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Editorial

The Editorial Board is pleased to publish its 5th issue of the PHEC Quarterly Newsletter at a time when PHEC is flourishing as an autonomous higher education regulatory body in Punjab under the visionary leadership of the Chairperson PHEC Prof. Dr. Mohammad Nizamuddin. This issue has not only highlighted various activities of PHEC and its meticulous team, but also aims to highlight how these practices have been synergized into robust educational excellence.

PHEC recently sent Deans of public sector universities for training at the University of Leicester, United Kingdom. In order to train the senior management of universities with state-of-the-art apparatuses of Leadership & Management, the P&D Department of PHEC developed a 10-days Professional Development training program for the senior management of the public sector universities of Punjab in collaboration with the University of Leicester, UK.

PHEC is also working on Career Counselling Centers, which aims to provide a platform to the students of HEIs of Punjab to facilitate them in developing their career paths based on their academic skills and career interests. It aims to provide guidance, exposure and training to the students of Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) of Punjab to equip them with effective communication skills. Currently, these counseling centers are successfully running in 08 public sector universities and 04 public sector colleges.

Recently, PHEC has launched a Split PhD Scholarship Pilot Program to be offered to faculty members of universities and colleges of Punjab to pursue their PhDs in top academic institutions of the world. To execute the pilot program, PHEC has collaborated with the University of the Punjab and the Government College University, Lahore.

At the end, we all require your cooperation to make PHEC successful in its endeavours for the greater cause of higher education in Punjab.

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150,000 More Laptops to be Distributed to Students: CM

Chief Minister Punjab Shahbaz Sharif Distributes Laptops to Students at GCWU Sialkot



Punjab Chief Minister Shahbaz Sharif said that Pakistan could not make progress unless its every child was equipped with education, while addressing a laptop distribution ceremony at the Government College for Women University, Sialkot.

Federal Minister for Defence Khawaja Asif, Punjab Minister for Higher Education Syed Raza Ali Gillani and Chairperson PHEC Prof. Dr. M. Nizamuddin were present at the occasion.

The Chief Minister stressed the need to promote knowledge-based education for making Pakistan a developed country. He said that Pakistan could never be developed without the promotion of education and access of everyone to quality education. He also pledged to allocate more funds in the upcoming budget for distribution of over 150,000 laptops among brilliant students. He said that the government had already distributed 310,000 laptops among students. This

educational fund has opened the doors of higher education for the talented children of the nation facing shortage of resources, he added.

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The Chief Minister said that this ceremony had been arranged to highlight merit, salute the dignity of hardwork and paying tribute to the splendid efforts of those great sons and daughters of the nation who achieved this place through hard work.

The Chairperson PHEC Prof. Dr. Mohammad Nizamuddin lauded the digitization of knowledge under the vision of the Chief Minister of Punjab Muhammad Shahbaz Sharif and said that technology is the future of education.

Lawmakers, officials of different government departments, teachers and a large number of students from different government colleges attended the ceremony.

PHEC steps forward to meet the deficiency of qualified PhD faculty in Punjab by launching *Split PhD Pilot Program* in collaboration with varsities of Punjab -Dr. Nizamuddin



The PHEC has launched the *Split PhD Scholarship Pilot Program* for faculty members of universities and colleges of Punjab to pursue their PhD in top academic institutions of the world. The program was initiated formally with the *Government College University, Lahore* and the *University of the Punjab, Lahore*.

Under this pilot project, PhD scholarships will be offered through Split PhD program to short-listed faculty members of public sector colleges and universities of the Punjab. The selected teachers would have to complete two-year of their PhD studies in Pakistan and last year in a foreign university. Foreign research experts would also visit Pakistan under the program. PHEC will fund, monitor, evaluate challenges and make improvements in the design of the program.

The Chairperson PHEC Prof. Dr. Nizamuddin said that the PHEC intended to scale up the program next year and planned to extend it to other universities of Punjab to meet the shortage of qualified PhD faculty, especially in the fields of social sciences and arts.

