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Prof. Dr. Qaisar Abbas assumed the charge as Vice Chancellor University of Sargodha on September 10, 2022. Prof. Dr. Qaisar Abbas was appointed as UOS Vice Chancellor on regular basis for a period of four years through a notification issued by the Punjab Higher Education Department "No. SO (Univ.) 5-1/2018.VOL-III dated 10.09.2022."

Dr. Abbas acquired a PhD degree in Human Resource Development from Nankai University in China, and MSc and MPhil in Economics from Quaid-i-Azam University in Pakistan. He has extensive experience in academia, having served as Dean of the Faculty of Business Administration and Director of the Lahore campus at COMSATS University Islamabad. He has also held various leadership roles at COMSATS University Islamabad (CUI), including Provost, Convener of the Campus Selection Committee, Convener of the Board of Studies of Management Sciences, and Convener of the Board of Faculties of Business Administration and Board Member of Governor CUI in Pakistan.

He is a highly accomplished researcher with numerous publications to his credit, including 38 in national and international journals, and a number of conference proceedings and presentations. He has also completed two research projects funded by the Higher Education Commission of Pakistan and CUI. He has also experience of supervising PhD students and has helped launch an international research journal. Dr. Abbas has also been actively involved in organizing a number of international workshops, seminars, conferences and forums.



A meeting was held between the Chairman of Higher Education Commission (HEC) Pakistan, Prof. Dr. Mukhtar Ahmad and the Vice-Chancellor University of Sargodha (UoS), Prof. Dr. Qaisar Abbas. "Providing skill-based knowledge to the students could better help in accelerating and uplifting the national economic growth" was the crux of the meeting called on by the Chairman, HEC Pakistan, to discuss the issues and challenges related to higher education.

Dr. Mukhtar Ahmad stated, "Education, skills, and technical training are at the heart of economic growth that is sustainable, inclusive, and adds value. Both the latent and active workforces need to be built up for future investment and self-employment. There is a dire need to focus on training as an investment to produce technically equipped students who could better compete in the market," said Dr Qaisar Abbas.



**MUHAMMAD BALIGH UR REHMAN** (CHANCELLOR)  
GOVERNOR PUNJAB

**VC PRESENTS RS4.3 MILLION FOR FLOOD-AFFECTED PEOPLE**

The Vice Chancellor University of Sargodha Prof. Dr. Qaisar Abbas met with the Governor of Punjab/Chancellor University Engineer Baligh-ur-Rehman in Governor House Lahore. The Vice Chancellor of University of Sargodha Prof. Dr. Qaisar Abbas presented a cheque of Rs4.3 million to Governor Punjab and Chancellor, Engineer Muhammad Baligh ur Rehman for flood-affected people from the faculty, staff and students of the University. Governor Punjab said there are lots of abilities and extraordinary qualities in our senior faculty members especially in varsity researchers. He also congratulated Dr. Qaisar Abbas on taking over the vice chancellor office. Dr. Qaisar Abbas briefed the chancellor, governor Punjab about the Flood Relief activities and the overall academic and administrative progress of University of Sargodha.

The Governor Punjab and Chancellor said that the role of educational institutions in nation-building is enormous and these institutes have assumed an important place in the wake of the government's efforts for rehabilitation and reconstruction of flood-affected areas. He also appreciated the university's role in providing relief to the students of flood-hit regions and also lauded the gesture of the employees of the university for contributing to the government's rehabilitation efforts.



**RAJA YASSIR HUMAYUN SARFARAZ**  
(HIGHER EDUCATION MINISTER)  
GOVERNMENT OF THE PUNJAB

**SELECTION ON MERIT CAN IMPROVE HIGHER EDUCATION SECTOR IN PUNJAB**

Four Vice Chancellors of public sector universities met with the Minister of Higher Education Punjab Raja Yassir Humayun Sarfraz. Prof. Dr. Qaisar Abbas, Vice Chancellor of the University of Sargodha, Dr. Muhammad Kamran, Vice Chancellor of MNS UET, Dr. Muhammad Ramzan, Vice Chancellor of Emerson University Multan, and Dr. Javaid Akhtar, Vice Chancellor of the University of Sahiwal discussed issues concerning to the higher education sector. The minister emphasized the importance of working with zeal and commitment to improve the higher education sector in Punjab by ensuring merit and transparency. Reforms in the higher education sector, as well as strategies for promoting quality education and encouraging a research culture, were also discussed at the meeting. He also directed the secretary higher education to resolve the lingering issues of public sector universities at the earliest.

Dr. Qaisar Abbas said that the traditional educational system needs to be changed, so that students can acquire technical skills. In addition, he committed to working hard, being transparent, and maintaining professionalism in order to move the university forward and improve its global ranking.



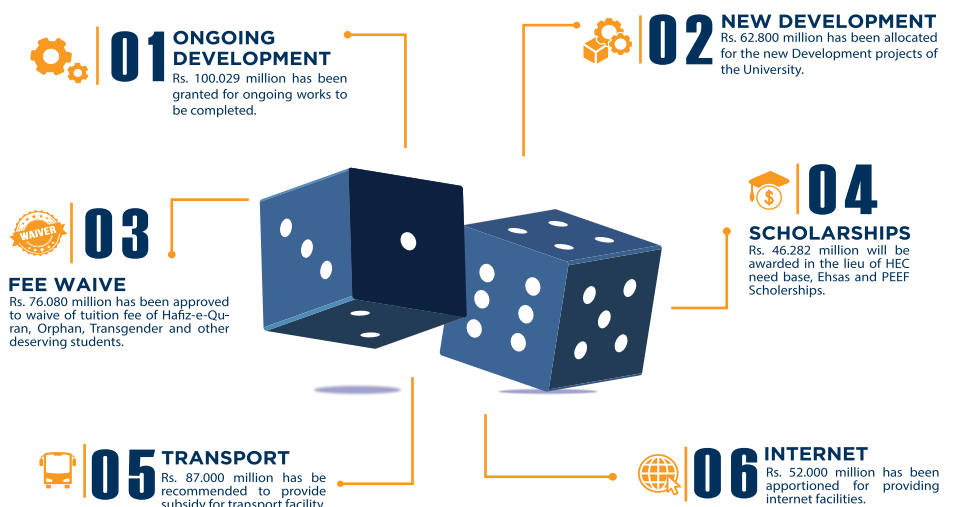
The Syndicate of the University of Sargodha, in its first meeting of the year held on September 27, 2022, cleared the year-long backlog by taking remarkable decisions in favor of its employees and the students. Keeping in view a large number of agenda items, another meeting of the Syndicate was held on November 04, 2022.

The meetings were presided over by the Vice Chancellor Prof. Dr. Qaisar Abbas, who briefed the Syndicate members about ongoing educational, research and developmental activities of the Campus. The key feature of the Syndicate meeting was the approval of the budget for the fiscal year 2022-23. The body also approved an increment in the salaries of the university employees as per the decision of the Punjab government.

The Registrar Waqar Ahmad presented the agenda of the meetings, while the Vice Chancellor briefed the House about the educational and research achievements of the university. The Syndicate members appreciated the progress of the varsity on the academic as well as administrative fronts under the dynamic leadership of Prof. Dr. Qaisar Abbas.

On the recommendations of the finance and planning committee of the University, the Syndicate approved a 15 per cent increase in the salaries of university employees. The house also approved the pending 25pc disparity reduction allowance for the employees of BS-1 to 19 subjected to an approval by the Governor/Chancellor. The Body also approved recommendations of the selection board regarding appointment of the faculty members. The syndicate, on the recommendation of the Academic Council, also restored the departments of Punjabi, Persian and Arabic, which were merged with Urdu & Oriental languages previously.

**BUDGET ALLOCATION 2022-23**







## AMBASSADOR OF KAZAKHSTAN VISITS UNIVERSITY OF SARGODHA

Kazakhstan's Ambassador to Pakistan H.E. Yerzhan Kistafin visited University of Sargodha on September 15 to discuss the matters of mutual interests. The Ambassador was cordially welcomed by the Vice Chancellor Prof. Dr. Qaisar Abbas. The visit was facilitated by the Sargodha Chamber of Commerce and Industry (SSCI). The meeting was attended by Shoaib Ahmad Basra the SCCI president, Deans, Directors, senior faculty and staff members of the university along with Mr. Dilyara Kempirbayeva, the commercial consul of Kazakhstan's embassy. Addressing the meeting, Ambassador Yerzhan Kistafin vowed to strengthen friendly relations and to develop people to people contact by creating a welcoming environment. Additionally, he expressed his interest to promote collaborative research initiatives to strengthen partnership between the University of Sargodha and the Republic of Kazakhstan.

