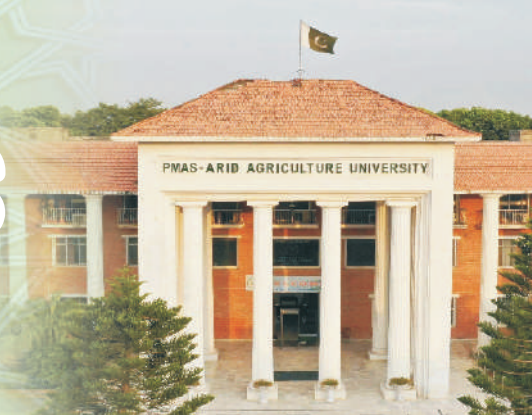




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Strategic Dialogue on Middle Corridor of Turkey: Prospects and Challenges Held at PMAS-AAUR



Ambassador of Turkiya to Pakistan, Prof. Dr. Mehmet Pacaci said that there is a strong and special relationship between Pakistan and Türkiye which is based on the spirit of brotherhood, common history and mutual goals. Both Countries governments and people actively helped each other in every difficult time. He stated this while addressing on Strategic Dialogue “Middle Corridor of Turkey: Prospects and Challenges” at PMAS-Arid Agriculture University Rawalpindi (PMAS-AAUR). The event was organized by Policy Dialogue Forum, PMAS-AAUR in collaboration with Asian Institute of Eco-civilization, Research & Development (AIERD).

The Ambassador said that in this regard connectivity between Pakistan and Turkey played a pivotal role, adding that the Middle corridor is an initiative of turkiya government to connect Turkiya to China. He further said that the middle corridor has many advantages for countries and sub-continents like mutual cooperation, trading, tourism etc. There are some border issues between countries but we are hopeful to resolve these issues and make a

policy through which a single contract is enough to travel or trade through this corridor, he added. The ambassador highlighted the need to expand cooperation with Pakistani organizations and institutes in education, health and women's development sectors.

Earlier, Vice Chancellor Prof. Dr. Muhammad Naeem, in his welcome address said that the relations between Turkey and Pakistan are unique, centuries old and based on the spirit of brotherhood, common history and mutual goals. He also shared that

Pakistan will overcome the difficulties faced by following the example of Türkiye. He said that collaboration in the field of education and research with Turkish universities and institutions would further strengthen relations between the two countries.

Dr. M. Zia-ul-Haq (DG, IRI, IIUI), Prof. Dr. Abdul Saboor (Dean, Faculty of Social Sciences), Dr. Ghulam Hussain Babar, Director, Policy Dialogue Forum, PMAS-AAUR and Mr. Shakeel Ahmad Ramay, CEO AIERD also addressed the participants.



Accreditation Inspection Committees Visited PMAS-AAUR

The Accreditation Inspection Committees (AICs) of National Agriculture Education Accreditation Council (NAEAC) visited Pir Mehr Ali Shah, Arid Agriculture University, Rawalpindi (PMAS-AAUR) for two days for external evaluation and accreditation, here on Wednesday. The seven Accreditation Inspection Committees (AICs) conducted accreditation visits of Agricultural Economics, Forestry, Horticulture, Human Nutrition & Dietetics and Seed Science & Technology degree programs.

The AICs consisted of senior professors including Prof. Dr. Fayyaz-ul-Hassan, Chairperson NAEAC as a convener, Dr. Abdul Hayee Qureshi, Ex-Director, Agricultural Economics Research Institute National Agricultural Research Center Islamabad, Prof. Dr. Syed Moazzam Nizami, Department of Forestry and Wildlife Management The University of Haripur, Prof. Dr. Muhammad Jafar Jaskani, Institute of Horticultural Sciences University of Agriculture Faisalabad, Dr. Shinawar Waseem Ali, Associate Professor and Chairman Department of Food Sciences University of the Punjab Lahore,



Prof (Retd). Dr. Muhammad Qayyum Khan, Dean, Faculty of Sciences The University of Azad Jammu & Kashmir as members visited Arid varsity.

Dr. Abdul Ghaffar, Secretary NAEAC & Ex-CSO, Animal Sciences Institute NARC and Dr. Sohail Yousaf, Department of Environmental Sciences Quaid-i-Azam University Islamabad as members conducted Pre-Accreditation/Zero visit of Animal Sciences and Environmental Sciences degree programs.

The PMAS-AAUR Vice Chancellor Prof. Dr. Muhammad Naeem in an inaugural session welcomed the committee members and briefed them about ongoing development and research projects at the university. Prof. Dr Muhammad Azam Khan, Director Quality Control gave a brief introduction of the university and presented the salient accomplishments as well.

Later, Dr. Abdul Ghaffar, Secretary NAEAC shared the accreditation standards and substandard besides the importance and significance of accreditation along with previous AIC recommendations. The committee visited different labs, library and classrooms, research area and met the faculty members and students in this regard. AICs held individual faculty meetings to know the working environment and job satisfaction level and student teacher interaction.