MoU with University of the Punjab

To formally launch the program with University of the Punjab, a MoU signing ceremony was held at the PU Vice Chancellor's office. The Chairperson PHEC Prof. Dr. Mohammad Nizamuddin, Vice Chancellor University of the Punjab Dr. Zaffar Mueen Nasar, Director General (HRD) PHEC Muhammad Anees Sadozai and Dean Faculty of Behavioral & Social Sciences Prof. Dr. Zakria Zakar were present at the occasion.

Addressing the meeting, Prof. Dr. Nizamuddin said that the Split PhD Scholarship Program would offer new avenues of higher learning and research to the faculty of public sector universities and colleges. He said that the PHEC was taking steps for capacity-building of teachers serving in institutions of higher learning.

VC PU Dr. Zaffar Mueen Nasar also lauded the initiative of PHEC and said it was now up to faculty members to benefit from the scholarships and get higher education from top-ranked universities of the world.

MoU with Government College University Lahore

The PHEC has also launched Split PhD Scholarship Pilot Program for the faculty of public sector colleges and universities of Punjab in collaboration with Government College University (GCU) Lahore. Selected scholars will complete the first two-year course work at GCU Lahore, where foreign faculty would also be invited for conducting workshops. The MoU signing ceremony was held at the PHEC Secretariat in Arfa Software Technology Park.

The Chairperson PHEC Prof. Dr. Mohammad Nizamuddin, Prof. Dr. Hassan Amir Shah Vice Chancellor GCU Lahore, Muhammad Anees Sadozai Director General (HRD) PHEC and Prof. Dr. Tahir Kamran Dean Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences GCU Lahore were present on the occasion.

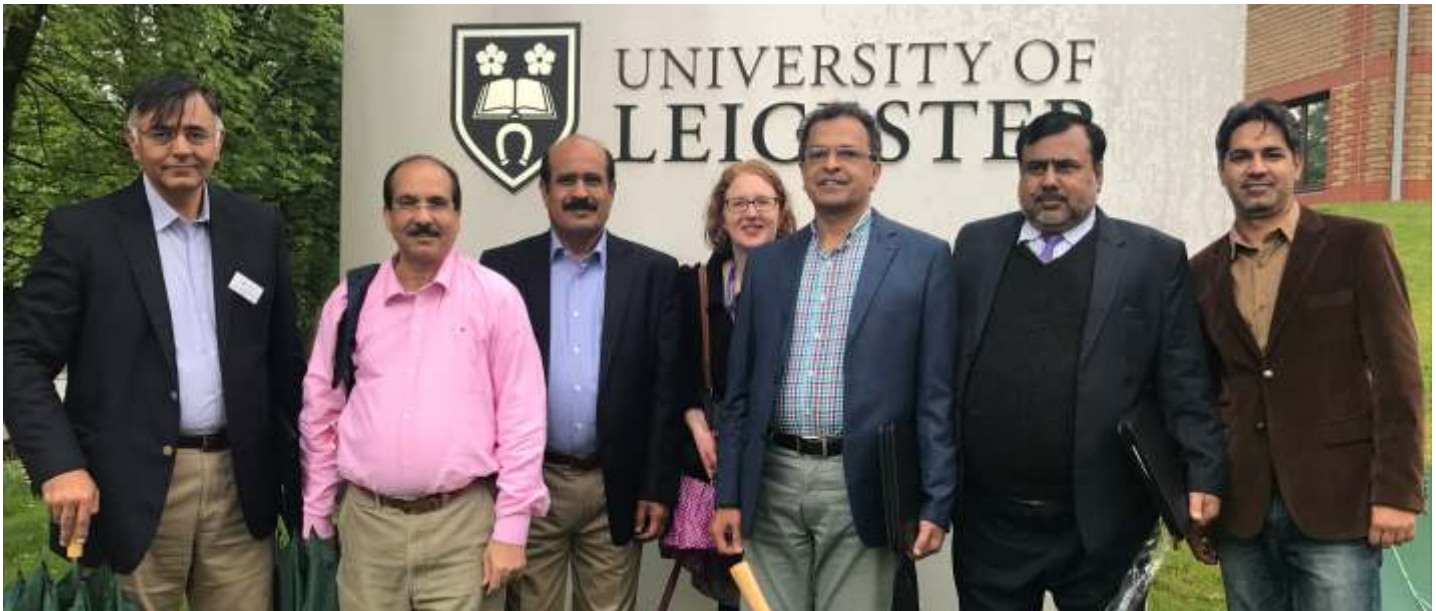
Speaking on the occasion, Prof. Dr. M. Nizamuddin said, "We are determined to enhance the capacity of the faculty of Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) by offering

them an international exposure and funding their studies at top-ranked international partner universities."