### The Ambassador Vowed:

*"Sargodha is an agricultural region, and in order to assure cooperation in this area, we will promote collaborations in the agricultural sector with the support of the Chamber of Commerce & Industries Sargodha and the University of Sargodha."*

### Prof. Dr. Qaisar Abbas said:

*"Sargodha University benefits society by providing opportunities for high-quality learning, research, and education. Integrity, professionalism, honesty, compassion, inclusion, and social responsibility are lessons that help students become conscious and responsible."*

He further talked about the various prospects for mutual cooperation between the Republic of Kazakhstan and Sargodha University, including faculty and student exchange, joint conferences, and cooperative research, additionally intending to work with Kazakh universities on research projects, training programs, and language and culture exchanges.

The Ambassador also visited the high-tech laboratory of the College of Pharmacy and acknowledged it as compatible with the modern requirements.

## EXTENDING COOPERATION WITH UNIVERSITY OF PUTRA MALAYSIA

In line with the already signed MOU, the University of Sargodha and University of Putra Malaysia (UPM) agreed to extend cooperation to carry out collaborative research, exchange of scholars, and establish educational cooperation between the two institutions.

Recognizing the importance of active engagement of academia and researchers, both universities agreed to extend cooperation in line with the already signed Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to promote and encourage short and long-term visits of students and faculty.

The deliberations were made in a meeting held at the University of Sargodha between the Vice Chancellor Prof. Dr. Qaisar Abbas and the Deputy Vice-Chancellor of University Putra Malaysia Prof. Dr. Nazamid Saari. Dr. Qaisar Abbas commended the University of Putra Malaysia for achieving high scores consistently for its teaching, learning, and research activities.

Prof. Dr. Nazamid Saari also briefed about the rankings, performances, and achievements of the University of Putra Malaysia and said that UPM is striving to enter the top 100 universities of the QS World University Rankings. He also appreciated the efforts of UoS for extending and identifying opportunities for students and faculty exchanges, cooperation, joint research, and development in disciplines of mutual interest that can be achieved under this international partnership.

### AREAS OF COOPERATION

- To establish a joint educational campus in Pakistan.
- Joint efforts to mobilize resources for promotion of quality education and innovation.
- Strengthening academic activities through exchange of research and educational data.
- Joint conferences, symposia, and workshops would be organized by inviting scholars and encouraging students to participate.
- Extending cooperation for Joint research activities in the fields of common interest and exchange of ideas and innovations for mutual benefit.



Prof. Dr. Qaisar Abbas presenting a souvenir to the Deputy Vice-Chancellor of University Putra Malaysia Prof. Dr. Nazamid Saari.



## BOOSTING ACADEMIC TIES WITH OIC (MEMBER STATES OF AFRICAN REGIONS)

An alliance of Islamic Universities of Africa (AIUA) and the University of Sargodha (UoS) have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) for bilateral cooperation and academic excellence through joint ventures. The Vice Chancellor Prof. Dr. Qaisar Abbas, 15 Vice Chancellors and representatives of the AIUA signed the agreement.

On the occasion, UoS Vice Chancellor Prof. Dr. Qaisar Abbas said the agreement is inclusive and covers all aspects and levels of academic collaboration between the higher education institutions of Islamic countries. It will help build an ecosystem of collaboration and enable knowledge-based economic growth in the OIC member states, particularly in the African region.

The delegation of AIUA also visited the Wazir Agha Central Library, College of Pharmacy, Industrial Unit, and Citrus Farm of Sargodha University. They appreciated the contributions of UoS in the field of academic and community services.

*"The alliance will open avenues to share ideas, skills, expertise, and best practices to pool resources for mutual support and benefit for each institution."*

**Prof. Dr. Qaisar Abbas.**

### AREAS OF COOPERATION

- Building cooperation among higher education institutions of Africa, COMSTech Consortium of Excellence (CCoE) member institutions, and the University of Sargodha.
- Initiating student and faculty exchange programs.
- Providing a platform for collaborative research activities in the relevant fields of mutual interest.
- Creating a bond between the two networks and empowering both in the development of tertiary education system through existing COMSTech Programs and other collaborative activities.
- Encouraging mobility and cooperation such as the mobility of experts.

## UOS, TANG CHINA'S LTD SIGNS MOU TO PROMOTE COOPERATION IN ACADEMIC, CULTURAL SPHERES

A memorandum of understanding (MoU) has been signed between the University of Sargodha and Tang Chinese Education and Technology Ltd to promote academic, educational, and cultural relationships. The agreement was signed by the Additional Director of the Office of the Research Innovation and Commercialization (ORIC) Dr. Anjum Murtaza and the President/Executive Director of Tang, Pakistan in the presence of the Vice Chancellor University of Sargodha Prof. Dr. Qaisar Abbas.

*"This partnership will connect Sargodha University with top Chinese Universities and Vocational Institutes. It will also bring forth opportunities for joint degree programs, and vocational & faculty training, along with the promotion of Chinese language and culture."*

**Prof. Dr. Qaisar Abbas**



### AREAS OF COOPERATION

- A three-year Associate Degree Program will be introduced under a Joint Technical Education Program. In this program, the students will study two years of theoretical courses at the University and year-long practical training from Chinese universities. A joint degree will be awarded after the completion.
- The manpower for local Economic Zones and CPEC Industries & Special Economic Zones (SEZs) will be provided effective training, quality assessment, and certification by launching CCE Model Sino-Pak Dual Diploma Vocational & Technical Joint Education Program.
- Increase cooperation in developing information-based vocational, and technical courses and introducing China's vocational education standards.
- Establish a Model Industrial Unit for value addition to the citrus export in a tri-party framework, including Tang, UOS, and the Sargodha Chamber of Commerce and Industry (SCC&I).
- Organizing joint conferences like China-Pakistan International Industrial-Academic Cooperation Alliance, and enabling students' participation in training, lectures, and workshops





# 3RD INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON "EDUCATIONAL SCIENCES AND RESEARCH ICESR 2022" TRANSFORMING EDUCATION FOR FUTURE: PRACTICES & PROJECTIONS

To highlight the prevailing issues in education and to recommend workable solutions in leading towards a better future, the Department of Education organized 3rd International Conference on "Educational Sciences and Research (ICESR) 2022" on December 14-15, 2022.

A two-day conference was organized under the theme of "Transforming Education for Future: Practices and Projections" in collaboration with the Higher Education Commission Islamabad, Punjab Higher Education Commission, and ORIC (UoS). It was a continuation of the ventures put forth by Sargodha University to contribute to the national academia.

The conference was aimed at promoting research culture in Pakistan through sharing practices and projections to suggest quality of curricular offerings, research, innovations in teaching and learning as well as spreading awareness about transformation of education for future.

The event's themes included assessment practices, creative and performing arts and craft, curriculum adaptation and innovation, early childhood care and education (ECCE), education for sustainable development, culture & diversity financial and entrepreneurial education, global citizenship education, health education, leadership and management, learning for justice, life skills and languages.

## KEY POINTS

- The major educational challenge of this century is the acquisition of new sets of skills required by the students and teachers alike. Transforming education is the forefront international agenda. In simple words it is the adaptation of educational goals, scope, system and human resource to the changing needs of the society.
- Teachers as classroom managers and principals as school managers should use effective management practices in order to face the challenges of the 21st century.
- Need to take stock of the prevailing paradigms of learning in Pakistan and reset educational goals for transformative education by bridging the gap between latest research and practices, instill commitment and inculcate values among teachers and students for establishing a sustainable society.
- Enabling students to solve problems with limited resources.



Dr. H. M. Lalitha Kumari addressing the 3rd international Conference.

- COVID-19 has dramatically reshaped the way global education is delivered. Millions were affected by educational institution closures due to the pandemic resulted in the largest online movement in the history of education.
- It is an unfortunate truth that students are still a victim of the inhumane practice of corporal punishment. Teachers' mindsets could not be changed in spite of the presence of laws and policies against corporal punishment.
- ICT-integration in education is certainly changing the roles of teachers and learners at the same time. It is the time to acquaint ourselves with this changing paradigm. Pakistan is proud to record a huge number of ICT-based research outputs.

