karachi	Private	26 th September 2023

The members of CIEC physically inspected the aforementioned universities and institutions and were briefed about the overall functioning, development of the institutions, academic activities, research development, facilities etc. The members were also briefed about the compliance status and the steps taken on the recommendations /observations made by CIEC in the previous visit /inspection of the aforementioned Institutions.

The experts appointed for various departments of the visited

Institutions conducted a detailed inspection and evaluation of the respective departments under each attribute of CIEC MEG-Forms III (Part-B) which were filled-in by the concerned university/DAI along with the supporting data and information submitted by the management of the institution.

During the presentation, the CIEC members also held questionanswer-sessions while observations and recommendations were also made and highlighted. The experts were also asked to give their observations/recommendations regarding their concerned departments visited by them.

After the visit, a detailed inspection report, including the observation/recommendations made in the current round of visits was forwarded to the visited universities /DAIs for their compliance. The visited universities/DAIs were asked to give their detailed compliance report against the observations/ recommendations within eight weeks.

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Some of the institutions submitted the compliance status of the recommendations/observations and the documents/evidences received were checked by the secretariat of CIEC. Some institutions were also asked to submit additional authentic evidences for further verification of the compliance done. However, as and when required, the CIEC members along with the experts could also visit the concerned university/DAI for physical verification of the compliance done.

The visits/inspections of the institutions that were to be visited in the month of August 2023, were postponed on the request of concerned institutions due to unavoidable reasons. However, the visits of these institutions were rescheduled and a definite target was set to complete all the

inspections in September 2023.

Once the 9th round of visits consisting of all 64 public & private sector universities/DAIs is completed, which is expected by the end of 2024, the CIEC shall submit the exercise done for the rating of all the visited institutions. Afterwards, the Sindh HEC shall announce the rating of the institutions publicly through its website and other media forums.



Prof. Dr. S.M Tariq Rafi and CIEC members along with Mr. Nasir Shah, Director of Accreditation HEC, with others representatives of HEC during their joint inspection & meeting with the representatives of Shaheed Zulfiqar Ali Bhutto University of Law, Karachi on 05th September 2023.



Prof. Dr. S.M Tariq Rafi and CIEC members during inspection & meeting with representatives of Benazir Bhutto Shaheed University Lyari Karachi held on 14th September 2023.



Prof. Dr. S.M Tariq Rafi and Prof. Dr. Amjad Siraj Memon during inspection of Benazir Bhutto Shaheed University Lyari Karachi held on 14th September 2023.



Prof. Dr. S.M Tariq Rafi and CIEC members during inspection & meeting with representatives of Benazir Bhutto Shaheed University Lyari Karachi held on 14th September 2023.



Prof. Dr. S.M Tariq Rafi and other CIEC members along with experts during inspection & meeting with representatives of Habib University Karachi held on 26th September 2023.

Paigham-e-Pakistan

Teacher Professional Development

TPD was conducted by National Curriculum Council (NCC) Secretariat, Ministry of Federal Education and Professional Training (MoFEPT). This training aims to enhancing the pedagogical skills and content knowledge of the guide teachers enabling them to effectively support their colleagues.

This Cascade model is divided in multiple Cascades. In Cascade 01, there were two rounds of General Training and in both rounds Training was delivered by Master Trainer from NCC. Training was conducted in three divisions; Karachi, Hyderabad and Sukkur. Teachers from Government Schools were selected by concerned department. Following are the details of TPD along with picture of each training session:

First cohort consisted of guide teachers (cascade 1), they will train subject coordinators in their clusters (cascade 2), who will, in turn, pass on their knowledge and skills to the public school teachers (cascade 3) in their respective districts.

1. Training of Guide Teachers - Cascade 01 - Round 01



Karachi: Training of Guide Teachers, held on 05th & 06th July 2023 at Sindh HEC Karachi. Total 20 participants of District East of Karachi attended training



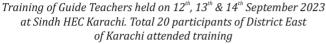
Training of Guide Teachers, held on 08th, 9th & 10th August 2023 at Mehran University of Engineering & Technology, Jamshoro. Total 32 participants collectively attended training from District Jamshoro & District Tando Allahyar.



Training of Guide Teachers, held on 23rd & 24th August 2023 at Sukkur IBA University. Total 40 participants collectively attended training from District Sukkur & District Khairpur.

2. Training of Guide Teachers - Cascade 01 - Round 02







Training of Guide Teachers held on 27th & 28th September 2023 at Mehran University of Engineering & Technology, Jamshoro. Total 32 participants collectively attended training from District Jamshoro & District Tando Allahyar.



Training of Guide Teachers, held on 11th, 12th & 13th October 2023 at Sukkur IBA University. Total 40 participants collectively attended training from District Sukkur & District Khairpur.



Session: Mental Deprivation: Hurdle in the progress of youth Speaker: Mohammad Abdullah Hamid Gul Location: University of Karachi Date: 29-Aug-2023 Session: Mental Deprivation: Hurdle in the progress of youth Speaker: Mohammad Abdullah Hamid Gul Location: NED University, Karachi Date: 29-Aug-2023

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Session: Mental Deprivation: Hurdle in the progress of youth Speaker: Mohammad Abdullah Hamid Gul

Location: Jinnah Sindh Medical University, Karachi Date: 30-Aug-2023



Meeting with Honorable Caretaker Minister for Education, Government of Sindh. It was held on 06th September, 2023 at Sindh Secretariat, Karachi and it was attended by Officers of Education Department of Government of Sindh, Director NCC, Officers of NCC, and officers from Sindh HEC.

3. Meeting on Cascade Teacher Training Model

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Sindh HEC Upcoming Events, Programmes & Workshops

QA Wing

SR. NO.	PROGRAMMES TO BE HELD	EXPECTED DATE
1.	PRE SERVICE TRAINING OF NEW RECRUITS OF THE SINDH HEC	16 th OCTOBER, 2023
2.	SINDH HEC RESEARCH TRAINING PROGRAMME (RTP)	23 RD OCTOBER, 2023
3.	WORKSHOP ON "HOW TO PARTICIPATE IN IMPACT RANKING OF TIMES HIGHER EDUCATION"	24 TH OCTOBER, 2023
4.	SINDH HEC RESEARCH TRAINING PROGRAMME (RTP)	30 TH OCTOBER, 2023
5.	COLLABORATIVE WORKSHOP FOR TIMES HIGHER EDUCATION THE IMPACT RANKING OF PUBLIC & PRIVATE UNIVERSITIES/DAIS IN SINDH	08 th NOVEMBER, 2023
6.	ONE-DAY GAMIFICATION/SIMULATION EVENT FOR THE FACULTY MEMBERS OF PUBLIC/PRIVATE SECTOR UNIVERSITIES IN SINDH	TBA

Academics Wing

SR. NO.	PROGRAMMES TO BE HELD	EXPECTED DATE
1.	MEETING OF GRANT IN AID COMMITTEE FOR INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE/SEMINAR AND SYMPOSIUM FOR FY 2023-24	13 th NOVEMBER, 2023
2.	NEW APPLICATIONS IN PROCESS FOR SRSP	DECEMBER, 2023









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