Vice Chancellor Prof. Hassan Amir Shah said that the international Split PhD Scholarship Program would help in enhancing research culture at local universities. "The faculty members would get an opportunity to study at top-ranked universities and would be engaged in research activities with foreign and local experts," said the Vice Chancellor.

Directorate of Planning & Development

PHEC Partners with University of Leicester, UK for Capacity-building of HEIs Deans



The PHEC, since its inception, is striving for excellence in the higher education sector of Punjab by bringing the Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) at par with international standards in academics, research and management. To achieve this goal, PHEC has inked MoUs with various international agencies and HEIs for joint training, research activities and capacity-building programs.

To strengthen their leadership & management skills, PHEC's Directorate of Planning & Development (P&D) arranged a 10-day extensive foreign training program in April 2017 for Deans of public sector universities of Punjab at

the School of Education, University of Leicester, UK.

In the 1st phase of this program, six Deans of public sector universities were sent to University of Leicester. The participants included Prof. Dr. Tahir Kamran, GCU Lahore, Prof. Dr. Ghulam Yasin, Dean Social & Behavioural Sciences, UoS, Sargodha, Prof. Dr. Hazoor Muhammad Sabir, GCU Faisalabad, Prof. Dr. Muhammad Iqbal, PU Lahore, Prof. Dr. Muhammad Iqbal Shahid, GCU Lahore, and Prof. Dr. Abdul Saboor, PMAS-Arid Agriculture University, Rawalpindi. PHEC Director (P&D) Mr. Nouman Maqbool Rao accompanied the participants.

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**Such training programs
are crucial for professional
development of
academia: Dr. Tahir Kamran**
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At the University of Leicester UK, the training modules covered a wide range of topics such as leadership, strategic level management and decision-making in higher education sector. The training program was flavored with lectures, exposure visits and detailed discussions with academic management experts.

As a part of the exposure visits, the participants visited three advanced universities of United Kingdom which included the Loughborough University, Oxford University and University of Lincoln to observe their management and academic structure.

In their feedback, the participants appreciated the efforts of PHEC for arranging such a fruitful training for the professional development of Deans. PHEC envisages more of such training programs in the near future.



Dr. Tahir Kamran presenting shield to Pro Vice Chancellor University of Loughborough on behalf of Punjab Higher Education Commission



Participants of the training along-with University of Leicester officials

Directorate of Special Initiatives

ITU's Job Fair in Collaboration with PHEC



ITU's Vice Chancellor Dr. Umar Saif and Chairperson PHEC Prof. Dr. Mohammad Nizamuddin inaugurated ITU's first Job Fair for students



Information Technology University (ITU) Punjab in collaboration with PHEC held its first job fair for graduating students at the Arfa Software Technology Park. ITU Vice-Chancellor Dr. Umar Saif along with Punjab Higher Education Commission (PHEC) Chairperson Prof. Dr. Mohammad Nizamuddin inaugurated the job fair.

Dr. Umar Saif said that the graduating students of ITU had a theoretical understanding coupled with experience as interns. He hoped that the presence of the industry representatives at the job fair would be a morale-boosting factor for the ITU graduates.

The job fair was attended by a host of companies including IBM, Oracle, Dell, HP, Teradata, Ebryx, Infotech, Lenovo, Huawei, PTCL, U-Blox, Microsoft, MicroTech Industries, Lamudi, Polycom, Wateen, Mobilink, Warid, Zong, Telenor, Careem, Sofizar Pvt. Ltd., Mantaq Systems, Suparco Lahore, Haier, Nespak, Mentor Graphics, Punjab Information Technology Board and others.

The Chairperson PHEC Prof. Dr. Mohammad Nizamuddin appreciated this initiative for the career development of students.