## ABOUT THE SPEAKERS

- Dr. H. M. Lalitha Kumari, University of Colombo, Sri Lanka
- Dr. Fonny Dameaty Hutagaiung, Psychology and Counseling Universiti Malaya, Malaysia
- Dr. Abigail O. Akande, The Pennsylvania State University, USA
- Prof. Dr. Khalid Mehmood, Secretary, NACTE, Pakistan
- Prof. Dr. Munawar Sultana Mirza, Professor Emeritus, University of the Punjab, Lahore

## PAK-TESOL REGIONAL CONFERENCE ON "MODERN TRENDS IN ENGLISH LANGUAGE TEACHING"

The Department of English University of Sargodha in collaboration with Pak-TESOL, US Mission Pakistan, Regional English Language Office (RELO) US Embassy, and Allama Iqbal Open University (AIIOU) organized a two-day conference titled "Modern Trends in English Language Teaching" on 21-22 November.

The conference was aimed at promoting "English Language Teaching in Sargodha" and was followed by two days Training Workshop later. It brought eight International and National Keynote speakers on stage and gathered almost 700 participants and 52 presenters from near and far. During the event, speakers and panelists talked about issues of vital concern, generated meaningful discussions and sparked ideas about bringing innovation to ESL classrooms.

The conference was followed by Pak-TESOL two-day workshop on New trends in English Language Teaching. The session was attended by 45 faculty members from the university and affiliated colleges and received hands-on practice in eight different training modules including Academic Writing, Culturally Responsive Teaching, Student-Centered Approaches, Process Pedagogy, 21st Century Skills, and Corpus-Driven Approaches in ELT. The participants expressed their deep appreciation for Pak-TESOL and the Department of English UOS for creating an unmatched opportunity to receive training from an impressive line of resource persons.

## KEY POINTS

- Build a critical approach for analyzing texts and also broaden their horizons by disseminating ELT-specific knowledge to academia, policymakers, and stakeholders in the field.
- Create awareness about the current ELT trends and explore ways to adapt them to the local context.
- Reflect on our own ELT practices and identify areas for improvement.
- Develop the intellectual, personal and professional abilities of ELT practitioners.
- The need to revisit language research being done in Pakistani universities and make it more attuned to the present needs.



Prof. Wenwen-Tian posed for a picture after the conference.

- Foster a sense of community among the participants so that they work together to reform ELT practices in the region.
- Encouraging the students to use digital material in English language teaching methods and the use of the English language for educational purposes.
- English being the most important language of science, technology, education, and diplomacy at the global level, by having command over it, the effective view of Pakistan could be conveyed to the international community.
- Improve the unreliable evaluation process typically associated with traditional assessment methods like tests and examinations and look for alternative assessment methods that foster critical thinking and communication skills.
- Teaching practices require a paradigm shift from teacher-led classrooms to student-centered instruction which enables students to take charge of their own learning.
- Need to keep the local community of practice alive and work together to create local solutions.

## ABOUT THE SPEAKERS

- Dr. Wenwen Tian, Foreign Studies Professor from Northwestern Polytechnical University China
- Dr. Shahid Abrar-ul- Hassan, Yorkville Canadian University's Professor of English
- Dr. Shahid Siddique, former VC of Allama Iqbal Open University
- Dr. Muhammad Kamal Khan, Project Director



A group photo of Keynote Speakers of Pak-TESOL with the Vice Chancellor University of Sargodha.



## INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON RECENT ADVANCES IN FOOD CHEMISTRY AND NATURAL PRODUCTS RESEARCH

An International Conference on “Recent Advances in Food Chemistry and Natural Products Research” was jointly organized by the Institute of Food Science and Nutrition and the Institute of Chemistry, University of Sargodha, Sargodha on October 27-28, 2022. The conference was organized to provide a platform to share high-quality practical information that describes the most significant and cutting-edge research in the areas of Food Chemistry and Natural Products.

The conference focused on food composition, functional and designer foods, nutra-pharmaceuticals, bioactive components and natural antioxidants, micro-encapsulation, green extraction, food and drug analysis, nutrigenomics and nutrient delivery, valorization of agro-wastes and sustainable food systems. The conference was attended by more than 350 students, faculty members, researchers, food experts and policy makers from Pakistan and abroad.



Prof. Dr. Basma Ellahi addressing the conference.



Prof. Dr. Mushtaq Ahmad addressing the conference.



Prof. Dr. Qaisar Abbas presenting a souvenir to Dr. Yaya Rukayadi.

### KEY POINTS

- Food Chemistry is one of the most important disciplines of food science that focuses on changes in the composition, physico-chemical and functional characteristics of foods, food ingredients and products from farm to fork.
- Role of food chemistry in determining and modifying the food composition and diet selection.
- Significance of Functional Foods and nutraceuticals in daily diet and the future of Designer foods with reference to functional ingredients.
- Importance of green extraction in food and drug analysis and research.
- The chemical processes and interfaces of all biological and non-biological constituents of foods and how various processing techniques impact a particular food.
- Natural products like complex carbohydrates, proteins and lipids along with other high-value bioactive components and nutraceuticals play a significant role in food quality and human health.
- Food research is indispensable to better apprehend the role of individual food components on food product development, their acceptability, nutritional profile and subsequent impact on human well-being.
- Role of chemists and food technologists in valorization of Agro-wastes.
- Sustainable Food Systems to ensure food & nutrition security for Pakistani population.

### ABOUT THE SPEAKERS

- Prof. Dr. Basma Ellahi, United Kingdom
- Pro. Dr. Keshavan Niranjana, United Kingdom
- Prof. Dr. Maruf Ahmed, Bangladesh
- Dr. Omer Faruk Celik, Turkey
- Dr. Yaya Rukayadi, Malaysia

## MATHEMATICS HELPS SOLVING NOVEL CHALLENGES, SPEAKERS

The Department of Mathematics, University of Sargodha organized various academic activities including seminar, national conference and an international symposium to highlight the importance of Mathematics in other disciplines. The events were held under the title of “Importance of Mathematics in Finance and Economics, the 3rd National Conference on Mathematics and Applications 2022, and a day-long International Symposium on Mathematical Sciences” respectively. Renowned mathematicians from across the world highlighted the role of mathematics in thinking logically.

### KEY POINTS

- Being a core science, the importance of mathematics has already been established for physical sciences and has recently been recognized in life sciences.
- Fractal interpolation focuses on managing the nonlinear issues of natural as well as social sciences efficiently. It fills the majority of the loopholes that have been overlooked by the traditional interpolation approach.
- Coincidence and common fixed-point results of set-valued mappings satisfying certain generalized graphic F-contractive conditions on a family of sets endowed with a graph.
- Evaluation of entropy generation has shown to be a helpful technique for tackling improvements in thermal characteristics since it yields insight that cannot be obtained from energy analysis.
- There is a need for curriculum revision, considering the importance of mathematics in the life sciences as a marvelous opportunity to develop and meet novel challenges and successfully achieve new avenues of research.
- Mathematical theories used in the context of finance and economics can have effective practical applications in real life.



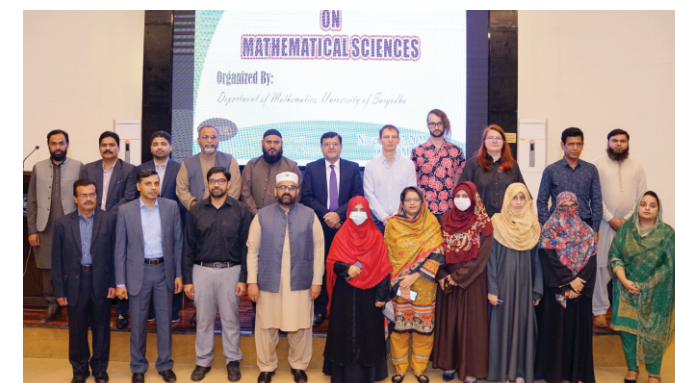
Dr. Daan Van De Weem addressing the conference.



Dr. Andrea Fenovcikova addressing the conference.



Prof. Dr. Christophe Ritzenthaler addressing the conference.



A group photo of International participants and faculty members with the Vice Chancellor Prof. Dr. Qaisar Abbas.