In the concluding session, the program evaluators/experts shared their observations with the Prof. Dr M. Naeem Vice-Chancellor PMAS-AAUR. Dr. Naeem thanked NAEAC team for their two days deliberations and inspection visit and assured that the recommendations made by the AICs would be implemented to increase the standard of education and to expand the skills of the graduates.



EMGS and Representatives from Malaysian Universities Visited PMAS-AAUR

Education Malaysia Global Services (EMGS) and representatives from esteemed Malaysian universities visited PMAS-Arid Agriculture University Rawalpindi and have meeting with PMAS-AAUR officials. The Registrar PMAS-AAUR Mr. Muhammad Aqeel Sultan grace the meetup as chief guest along with Director University Institute of Information Technology (UIIT) Prof. Dr. Yaser Hafeez, Director External Linkages Dr. Saqib Majeed and other PMAS-AAUR officials.



The purpose of this visit was to facilitating and promoting international education opportunities in Malaysia for PMAS-AAUR students. EMGS is the authorized body that manages the movement of international students in Malaysia, including facilitate in visa processing.

Through this visit, the EMGS will bring heads of Malaysian higher education institutes to provide a comprehensive platform for students in Pakistan to explore higher education opportunities in Malaysia. Malaysia offers students with access to a wide variety of choices for pursuing programs in Engineering, Medicine, Business, Social Sciences, and IT. This visit will enable PMAS-AAUR students to directly interact with representatives from Malaysian universities, explore various academic programs, and gain valuable insights into pursuing higher education in Malaysia.

Delegation from Hungary visited Center for Precision Agriculture, PMAS-AAUR

Dr. Istvan Grafjodi (Commercial and Development Counselor, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade of Hungary), Prof Dr. Gabor Milics (Head of Department Precision Agriculture, Hungarian University of Agriculture & Life Sciences (MATE)) & Dr. Tamas Tomor (Business Director, Envirosense Hungary Ltd.), Mr. Muzaffar Manghi (CEO, FARMDAR) visited Center for Precision Agriculture (C4PA), PMAS-



Arid Agriculture University Rawalpindi. Dr. Muhammad Naveed Tahir (Project Director, DDSDP), Dr. Asim Gulzar (Director, ORIC), Dr. Tahir Iqbal (Chairman, FMPE Department), and Dr. Shoaib Rashid Saleem (Director, C4PA) welcomed the delegation. A detailed visit of the various labs of the C4PA was followed up by the comprehensive discussion on exploring the avenues for future collaborations between Pakistan and Hungary. Dr. Naveed and Dr. Shoaib highlighted the state-of-the-art precision and digital agriculture projects undertaken by DDSDP and C4PA. These innovative technologies such as Drone Spraying in various agriculture crops are already changing the outlook of Pakistan's agriculture industry. PMAS-AAUR is pioneer in introducing the drone sprayer technology in Pakistan since 2018 under the dynamic leaderships of Dr. Muhammad Naveed Tahir. Dr. Gabor discussed the opportunity of student exchange programs and trainings between PMAS-AAUR and MATE. Dr. Tamas said that Hungary industry can support Precision and Digital Agriculture especially in remote sensing domain. Dr. Grafjodi concluded by emphasizing on the importance of Pak-Hungary collaboration between academia and industry for the betterment of livelihood of farmers in both countries.

“Trash to Treasure” **One-day Youth Capacity-Building Workshop**

Department of Economics and Agricultural Economics, Faculty of Social Sciences, PMAS-AAUR in collaboration with Institute of Urbanism conducted one day “Trash to Treasure” Youth Capacity-Building Workshop. Dr. Gulnaz Hameed organized the event under the supervision of Dean Faculty of Social Sciences Prof. Dr. Abdul Saboor and Dr. Ejaz Ahmed, Senior Program Fellow Institute of Urbanism.

Dr. Abdul Saboor delivered the welcoming note and enlightened the problems and statistics of Pakistan regarding waste. The core objective of the workshop was to highlight the primary environmental, social, economic impacts of waste. Speakers at the workshop emphasized the importance of managing waste as a resource. Innovative ways to tackle waste related issues were also addressed. Miss Ayesha Majid, Senior Program Coordinator Institute of Urbanism presented on waste management issues in Pakistan and ways to



tackle these issues efficiently. Lecturers from PIEAS, Muhammad Jabran and Dawar Abbas presented the ways their students have managed waste as a resource by making sustainable waste bins through empty oil tanks and installed them at campus. They also presented the idea of Electric Waste Carrying Loader that would be helpful for proper transportation of waste within the campus.

Mr. Saad Saleem, CEO of Trash Bee addressed the audience about his initiative to start his organization with the objective of proper disposal of waste, recycling and reuse of waste. Speakers also presented some of the successful waste management stories from USA and Sweden to motivate

students about managing problems at hand innovatively and efficiently for sustainable outcomes.

Participants of the workshop were divided into 3 groups and were given a case study of Munich. They were asked to identify problems and what solutions Munich adopted to tackle their problem of access waste. Students presented their findings in front of the panel and also gave suggestions on how waste management issues can be tackled in Pakistan.

Dr. Ejaz Ahmed delivered the closing note and honored the participants with certificates of participation and caps of Institute of Urbanism.



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