Maximizing Career Prospects through Student Counselling

PHEC gathers CCC Managers to contemplate future plans



The Chairperson PHEC Prof. Dr. Mohammad Nizamuddin chaired a meeting of managers of Career Counseling Centers

PHEC, since its inception, has been working to bring improvement in the existing higher education system by introducing capacity-building projects both for faculty and students. Most of the graduating students of Higher Education Institutions of Punjab, though having degrees with appealing grades, are unaware of career prospects and emerging market trends. Resultantly, there are fewer opportunities for them in the market or they are unable to meet the requirements of the employers.

Career Counseling Centers (CCC), a project of PHEC, aims to provide a platform to the students of HEIs of the province to facilitate them in developing their career paths based on their academic skills and interests. It also aims to provide the necessary guidance, exposure, and training to the students of Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) to equip them with effective communication skills. Currently, these counseling centers are successfully running in four public colleges and eight universities of Punjab. The project will be expanded to more public sector colleges and universities of the province in subsequent phases.

To evaluate the performance of these counseling centers and ponder on the future strategies, a meeting of managers of Career Counseling Centers (CCCs) was held on April 28, 2017 at the PHEC Secretariat, Arfa Software Technology Park, Lahore. The meeting was chaired by the Chairperson PHEC Prof. Dr. Mohammad Nizamuddin. Director General (SI) PHEC Dr. M. Shahid Soroya and Chief Operating Officer PHEC Khuram Jhanzeb were also present at the meeting.

The Chairperson PHEC emphasized on strengthening the industry-academia linkages and the importance of alumni to cultivate more opportunities for students. The CCC managers shared their experiences and problems faced during the CCC activities. Their suggestions were given due consideration and future plans were crafted accordingly.

Career Counselling Centers' Activities

Government College Women University, Faisalabad



Career Counseling Center of GCWUF organized a one-day seminar on "Strengthening the interpersonal skills of graduating students and developing entrepreneurial skills" on May 11, 2017. The purpose of this seminar was to enhance the Interpersonal skills of students and make them aware of entrepreneurial skills in the market.

University of Education, Lahore

In order to cultivate maximum opportunities by honing their professional skills, University of Education, Lahore arranged various Career Counseling activities. In April 2017, it arranged a seminar on "Awareness of Women and Law". In May 2017, training workshops on "Taxation of Salary, E-filing, and E-registration & "Interview Techniques" were conducted for students at various campuses of the University. A seminar on "Self-Empowerment of the Youth" was also organized.

Chairperson PHEC Inaugurates Career Counselling Centre at Govt. College Township Lahore



The Chairperson PHEC Prof. Dr. Mohammad Nizamuddin inaugurated a PHEC-funded Career Counseling Center at Govt. College Township, Lahore

The PHEC-funded Career Counselling Centre (CCC) was inaugurated at the Government College Township, Lahore by the Chairperson PHEC Prof. Dr. Mohammad Nizamuddin.

Addressing the inaugural ceremony, the PHEC Chairperson Prof. Dr. Mohammad Nizamuddin said that most graduating students of HEIs were unaware of emerging market trends. "There are fewer opportunities for them in the market or they are unable to meet the requirements of the employers," he added.

The Chairperson PHEC further said that the CCC was a project of PHEC aiming to provide a platform to students of Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) of Punjab to facilitate them in developing their career, aimed to provide a platform to the students to facilitate them in developing their career paths based on their academic skills and interests. Four such Counselling Centres have been initially established at selected colleges of Punjab with an amount of Rs. 2 million set aside for each. The first one was inaugurated at the Township College.

"The project will be gradually extended to all public-sector colleges and universities of the Punjab," the PHEC Chairperson announced, adding that these centres would hold seminars, workshops, job fairs and conferences to provide career advice to the youth.

The Principal Govt. Township College Dr. Mohammad Ijaz Butt said that the inception of PHEC had given a ray of hope to the public sector. "We believe, the PHEC will address problems of college students and teachers in an effective way," he added. The college, he said, was also running a community college project of the PHEC, wherein two-year bachelor's semester system degree was being offered in market-driven subjects.