### ABOUT THE SPEAKERS

- Prof. Dr. Christophe Ritzenthaler, Université Côte d'Azur, France, and CIMPA Director, France
- Dr. Andrea Fenovcikova, Technical University in Košice, Slovakia
- Dr. Daan Van De Weem, SISSA, Italy
- Prof. Dr. Muhammad Shahbaz, Beijing Institute of Technology, China
- Dr. Muhammad Kamal Khan, Project Director



# INDUSTRIAL EXPO LINKING ACADEMIA WITH INDUSTRY EMPLOYERS



Prof. Dr. Qaisar Abbas and Consulate General of China in Lahore Zhao Shiren inaugurating the Pakistan Industrial EXPO 2022.

The University of Sargodha in collaboration with the Everest International Company organized the sixth edition of Pakistan Industrial Expo 2022 at Lahore Expo Center. More than one hundred and sixty leading industrial Chinese manufactures participated in this grand event with special emphasis on linkages with industry.

Three-day long exhibition showcasing the Pakistani and Chinese innovations and products was inaugurated by the Vice Chancellor University of Sargodha Prof. Dr. Qaisar Abbas and Consulate General of China in Lahore Zhao Shiren on October 15.

Addressing the occasion, Vice Chancellor Prof. Dr. Qaisar Abbas said that the University of Sargodha is making its global impression through an array of collaboration with China and launching many joint ventures in trade, import, export, science and technology. He further added that we are preparing Pakistani youth for broader engagement with Chinese counterparts especially in the context of construction of China Pakistan Economic Corridor. Zhao Shiren said at the moment that the friendship between China and Pakistan has historical significance. "We are strengthening these relations with trade and different joint ventures. In future, such productive activities will continue to strengthen the trade between China and Pakistan" he added.

## CHINESE EXPORTERS VISIT UOS TO STRENGTHEN DOMESTIC INDUSTRY

A delegation of Chinese exporters on 3rd October visited the University of Sargodha to explore the investment and innovation opportunities in the region. The Vice Chancellor Sargodha University Dr. Qaisar Abbas welcomed the delegation comprised of Mr. Chris Chu and Mr. Yousaf Fa. The visitors acknowledged the University of Sargodha's qualified faculty and staff for their efforts in promoting research and developing academia-industry linkages.



A delegation of Chinese exporters discussing the matters of interest with the Vice Chancellor.

### KEY POINTS

- Increase cooperation between China and Pakistan in all fields by utilizing investment opportunities in Sargodha and regional industry.
- To strengthen domestic industry of Sargodha by adopting and practicing the Chinese Industrial Model.
- Seeking opportunities in the region's manufacturing sector, especially the handicrafts, furniture, citrus and other product categories.
- Creating opportunities under flagship CPEC project and creating new business horizons.

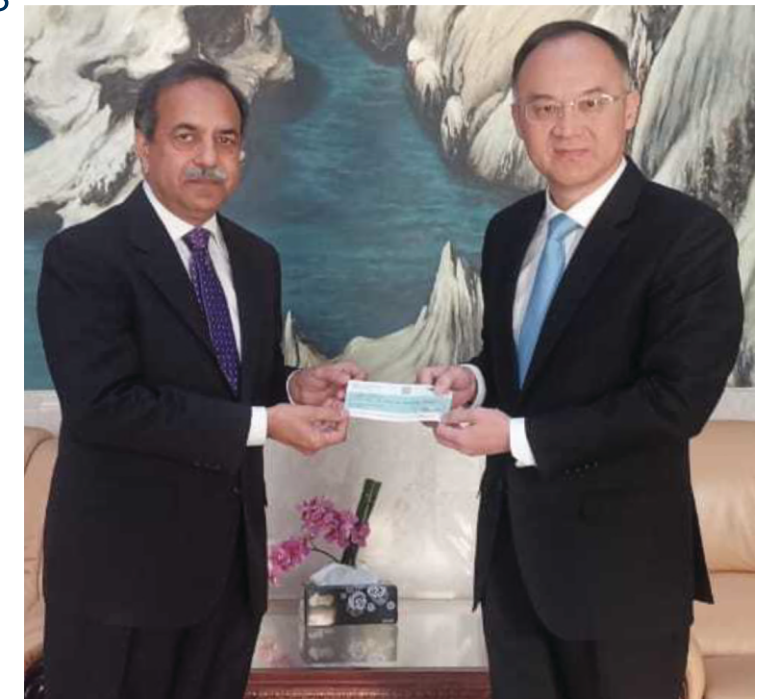
# CHINESE AMBASSADOR SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM ESTABLISHED AT UOS

The Chinese Embassy donates rupees 3.76 million (120,000 Yuan) to Pakistan Institute of China Studies (PICS) of University of Sargodha for establishing "Chinese Ambassador Scholarship program 2023."

The decision was taken in the meeting held on December 26, between the Chinese Ambassador H.E. Nong Rong and the Director Pakistan Institute of China Studies (PICS), UoS Dr. Fazal ur Rahman. The funding will be used to award scholarships to the most talented as well as promising needy students besides promoting Chinese language and cultural activities at the University.

Dr. Fazal ur Rahman, Director, Pakistan Institute of China Studies, received the donation cheque from the Chinese Ambassador H.E. Nong Rong at the Embassy. Chinese Ambassador assured his full support and appreciated the efforts undertaken by University of Sargodha and PICS for running successful China Studies Program.

Addressing on the occasion, Ambassador Nong Rong said that young people are not only the future of Pakistan, but also the future of China-Pakistan relations. The Embassy is willing to continue to maintain close cooperation with University of Sargodha and enhance the friendship between the young generation of Pakistan and China. The Vice Chancellor of Sargodha University Prof. Dr. Qaisar Abbas appreciated the initiative of the Chinese Embassy and stated that this goodwill gesture will create significant impact on the lives of students and generate a healthy completion among the students to win the Awards. The Vice Chancellor in a short span of time has taken several initiatives to strengthen China Studies and linking the University with several Chinese institutions to ensure quality education.



Ambassador H.E. Nong Rong presenting the Scholarship Cheque to the Director PICS Dr. Fazal ur Rahman.

Dr. Fazal ur Rahman, Director, Pakistan Institute of China Studies, thanked the Ambassador H.E. Nong Rong and the Embassy for their support towards the University of Sargodha, including the establishment of the "Chinese Ambassador Scholarship program" and the Confucius Institute at the University. He also briefed about the activities and the progress of Pakistan Institute of China Studies and pledged to promote China-Pakistan friendship and strengthen people-to-people contact between the two Countries.

## PROMOTING ACADEMIA-INDUSTRY LINKAGES

A delegation of TANG International Education Group visited the Vice Chancellor Prof. Dr. Qaisar Abbas to enhance international collaboration and modernization in the field of education and promote academia-industry linkages. A two-member Chinese delegation included Mr. Max Ma, Executive President Tang International Education and Mr. Song Jianying, Director and CEO of Pakistan subsidiary. The meeting deliberated on setting up a "Citrus Production Unit" related to all citrus products such as juices and medicine etc. Moreover, establishing "Sargodha Expo Center" was also key feature of this meeting. The participants also agreed to promote cooperation in academic and cultural spheres in addition to boosting academia-industry linkages and strengthening domestic industry of Sargodha by following and practicing the Chinese Industrial Model.



The Vice Chancellor Prof. Dr. Qaisar Abbas presenting the souvenir to Mr. Song Jianying.



# STUDENTS CELEBRATE SUCCESS AT GRADUATION CEREMONY

The University of Sargodha (UOS) awarded degrees to 59,797 students during its 9th Convocation, held on November 17, 2022. The Vice Chancellor Prof. Dr. Qaisar Abbas presided over the ceremony while Chinese Consul General in Lahore Zhao Shiren was the guest of honor. The ceremony was initiated in a ritualistic manner, with the entrance of the academic procession comprising Zhao Shiren and the Vice Chancellor and Deans of the seven faculties at the convocation venue. One of the significant aspect of the ceremony is that it marked the graduation of 62 percent girls out of the total student population.

The degrees conferred include, 151 PhD degrees, 1656 MS/ MPhil/ MSc (Hons)/ LLM, 22,774 MA/MSc, 13,692 BS/ BSc (Hons)/ BBA and 21,524 BA/ BSc/ ADP degree, awarded to the students from the faculty of Agriculture, Arts and Humanities, Engineering and Technology, Medical and Health Sciences, Pharmacy, Science and Social Sciences. Among them, 415 students with distinctions were honored with medals.

Addressing the convocation ceremony, the Chinese Consul General in Lahore Zhao Shiren appreciated the university administration for building academic and research links with Chinese institutions and vowed to strengthen cooperation with the UoS in various fields of mutual interest. The Chinese CG also visited the under-construction PICS building and pledged maximum support for the promotion of Chinese Language and Culture at Sargodha University. In his speech, Vice Chancellor Prof. Dr. Qaisar Abbas said that

number of degrees being conferred on the graduates was a testimony to tremendous achievement of the university in the education sector. He expressed, "The University of Sargodha has earned a niche among the esteemed higher education institutions in the short span of 20 years of its establishment through a steady improvement in its position in the global rankings of the universities."



  
**9<sup>TH</sup> 2022**  
**CONVOCATION**



TOTAL GRADUATES (DEGREE-WISE)



# NEED FOR A HOLISTIC POLICY APPROACH TO INTEGRATE OVERALL GROWTH-PROMOTING POLICY

The Department of Economics University of Sargodha organized an awareness seminar on "Addressing Agriculture Market Inefficiency in Pakistan" to address the gap between land to market. The key note speaker covered the theme with his vast knowledge and experience.

Dr. Sohail Jehangir Malik is a well-known researcher in the field of developmental policy, with a wide range of expertise including agricultural policy, public sector resource mobilization, budget development, technology choice, biodiversity, poverty analysis, rural finance, food security, and nutrition, and social safety nets. He is particularly known for his work in Pakistan and internationally.

The Vice-Chancellor University of Sargodha Prof. Dr. Qaisar Abbas, Chairman Economic Department Prof. Dr. Masood Sarwar, faculty members and students attended the seminar.

## KEY POINTS

- Agricultural development is one of the most powerful tools to end extreme poverty and to feed a projected 9.7 billion people by 2050.
- Pakistan's agriculture sector contributes about 24 % of the GDP. But agriculture-driven growth, poverty reduction, and food security are at risk in Pakistan and our economy is facing a lot of problems.
- Information asymmetry is the biggest cause of market inefficiency resulting in high prices for consumers and low returns for farmers.
- There is a need for a holistic policy approach to integrate the overall growth-promoting policy framework. Catalyze the system to generate and propagate independent knowledge that makes perverse decision-making.
- The introduction of "Baseerat" and "Umeed" mobile application app and a network containing agriculture commodity price information & comparison across Pakistan over time.



Prof. Dr. Sohail Jehangir Malik delivering a special lecture through Zoom.

- Growth in the agriculture sector is two to four times more effective in raising income among the poorest compared to other sectors.
- The application enables the comparison of commodity prices from the large dataset of officially reported wholesale markets with what farmers report they are receiving in those market areas thus ensuring transparency; highlighting margins; eliminating inefficiencies; and, unleashing the full potential of agricultural markets for inclusive growth.

## ABOUT THE SPEAKER

- Prof. Dr. Sohail Jehangir Malik, Veteran Economist

# A GRAND NATIONAL DIALOGUE ON POPULATION AND FOOD SECURITY

The Pakistan Institute of China Studies (PICS) University of Sargodha in collaboration with the Islamabad Policy Research Institute (IPRI) and the Institute of Regional Studies (IRS) organized a grand national dialogue on "Population and Food Security" on October 27, 2022.

The debate emphasized the population and food security issues as a serious human security threat and highlighted an agricultural loss of billions in recent floods.

## KEY POINTS

- Food security and population are fundamental problems, and that Pakistan is at the cusp of a meltdown.
- Issues such as population explosion, drainage of resources, changing dietary habits and climate change are affecting global food security, especially in a resource-starved and highly populous country like Pakistan.
- Integrated planning, climate-smart agricultural practices, and population control through education and women empowerment could impend population explosion and containing food security threats.
- Food insecurity stems from economic insecurity, lack of resources and lower income inequality.
- 38% food is insecure and Pakistan needs integrated policy, alternative food research and resource introspection as solutions.
- Need to introduce vertical farming due to shrinking lands to real estate development. An integrated system is needed to take benefit from the natural resources of Pakistan.
- Shrinking of crop yield is directly linked with farmers outsourcing crops to unskilled labor, affecting overall agricultural production.
- Malnutrition sits at the very core of our food insecurity which serves several larger social and health issues.



Ambassador Nadeem Riyaz posed for a photo during the seminar.

- Implementing sustainable policies on a priority basis as a growing population creates an imbalance in resources.
- Formulating policy and submitting recommendations on food security and population to the government of Pakistan.

## ABOUT THE SPEAKERS

- Ambassador Nadeem Riyaz, Islamabad
- Dr. Muhammad Khalid Bashir, Faisalabad
- Dr. Abdul Rahman, Sargodha
- Dr. Muhammad Irfan Ullah, Sargodha
- Dr. Omer Riaz, Sargodha

# SPEAKERS URGE STUDENTS TO FOLLOW JINNAH'S FOOTSTEPS AND ENSURE MINORITY RIGHTS

The Department of Sociology and Criminology and the College of Law on December 22, jointly hosted a seminar titled "State-led Affirmative Actions for the Inclusion of Minorities in Pakistan: Appraisal, Challenges & Way Forward." Speakers stressed on the inclusion of minorities in the legislative and policy-making process. The seminar sensitized the public about the identity and status of the Pakistani minorities and highlighted the constitutional frameworks and state policies to mainstream them in education, governance, the job market, and politics.

## KEY POINTS

- The potential barriers in the way of inclusion of minorities toward mainstream society and getting equal citizenship for them should be eliminated.
- Efforts should be made to make a liaison among academia, civil society organization, and public sectors to address minority issues.
- Promote interfaith harmony and cultural tolerance among the masses, especially youth to enhance social solidarity and national integration at the state level. It will help in building Pakistan's image as a peaceful, inclusive, and culturally diverse country.
- To make people aware of the government policies aiming at the inclusion of minorities in the national mainstream.

- Faith-based discord and discrimination seem so pervasive that even attempts to seek solutions are fraught with polarizing society further.
- The constitutional rights of minorities should be disseminated to different educational establishments and be part of the curriculum.
- It is essential to ensure the rights of minorities and take pragmatic and immediate steps to control fanaticism.

## ABOUT THE SPEAKERS

- Prof. Dr. Muhammad Zia ul Haq
- Justice (R) Ijaz Ahmad
- Prof. Dr. Gulam Yaseen



Justice (R) Ijaz Ahmad addressing the seminar.



# ACADEMIA-INDUSTRY LINKAGES PREREQUISITE FOR HEI'S REVOLUTION

The Rectors conference titled "Entrepreneurial Revolution and HEI's: The Economics and Social Impact" was held at COMSTECH Islamabad on December 10th, in which the Vice Chancellor of Sargodha University, Prof. Dr. Qaisar Abbas take part as a keynote speaker. Dr. Abbas shared his thoughts on the role of higher education institutions in socio-economic development and called for transforming higher education on modern lines. Earlier, on December 9th, Prof. Dr. Qaisar Abbas also gave a presentation on "Importance and Nature of International Linkages and How to Build Inter-University Collaborations in Post Covid-19 Scenario" in a symposium organized by COMS-TECH, IUCPSS, American Institute of Pakistan Studies and The Hollings Centre for International Dialogue. The symposium was attended by Vice Chancellors/Rectors of Muslim Universities from Uganda, Nigeria, Kenya, Tanzania, Kazakhstan, and Pakistan.



Chairman HEC Prof. Dr. Mukhtar Ahmad and Chairman the Superior Group, Prof. Dr. Chaudary Abdul Rehman presenting souvenir to VC UoS Prof. Dr. Qaisar Abbas at 3rd Rector's Conference 2022.



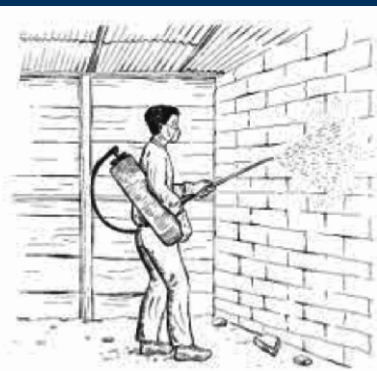
Chairman HEC Prof. DR. Mukhtar Ahmad, Dr. Syed Muhammad Junaid zaidi and Vice Chancellor UoS Prof. DR. Qaisar Abbas posed for a picture during an international symposium held in Islamabad.