Career Counselling Centers' Activities

Fatima Jinnah Women University, Rawalpindi

Career Counseling Center FJWU organized a meeting on April 10, 2017 with Rozee.pk. The purpose of this meeting was to link the alumni database with largest web portal like Rozee.pk to enhance career opportunities for the students.

Similarly an industry-academia linkage, career counseling center at FJWU held a joint meeting with DPL Software House and Department of Software Engineering and Computer Sciences regarding Alumni Web portal. The purpose of these meetings was to maintain the alumni database so that the center could provide better job opportunities through the web portal.

Government Sadiq College Women University, Bahawalpur

Career Counseling Center at GSCWU Bahawalpur organized following activities during the second quarter of 2017 for its students.

A Workshop on Leading the Right Path for the students of BS and MA. The aim of the workshop was to motivate students, enhance their leadership qualities and guide them to build a positive society.

An orientation program by Women Chamber of Commerce for students of Fashion, Arts and Design. The purpose of this orientation was to build a linkage between students and the business community so that students can get jobs easily.

PHEC Unifies Universities on One Platform to Encourage Peace and Eradicate Violence on Campuses



A conference was organized by the PHEC Working Group for the promotion of peace and tolerance at university campuses. Vice-Chancellors, intellectuals and representatives of 27 public sector universities of Punjab participated in the conference and submitted reports.

Talking as the keynote speaker, GCU Dean Faculty of Social Sciences Dr. Tahir Kamran emphasized that marginalized groups of society should be included in the mainstream. "Segregation leads to violent thought patterns," he said. Dr. Tahir added that epistemic violence on campuses should be addressed and tolerance of different opinions must be drilled in. He stressed upon changes in the curriculum, revival of student societies and promotion of the culture of dialogue at the university-level.

The PHEC Chairperson Dr. Mohammad Nizamuddin said that tolerance was very important for the development of mental faculties of our university students. "We should develop and revive academic societies in universities to tackle the issue of sporadic student groups in order to engage them in campus-

based positive activities." He added, it was important to teach students about peace in classrooms but we also need to focus beyond the classroom. "We need to work on improving the curriculum rather than syllabus. We should engage our students in extra-curricular activities, debates and sports," Dr. Nizamuddin added.

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Every institution of the society must play its role in bringing peace, tolerance and social acceptance at micro and macro level of the society
-Syed Raza Ali Gillani

University of Education's VC Dr. Rauf-e-Azam, convener of PHEC Working Group, said that the PHEC Working Group would give a comprehensive set of recommendations for policy formulation.

Members of these working groups deliberated upon the possible role of media, civil society, the government, university administration, students and faculty members in promoting peace and tolerance in university campuses.

Addressing the concluding session, the Punjab Minister for Higher Education Syed Raza Ali Gillani emphasized the need for peace and tolerance on university campuses across Punjab saying that there was a need to propagate the norms of plurality, diversity and peaceful coexistence.

Syed Raza Gillani stressed the need to develop a counter violence strategy involving all the stakeholders, including cultural and religious minorities of the society. He assured his support to universities and PHEC in implementing these plans for promoting peace and tolerance in the society.



Academics & Research Department

PHEC Funds Several Conferences in Universities of Punjab

“International Conference on Health Psychology: Issues & Challenges” at Government College University, Lahore

This conference aimed at creating awareness regarding the importance of health psychology in the Pakistani society. The conference intended to open new vistas, provide a platform for positive interaction among professionals and students and extend an understanding of intricate issues in the field of health psychology. The speakers emphasized on the role of religion, mysticism, and spirituality in preserving physical and mental health. At the end of the conference, the foreign participants agreed to entertain research students and faculty members for both doctorate and post-doctorate research.



“Science for the Betterment of Humanity” at Govt. Sadiq College Women University, Bahawalpur

The focus of the conference was harnessing science for the betterment of humanity. With the application of scientific knowledge, entire humanity could flourish in the near future. Outcomes of the conference involved collaboration of the Government Sadiq College Women University Bahawalpur, the Islamia University of Bahawalpur and Bahauddin Zakariya University Multan.



“National Conference on Computer Science and Information Technology” at Lahore Garrison University

The conference highlighted the developments, challenges and opportunities in the field of robotics in education and industry. The keynote speaker Dr. Yasar Aaz, SMME-NUST, Islamabad gave a comprehensive talk on Robotics and Intelligent Systems Engineering. The Chairperson PHEC Prof. Dr. Mohammad Nizamuddin was the chief guest of the conference.

“International Conference on Dental Practice Essentials: Strategies for Success” at University of Health Sciences, Lahore

The aim of the conference was to help students understand the basic concepts of dental business as professionals in their own domain by the integration of latest digital marketing strategies.

At the end of the conference, the participants were sensitized towards the practical management aspects of

dentistry. National collaborations were developed with the School of Leadership, Karachi, Department of Management Government College University and the Entrepreneurial Centre, LUMS.

An international collaboration was also made with HR Strategy Consultants, United Arab Emirates.

“Garrison National Conference on Pure & Applied Mathematics” at Lahore Garrison University

The main focus of the conference involved industrial application of theoretical knowledge generated by mathematicians. The conference included topics such as statistics, data science and numerical analysis.

This conference provided a platform to discuss

strengths, weakness and opportunities involved in the sustainability of innovation in Mathematics.

DG (SI) Dr. Shahid Soroya was the chief guest of the conference. He appreciated the Lahore Garrison University for organizing this conference.

Media & Publications Department

PHEC Trains Public Relations Officers of Public Sector Varsityes



The Public Relations Office in an organization works as a bridge between the organization and the public to cultivate a positive professional image of the organization.

The Media & Publications Department of PHEC arranged a two-day training workshop at the PHEC Secretariat ASTP Lahore for the Public Relations Officers (PROs) of public sector universities of Punjab. The Chairperson PHEC Prof. Dr. Mohammad Nizamuddin

was the chief guest whereas Prof. Dr. Mughees-ud-Din Sheikh was the guest of honour. Renowned journalists, academicians, and public relations professionals delivered lectures on various aspects. They were given hands-on training of creating effective Urdu & English Press Releases.

The aim of this training workshop was to update PROs with latest practices in the field of public relations and media management. The workshop also established a

joint platform for effective coordination and communication between PHEC and Public Relations Offices of public sector universities of Punjab.

Addressing the participants of the workshop, the Chairperson PHEC emphasized the need for effective public relations skills keeping in view the changing modes of communication. Certificates were distributed among the participants.

The participants appreciated the efforts of PHEC to gather PROs of public universities of Punjab at a common platform to interact with each other.



A group photo of participants with Chairperson PHEC Prof. Dr. Mohammad Nizamuddin

PHEC, in Collaboration with PMAS-AAU and FJWU, Conducts two-day Training Workshop of Journalists of Punjab



A group photo of participants with Vice Chancellor PMAS-AAU Dr. Rai Niaz Ahmad and PHEC Director General (SI) Dr. Muhammad Shahid Soroya

Journalism is a sacred profession, resting upon certain professional values, journalistic ethics and practices for the development of society through highlighting the irregularities of social institutions. Freedom of expression is a crucial value of modern-day society. The core of education reporting is to disseminate information related to academic institutions to the public for bringing a progressive change.

To refresh their knowledge in the field of journalism and reporting, the PHEC Media and Publications Department in collaboration with Pir Meher Ali Shah (PMAS) Arid Agriculture University Rawalpindi and Fatima Jinnah Women University, Rawalpindi,

organized a two-day training workshop in May 2017. Renowned journalists and academicians delivered comprehensive lectures at the PMAS Arid Agriculture University Rawalpindi. Mr. Umer Cheema from Geo News informed the journalists about the advanced techniques of investigative journalism. He emphasized that facts must be presented without manipulating the context.

Matiullah Jan associated with Nawa-e-Waqt/Waqt News taught the journalists about professional ethics. He stressed the need for professional ethics while reporting about sensitive issues related to national security, religion and human rights.

Ms. Ummul Baneen Mirza, Assistant Professor of Media at Foundation University Rawalpindi & a Fulbright Fellow at ICIJ, delivered a detailed lecture on digital journalism. She maintained that with the advent of advanced information and communication technologies (ICTs), the nature and environment of public communication had altogether changed. Technologically-advanced countries have already transformed into digital arenas.