## EXCERPTS FROM THE SPEECH

- Higher education institutions should take advantage of the opportunities presented by virtual modalities, such as the use of digital transformation and online curriculum delivery, to create international environments and support cross-cultural exchange. The adoption of new approaches, such as distance and hybrid learning, can create a sustainable and resilient work ecosystem in higher education, particularly in the post-COVID-19 era.
- HEI's should focus on building academic ties and linkages through strategic partnerships with industry to harness leadership, generate useful knowledge, foster enduring values and promote sustainable technologies and practices across the world.
- Higher education has a very crucial role in developing high-level resources with the necessary knowledge and skills for economic and social development. Universities should be proactive in providing opportunities for students to gain industrial expertise through work experience and internships, as they are well-positioned to offer employability training to individuals looking to change careers or update their skills.



## STRATEGIES FOR PREVENTION OF DENGUE FEVER



To discuss the "Dengue" transmission routes, rates, and role of environmental factors in contest of the recent flood of 2022, the Department of Entomology, College of Agriculture hosted an international webinar and workshop under the title of "Strategies for the control of dengue fever mosquitoes" on December 07.

The speakers briefly described the dengue fever mosquito's biology, life cycle, its genetics and identification. The participants of workshop learned in detail the methods and preventive measures that could help in eradicating the dengue fever mosquito. After the deliberations, participants were provided training for identification of dengue fever mosquito larvae and adults in laboratory. More than 200 Participants attended the workshop in the seminar hall of the College of Agriculture.

## KEY POINTS

- Dengue fever is an endemic in Pakistan, however historic flooding has triggered a sudden rise in cases during 2022.
- Mosquitoes spread the virus that causes dengue fever. Most people do not experience symptoms. However, if they do, the symptoms are often mild.
- Accurate identification of dengue mosquito is important.
- Preventive measures like destruction of its breeding sites are critical.
- Early recognition and treatment can help manage symptoms and prevent fatalities.
- The best way to prevent dengue fever is to take steps to avoid mosquito bites.
- Coping the incidences of vector born disease through novel ecofriendly strategies.
- Proper fumigation and use of repellents are important measures.
- Need to talk about the past, present, and future perspectives of dengue infection in Pakistan.
- Eliminating or reducing the number of mosquito breeding sites, such as by removing standing water from containers around the home.
- Using mosquito repellent and wearing protective clothing, such as long-sleeved shirts and pants.
- Keeping windows and doors closed or screened to prevent mosquitoes from entering the home.
- Using air conditioning or fans to create a breeze that makes it harder for mosquitoes to bite.
- Staying indoors during peak mosquito biting hours, typically dawn and dusk.
- Getting rid of or covering water storage containers, such as old tires or buckets, that can collect rainwater and become breeding grounds for mosquitoes.
- Using mosquito nets while sleeping, especially in areas where dengue is common.
- Using insecticides to kill adult mosquitoes and larvicides to kill mosquito larvae in standing water.
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- Regularly cleaning and maintaining swimming pools and other bodies of water to prevent the buildup of mosquito larvae.

## ABOUT THE SPEAKERS

Dr. Muhammad Tariq, Associate Professor, Arid Agriculture University, Rawalpindi

Mr. Zulfiqar Ali, Department of Primary & Secondary Health Care, Sargodha



## US CONSUL GENERAL ENCOURAGES STUDENTS TO PURSUE ACADEMIC OPPORTUNITIES IN US

The University of Sargodha welcomed a special guest, the Consul General of the US Consulate in Lahore, Mr. William K. Makaneole on December 12th who paid a visit to the campus. Mr. Makaneole was received by the Vice Chancellor of the University, Prof. Dr. Qaisar Abbas, as well as other members of the university's administration.

During his visit, Mr. Makaneole also got the opportunity of visiting the Lincoln Corner Sargodha, where he was greeted by Dr. Ijaz Asghar Bhatti and Ms. Nimra Zia. The Consul General also interacted with students and volunteers at the corner, where he discussed about the various scholarship opportunities available for students who wish to pursue their future in the United States.

The visit was a great success, for both the University and the US Consulate expressing their desire to strengthen their collaborative relationship in future. A group photo was taken to commemorate the occasion and to remember the visit of Mr. Makaneole.



# MEASURES TO CONTROL THALASSEMIA URGED

The Department of the Social Work, University of Sargodha in collaboration with government of the Punjab organized a number of events in connection with the National Thalassemia Prevention Day on 8<sup>th</sup> Nov. The events included a seminar on National Thalassemia Prevention Day followed by an Awareness Walk and a free Screening Camp at the University.

## KEY POINTS

- Globally approximately 300-400 thousand children are annually born with inherited substantial Hb diseases and around 80 million are carriers of  $\beta$ -thalassemia.
- The disease also causes a negative impact on family members, who suffer mentally, socially, financially, and even physically.
- The burden of thalassemia on the patients is because of complications from the disease itself and consequence of treatment received by the patient.
- The severity of the disease often remains immensely variable. Children with thalassemia suffer from the disease's consequences and treatment complications.
- Many people are reluctant to and afraid of doing the screening test due to societal norms and its adverse effect on the marriage prospects or due to ignorance about the disease.
- Thalassemia causes immense psychosocial, physical, and financial burdens to patients and their families. It is required to enhance awareness by increasing the knowledge of the parents and caregivers about thalassemia.
- Need to highlight the challenges experienced by the family and caregivers; for instance, repeated blood transfusion as the dominant origin of tissue casualty, morbidity, and fatal clinical outcomes.

## ABOUT THE SPEAKERS

- Chaudhary Mumtaz A, RO, Sargodha & RO, Khushab
- Dr. Khwaja Arshad, Pediatrician at DHQ Hospital, Sargodha
- Dr. Misbah, Consultant CVS at PTGD, Sargodha Region
- Dr. Saira Shafi: Consultant at PTGD, Sargodha Region
- Dr. Ghulam Shabir: MS DHQ Hospital Sargodha
- Mr. Muneeb Rehmat: Regional Coordinator PTGD, Sargodha Region
- Dr. Aisha: DHO, Primary and Secondary Health Care Department, Government of Punjab
- Dr. Sharmeen, Consultant Oncology Ward, DHQ Hospital, Sargodha
- Ms. Zeba, Deputy Director, Social Welfare and Bait-ul Maal
- Dr. Nasir Maken, AMS, DHQ Hospital, Sargodha
- Dr. Madiha Arif, DMS DHQ Hospital, Sargodha



Dr. Khwaja Arshad, Pediatrician at DHQ Hospital, Sargodha addressing the seminar at University of Sargodha.



Prof. Dr. Ghulam Abbas, Dean Faculty of Arts & Humanities inaugurating the blood donation camp for thalassemia.



Students and staff of the University of Sargodha hold a walk on National Thalassemia Day.

# STUDENTS URGED TO CHALLENGE CORRUPTION

An awareness seminar regarding eliminating corruption from the country was jointly organized by the College of Law University of Sargodha and the Department of Psychology on 9<sup>th</sup> December, 2022. The event was aimed at sensitizing the students about the ill effects of corruption on society.

## AREAS OF COOPERATION

- Corruption had become a major cause of all social evils in the society affecting not only human development but also leading to an unjust society.
- The youth have a duty to challenge corruption since they have the power to bring about change in the social, political and economic dynamics. There is need to be proactive when it comes to eradicating the menace of corruption.
- We should live within their means and preach the same to the elders of their families. This, when practiced religiously, will eliminate the very reason of corruption.
- Corruption had weakened the fabric of the state and it is responsibility of all segments of society to wage a fight against the menace.
- Every individual should play its role for creating awareness among the students about the menace of corruption to develop the society on basis of honesty, ethics, and moral values.
- Youth must be aware of and committed to ethics, moral values, citizenship, honesty and integrity and strive to foster a culture of integrity through character building societies by creating a sense of civic right and duties.

## SPEAKERS:

Kazim Ali Malik - Justice (R), Asima Ijaz Cheema - Regional Director Anti-Corruption Sargodha, Sarfraz Akhtar - District and Session Judge, Sargodha.