The Vice Chancellor PMAS-AAU Prof. Dr. Rai Niaz

Ahmed briefed the journalists about the University and its achievements. He presented the mementos to the participating journalists.

The training session on the second day was conducted at the Resource Center Murree (RCM) Fatima Jinnah Women University, Rawalpindi. At the end of the training workshop, certificates were distributed to the participants of the workshop.

Miscellaneous

PHEC Signs MOU with Chinese Overseas Exchange Association



Under the MoU, Chinese teachers would provide training in Punjab and help compile material for teachers and students in the province. Under the agreement, PHEC staff would be invited to China, while students from the province would be invited to a Chinese summer camp. PHEC would select 30 government officials and young entrepreneurs who would take a language preparatory course of one-year.

Speaking on the occasion, Punjab Minister for Higher Education Syed Raza Ali Gillani said that the Government of Punjab extended all possible cooperation to the Chinese Higher Education Department and pledged to assist in all fields of development in higher education sector. He added that the MoU was an example of the enhanced cooperation with the Chinese.

The PHEC Chairperson Prof. Dr. Nizamuddin in his address said that the MoU would serve as a link between the PHEC and the Chinese Education & Culture Department. The PHEC Chairperson added that this academic initiative would further help launch new collaborative programmes regarding Chinese language, culture and education as envisioned by the

Chief Minister of Punjab Muhammad Shahbaz Sharif. The Chairperson PHEC Prof. Dr. Nizamuddin and Director Culture & Education Department Mr. Lei Zhengang were the signatory of the MoU. To set up a culture and communication center, an agreement was signed between the Punjab Higher Education Commission (PHEC) and the Culture and Education Department of the Chinese Overseas Exchange Association.

Mr. Lei Zhengang, Director of Culture and Education Department COEA, said that the joint collaboration would help promote the culture and strengthen our friendship. The MoU would serve our vision of One Belt, One Road. He said that the two parties would carry out cooperation in the form of exchange of students and teachers for various language and culture programs. The joint venture was signed under the auspices of the Chinese Consulate at Lahore.

The MoU signing ceremony was held at the PHEC Secretariat Arfa Software Technology Park Lahore. Vice Chancellors of University of Punjab, Government College University Lahore, University of Central Punjab and University of Education were also present at the ceremony.



PHEC Post Doctorate Fellowship Program



"Being an awardee of the first batch of Punjab Higher Education Commission (PHEC)'s post-doc fellowship, I am lucky to have an opportunity to work with top-notch scholars and professors of my field. I am currently a post-doctoral fellow at the Queen Mary University, London and working on a systematic review of empirical research over the past three decades, carrying implications to enhance the health and well-being of women. Foreign Post Doctorate Fellowship Program has provided me a chance to interact with international scholars and distinguished professors. The exposure, no doubt, has broadened my vision and sharpened my research skills and subject knowledge. I would like to extend my gratitude to PHEC for making my dreams of studying at an international environment come true and for supporting my academic endeavours, which could not have been possible otherwise."

Dr. Aneela Maqsood
PHEC's Post Doc Research Fellow
At Queen Mary University of London
United Kingdom.



"I have been awarded with postdoc fellowship by the Punjab Higher Education Commission (PHEC) almost a year ago. This is my first experience to study abroad at the University of Edinburgh, United Kingdom. Thanks to PHEC, I got an opportunity to learn in a technologically advanced, diverse and multi-cultural environment. I am lucky to get a chance to work with Professor Emerita, one of the sage professors in my field. Learning from such a seasoned professor in such a fertile environment is a wonderful experience. This exposure has synergized my theoretical learning and honed my research skills, for which I am really indebted to PHEC."

Dr. Ayesha Farooq
PHEC's Postdoc Fellow
At School of Social and Political Science
University of Edinburgh
United Kingdom.

Chief Minister Faculty Development Program



"Recently Mr. Umar Shahzad, Lecturer in English, Govt. Post Graduate College, Chakwal who is a CM FDP scholar from the batch of year 2016 has completed his one year Master degree in English Literary Studies from University of Aberdeen UK with flying colors and returned to his parent department. His foreign supervisor Dr. David Wheatley declared Mr. Umar as an exceptional student in his progress report.

With six years into the lectureship, I had just begun to settle in the mould when the opportunity presented itself. PHEC announced a master's scholarship under the Chief Minister Foreign Faculty Development Program. I knew it was more than a scholarship, I was the recipient of the opportunity of a lifetime. Besides the degree, I developed some real time insights into the working of the education system in the UK and I mean to employ them at Govt. Postgraduate College, Talagang where I'm posted right now.

Finally, my deepest gratitude goes to all the phenomenal individuals working at PHEC and HED whose unflinching and, at the same time, unassuming support and confidence saw me through this strenuous venture.

Mr. Umar Shahzad thanked PHEC and shared his experience saying "I rediscovered myself during my stint at the University of Aberdeen."

Umar Shahzad,
Lecturer in English,
Govt. Post Graduate
College, Chakwal

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to share their experience and valuable
feedback***

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The Chief Minister of Punjab Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif inaugurated free WiFi service in Punjab



The Chief Minister of Punjab Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif distributed laptops to students. The Punjab Minister for Higher Education Syed Raza Ali Gillani and Chairperson PHEC Prof. Dr. M. Nizamuddin were also present



The 9th meeting of the Punjab Higher Education Commission was convened at the PHEC Secretariat



The Chairperson PHEC Prof. Dr. Mohammad Nizamuddin chaired the "Pre-Budget Seminar 2017" at University of the Punjab, Lahore



The Chairperson PHEC Prof. Dr. Mohammad Nizamuddin at the Punjab Economic Forum 2017 by PERI



The PHEC Director General (QA) Ms. Zia Batool at the PERI Consultative Session on "Promoting Policy-oriented Economics Research in Punjab"



The Chairperson PHEC Prof. Dr. M. Nizamuddin inaugurated the exhibition of Vaclav Havel



The Chairperson PHEC Prof. Dr. Mohammad Nizamuddin as the chief guest on World Book and Copy Right day at the University of Punjab, Lahore



The Chairperson PHEC Prof. Dr. Mohammad Nizamuddin inaugurated a PHEC-funded Career Counseling Center at Govt. College Township, Lahore



The Chairperson PHEC Prof. Dr. Mohammad Nizamuddin chaired the PhD Convention at University of Central Punjab



The Chairperson PHEC at the Aging Conference in FC College



The Chairperson PHEC Prof. Dr. Mohammad Nizamuddin at the 13th Convocation of LCWU



The Chairperson PHEC Prof. Dr. Mohammad Nizamuddin at the Lahore Garrison University



The PHEC Director Muhammad Luqman visited USA to participate in a conference at University of Riverside, California and visited PCAge Institute to study the model of Community Colleges



The Chairperson PHEC Prof. Dr. Mohammad Nizamuddin chaired the 9th International Travel Grant Reviewing Committee

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PHEC, GCU ink MoU on PhD scholarship programme



PHEC, GCU launch Int'l Split PhD Scholarship Programme



Punjab joins hands with Beijing to promote Chinese language



Pakistani journalists direly need safety training



Entrepreneurship may help reduce poverty: Dr Nizam



Higher education : PHEC launches split PhD programme for teachers



PHEC chairman stresses market-based education



Facilitating students: First public career counselling centre opens



PhD initiative for academics of Punjab colleges, varsities



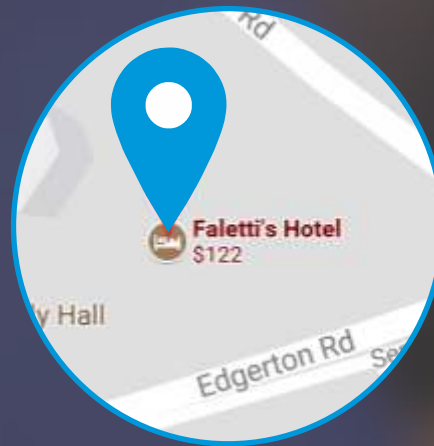
Students urged to create jobs through entrepreneurship





***Punjab Higher Education Commission
is going to participate in
Express Education & Career
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