Mr. Ikram Basra addressing the seminar.



Mr. Ali Haider addressing the workshop.

## SKILLS IMPARTED TO EARN THROUGH FREELANCING

The Department of Communication and Media Studies, University of Sargodha organized various interactive sessions and workshops to impart technical knowledge and skills among students. The events were aimed at familiarizing students with the art of free lancing in the field of content writing, screen play writing, graphic designing, videography and video editing, which are the needs of the Broadcast and Digital Media Industry.

Addressing the participants of workshop about screenplay writing, the keynote Speaker Mr. Ikram Basra said that screenplay writing is an art of crafting a narrative story for the screen, either for film or television. It involves creating characters, plot, dialogue, and action, and formatting the script in a specific way so that it can be easily interpreted by filmmakers and actors, he added. "From creating promotional videos for businesses to shooting and editing wedding videos, there are many opportunities for freelancers in the videography and video editing space. Having a strong foundation in videography and video editing can help you stand out in a crowded market and give you the ability to offer a wider range of services to your clients. It can also lead to higher rates and more lucrative opportunities" said Mr. Ali Haider.



# VC UOS HONORED WITH PAK-CHINA FRIENDSHIP AWARD 2022

The Consul General of China Mr. Zhao Shiren, presented the "Friendship Award 2022 of the Consulate General of the People's Republic of China" in Lahore to the Vice Chancellor University of Sargodha Prof. Dr. Qaisar Abbas, at a ceremony held at the Gymkhana Club.

The certificate was awarded in the recognition for promoting relationships between China and Pakistan in the field of education.

On this occasion, Mr. Zhao Shiren appreciated the efforts of UoS in strengthening academia-industry linkages and promoting Chinese language and culture. He also praised various initiatives of the university which included Confucius Institute at UoS, MoUs with Chinese leading institutions and offering Chinese language courses.

During the meeting, Dr. Qaiser Abbas thanked the Chinese Embassy for starting "Chinese Ambassador Scholarship" program 2023 for the students of Sargodha University. He vowed to further expand the scope of cooperation with Chinese educational institutions.



Zhao Shiren, Chinese Consul General Lahore, presenting Pak-China Friendship Award 2022 to Vice Chancellor UoS.

# INTER-VARSITY AGREEMENT TO ACHIEVE UNITED NATIONS SDGS 2030

The University of Sargodha and the University of Okara (UO) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on 7th November to work together to achieve UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) 2030 and to promote academic collaboration in all disciplines and joint ventures in various fields of research. The agreement was inked by the UoS Vice Chancellor Prof. Dr. Qaisar Abbas and the UO Vice Chancellor Prof. Dr. Muhammad Wajid.

*"The two universities will work together to promote research in key areas in a bid to meet the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) of the United Nations."*

Prof. Dr. Qaisar Abbas



Prof. Dr. Qaisar Abbas and Prof. Dr. Muhammad Wajid, Vice Chancellor University of Okara showcasing the MoU document.

## AREAS OF COOPERATION

- Joint conferences, workshops, seminars, and other academic events on a regular basis will be held. Access to the laboratories and research facilities for postgraduate students will be made on mutual basis.
- Further, the MoU aims to promote research culture, innovation and creativity among the faculty and students at both sides.
- Teaching materials such as lecture notes and case studies, research reports, working papers, audio-visual materials, and software will be shared among the faculty of both universities in a mutually beneficial manner.
- For collaborative research projects, both parties will share specialized instruments and equipment.



**WORLD UNIVERSITY RANKINGS 2023**



# UNIVERSITY OF SARGODHA RANKED 451+ IN ASIA

The University of Sargodha has retained its previous position in the prestigious QS (Quacquarelli Symonds) Asia University Rankings 2023, making its name yet again in the list of Top 500 Asian universities.

According to the Quacquarelli Symonds (QS) Asia University Rankings 2023, Sargodha University has achieved the same rank in 2022 at 451+ category of Asian universities. A total of 50 institutes featured in the list are from Pakistan, China-128, India- 118, Japan- 106, and South Korea- 88 while China's Peking University ranked at No.1 position in Asia.

The QS ranking 2023 was being formulated on the basis of academic and employer reputations, the number of staff holding a PhD, and the percentage of international students. A total of 760 Asian universities are in the ranking list this year.

*"This is a great result for the University, which is a testament to the hard work and commitment of its faculty and staff. The University is committed to improve its ranking; academic and research activities and reputation."*

Prof. Dr. Qaisar Abbas

"During the last few years, Sargodha University has gone through a number of institutional reforms aimed at quality assurance in teaching and research," states the QS Rankings report. From the past few years, Sargodha University has made incremental progress in quality teaching, productive research, knowledge sharing and global outlook, whose outcome is reflected in its steady annual performance in the two premier ranking agencies of the world.



# STRENGTHENING COOPERATION IN RESEARCH, EDUCATION & SKILL DEVELOPMENT

The University of Sargodha and the Institute of Peace and Diplomatic Studies (IPDS) reached an understanding to develop bilateral cooperation in knowledge sharing, research and development, and capacity building in the fields of International Relations (IR), Media Studies, Leadership, Capacity building, and other areas of Social Sciences, Humanities, and Arts of mutual benefit. The Vice-Chancellor Prof. Dr. Qaisar Abbas and Director IPDS Muhammad Asif Noor witnessed the MoU ceremony signed by Director ORIC Dr. Farooq Anwar and Ms. Farhat Asif, the founder and President of IPDS on October 28, 2022.

## AREAS OF COOPERATION:

- Strengthening cooperation in research, education, and training in social sciences, including international relations, diplomacy, business, and leadership.
- Developing and implementing trainings, diplomas, and certificate programs for capacity building of faculty members of social sciences departments.
- Facilitating the faculty and students of UoS to participate in programs of the Center for SCO Studies, Center for Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) & China Studies, and Center for Eurasian and Central Asia Studies.
- Enhancing students skill development through workshops, seminars, panel discussions, symposiums with diplomats, and interactive sessions on topics in various fields.
- Arranging exchange visits for the students and faculty members to provide effective exposure to build capacities.
- Facilitating the participation of students at the International Young Diplomats School (YIDS) and offering Internships to UoS students.
- Publishing the manuscripts of faculty and students in The Diplomatic Insight Magazine and the Biannual Journal of Peace and Diplomacy.



# ANNUAL DINNER TO HONOUR THE FACULTY AND STAFF

The University of Sargodha honored its faculty and staff by arranging a lavish dinner. The prestigious ceremony was aimed at instilling a sense of belonging and motivating the employees to give 100 percent performance. The eventful dinner was graced by the Vice Chancellor Prof. Dr. Qaisar Abbas, Capt (retd) Nadeem Nasir Deputy Commissioner Sargodha, Tariq Aziz District Police Officer Sargodha, Prof. Dr. Muhammad Afzal Vice Chancellor Baba Guru Nanak University, Prof. Dr. Rauf-i-Azam, Vice Chancellor Punjab University of Technology, Muhammad Murtaza Noor National Coordinator at Inter University Consortium for Promotion of Social Sciences, Deans, Head of Departments and Administrative Offices and other esteemed guests.

Ustad Raees Ahmad Khan entertained the gathering with his charismatic notes of violin. Lok dance Jhummar, Luddi and dance show of horses were some of the key performances that amazed the audience.

*"Two Syndicate meetings have been held during the three months of my tenure as Vice Chancellor through which the budget, allowances, and other matters of university interest were settled. The summary of approval and adoption of the Punjab Regularization of Service Act 2018 has been sent to the Higher Education Department with the approval of University Syndicate to ensure the permanency of university staff and faculty."*  
 Prof. Dr. Qaisar Abbas vice Chancellor UOS

Addressing the ceremony, Prof. Dr. Qaiser Abbas said that the University has performed splendidly on the global horizon in a short span of 20 years, since its establishment. He laid stress upon employees to accelerate the same journey of success with zeal, commitment and hard work. Dr. Qaisar Abbas shared his agenda of 4-year tenure as Vice Chancellor including hiring senior faculty members to promote research and innovations, funding research projects, marketing innovations, establishing alumni and retired faculty clubs.



Prof. Dr. Qaisar Abbas vice Chancellor UOS addressing the ceremony.



Ustad Raees Ahmad Khan entertaining the gathering with his charismatic notes of violin.



The faculty of the Institute of Art and Design presenting a beautiful scenic "Sea-Scape" oil painting to the Vice Chancellor Prof. Dr. Qaisar Abbas.

## "THE STROKE OF EXCELLENCE EXHIBITION ON DISPLAY"

The Institute of Art and Design, University of Sargodha, organised on December 15, the first Alumni Exhibition 2022 titled "The Stroke of Excellence." Vice Chancellor Prof. Dr. Qaisar Abbas inaugurated the exhibition held at Zubeida Agha Art Gallery at the Institute of Art and Design, Sargodha University. Around 30 alumni artists from across the country displayed their work at the Art Gallery, located in the Jinnah Hall of the university. They showed exuberance through more than 50 pieces of oil and canvas paintings, textile designs and sculptures at exhibition. Artists expressed their experience of the country's diverse social and cultural landscape and nature in varied and fascinating ways. The wooden sculpture explicating "Sufism" an art work of Naeem Qazi was given the "Best of Show" award while Gul Zareen, Areej Tarar and Seerat Gull were also awarded prizes by Prof. Dr. Qaisar Abbas. The dean faculty of Arts and Humanities Prof. Dr. Ghulam Abbas Gondal, In-charge Institute of Art and Design Ms Bushra Gull, Heads/in-charges of various departments, faculty members and number of students visited the exhibition. The faculty of the Institute of Art and Design presented a beautiful scenic "Sea-Scape" oil painting to Prof. Dr. Qaisar Abbas and Prof. Dr. Ghulam Abbas Gondal.



A group of local artists is performing Lok dance, Jhummar, Luddi and dance show of horses on the eve of staff dinner 2022.



The Vice Chancellor, Deputy Commissioner Sargodha and District Police Officer Sargodha posed for a picture with the event management team.



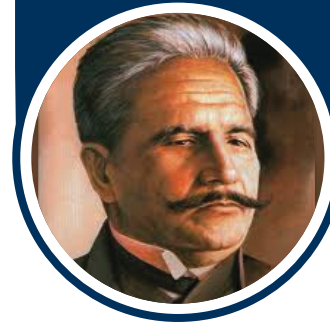
Visitors viewing the displayed paintings and Art works during first Alumni Art Exhibition held on 15th Dec 2022.



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## علامہ اقبال: شخصیت اور پیغام کے موضوع پر خصوصی لیکچر کا انعقاد



### فکری ارتقا کے لیے مطالعہ اقبال ناگزیر

حضرت علامہ اقبال کی شخصیت اور افکار نے ملت اسلامیہ کو سماجی، تعلیمی، اقتصادی اور سیاسی اعتبار سے بیدار کرنے میں جو کردار ادا کیا ہے، اس کا اعتراف کیا جاتا رہے گا۔ ان کی اردو اور فارسی شاعری، ان کے اردو، انگریزی اور جرمن خطوط، ان کی ڈائری اور ان کے انگریزی خطبات پر دنیا بھر کے دانشور اور دانشگاہیں مسلسل غور و فکر کرتی رہی ہیں۔ اس سال یوم اقبال کی نسبت سے شعبہ اردو زبان و ادب کے زیر اہتمام ۶ دسمبر ۲۰۲۲ء کے دن ”علامہ اقبال: شخصیت اور پیغام“ کے عنوان سے لیکچر کا اہتمام کیا گیا۔ جس کا مقصد عہد حاضر کے تناظر میں فکر اقبال کی بازیافت، اقبال کے فکرو فن کی جدید عصری تقاضوں سے ہم آہنگی اور تفہیم و تدریس کے علاوہ طلبہ کی شخصیت و کردار میں اقبال کی بطور مثالی شخصیت شمولیت کو یقینی بنانا تھا۔

سرحدوں کے محافظ بنیں۔ ان کے خیال میں اگر ہم ایک زندہ اور باشعور قوم ہیں تو ہمیں اقبال کے تصورات کو ساتھ لے کر چلنا ہوگا، جبکہ دنیا کی دیگر اقوام بھی فکر اقبال سے کسب فیض کر رہی ہیں۔ انہوں نے کہا کہ اقبال کا کلام قرآن کی تفسیر قرار دیا جاسکتا ہے، چنانچہ ان کے کلام اور دیگر علمی و ادبی خدمات کے مطالعہ سے ہمارے نوجوانوں میں اسلامی روح بیدار ہو سکتی ہے۔ آخر میں انہوں نے زور دے کر کہا کہ فکر اقبال کی پیروی میں ہی ہماری ملی بقاء ہے۔ ان کے خطاب کی خاص بات حسب ضرورت اقبال کے اشعار کا پیش کرنا تھی، چنانچہ متعدد مواقع پر ہال تالیوں سے گونجتا رہا تقریب میں فیکلٹی ڈینز، صدور شعبہ، اساتذہ کرام ڈسٹرکٹ پولیس آفیسر طارق عزیز، تزکیل پولیس آفیسر محمد اظہر، دیگر افسران اور متعدد معززین علاقہ بھی موجود تھے۔ تقریب کے اختتام پر وائس چانسلر نے معزز مہمان کو یادگاری شیلڈ پیش کی اور صدر شعبہ اردو ڈاکٹر خالد ندیم نے مہمانوں کا شکریہ ادا کیا۔



ڈوآلفقار احمد چیمہ چیر مین علامہ اقبال کونسل اسلام آباد جامع سرگودھا میں منعقدہ خصوصی لیکچر سے خطاب کر رہے ہیں۔

لیکچر کے لیے پاکستان کے معروف اقبال شناس و چیئر مین علامہ اقبال کونسل اسلام آباد ڈوآلفقار احمد چیمہ کو دعوت دی گئی۔ جبکہ اس پروقار تقریب کی صدارت وائس چانسلر پروفیسر ڈاکٹر قیصر عباس نے کی۔ ڈاکٹر قیصر عباس نے افتتاحی کلمات میں کہا کہ جب تک مسلمان علم و تحقیق سے وابستہ رہے، عروج و کمال کی منزلیں طے کرتے رہے۔ اقبال پاکستان یا عالم اسلام ہی کے نہیں، بلکہ بنی نوع انسان، بالخصوص پس جوئی انسانیت کے شاعر بھی ہیں۔ اقبال کی شاعری کسی خاص دور کے لیے نہیں بلکہ ہر عہد کھینے مشعل راہ ہے۔ اقبال کا خواب پاکستان کی قیامت زندہ و تابندہ رہے گا۔ انہوں نے کہا کہ ہماری نوجوان نسل کو اقبال کے تصورات سے روشناس کروانا ضروری ہے۔ ڈوآلفقار احمد چیمہ نے اپنے خطاب میں کہا کہ نوجوانوں کو فکر اقبال سے رہنمائی حاصل کرنا پڑے گی۔ کیونکہ اسی کے فروغ میں ہی ہماری بقاء ہے۔ علامہ اقبال نے فلسفہ خودی، خود انحصاری، خود شناسی اور خود اعتمادی میں نوجوان نسل کو شائین بنا کر پیش کیا۔ اس موقع پر انہوں نے شائین کی وہ خصوصیات بھی بیان کیں جن کے پیش نظر اقبال نے اس علامت کو مسلم نوجوان کے لئے منتخب کیا۔ ان کا کہنا تھا کہ ایران میں اسلامی انقلاب کے پس منظر میں کلام اقبال ہی کارفرما تھا، چنانچہ اہل ایران نے انہیں اپنا قومی شاعر قرار دے رکھا تھا۔ پوری دنیا اس بات پر متفق ہے کہ اقبال کا پیغام آفاقی ہے۔ فکر اقبال کے فروغ میں ہی ہماری بقاء ہے۔ اقبال نے مسلم امہ کو احساس کمتری کے اندھیروں سے نکالا تھا مگر ہم آج پھر اسی کمپرسی کا شکار ہیں۔ انہوں نے سرگودھا یونیورسٹی کے طلبہ و طالبات پر زور دیا کہ وہ فکر اقبال کو مشعل راہ بنائیں اور یونیورسٹی انتظامیہ کو مشورہ دیا کہ جامعہ کے تمام طلباء و طالبات کے لیے ایک کریڈٹ آور پر مشتمل اقبالیات کا کورس متعارف کرایا جائے، تاکہ نوجوان افکار اقبال سے آگاہ ہو سکیں اور وطن عزیز کی نظر یاتی

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