

## LUMHS Hosts National Conference on Quality Assurance in Higher Education

Top Academic Leaders and Quality Experts from Across Pakistan Convene to Elevate Standards in Higher Education

Liaquat University of Medical & Health Sciences (LUMHS), Jamshoro, convened a high-profile National Conference on Quality Assurance in Higher Education, bringing together leading voices from academia, regulatory bodies, and Quality Enhancement Cells across Pakistan. The conference, held on 24-25<sup>th</sup> of June 2025 at the university's IT Hall and organized by the team of Directorate of Quality Assurance, organizing members which includes, Prof. Imran Ail Shaikh Chairman of Conference, Prof. Binafshah Manzoor Syed Co-Chairperson Conference, Dr. Fasiha Shah Secretary conference, Dr. Usman Gulzar Mediator Conference along with Management Committee members of Mr. Babar Ali Kalhoro, Dr. Azam Memon, Mr. Misri Solangi, Mr. Abrar Ahmed Shaikh, Mr. Rizwan Ali Memon and Mr. Syed Zuhaib Ali served as a vital platform for dialogue on advancing academic standards and institutional performance.

Key resource persons included Dr. Abdul Wahid Usmani, Director of the Quality Enhancement Cell (QEC) at Jinnah Sindh Medical University (JSMU), Karachi; Dr. Saleemuddin Shaikh, Director of Quality Assurance at the Sindh Higher Education Commission (HEC), Karachi; Dr. Agha Muhammad Raza, Director of the Quality Assurance Agency (QAA) at the Higher Education Commission of Pakistan, Islamabad; Prof. Altaf Nizamani, Director QEC at the University of Sindh, Jamshoro; and Prof. Sheeraz Memon, Director QEC at Mehran University of Engineering & Technology (MUET), Jamshoro. These experts shared in-depth perspectives on the evolving landscape of quality assurance in higher education.

In his keynote address, Prof. Dr. Ikram Din Ujjan, Vice Chancellor of LUMHS, emphasized that quality assurance is not merely a procedural necessity but a collective commitment to academic excellence and national development. ***"Quality Assurance is not just a requirement; it is a commitment to the future of our nation,"*** he stated. "In a world of rapid change, upholding academic excellence is both a challenge and a necessity."

The event commenced with the recitation of the Holy Quran and the National Anthem, followed by a welcome address by Prof. Imran Ali Shaikh the Director of Quality Assurance at LUMHS. The technical sessions covered pressing issues in higher education, including institutional accreditation, continuous improvement, and the integration of quality frameworks within academic systems.

Prof. Dr. Moin Ahmed Ansari, Dean of the Faculty of Medicine and Allied Sciences at LUMHS, offered critical insights during the technical sessions, alongside Prof. Binafsha Manzoor Syed, Director of Medical Research Center (MRC) and Office of Research, Innovation and Commercialization (ORIC) at LUMHS. These sessions also featured substantial contributions from Dr. Usmani, Dr. Shaikh, and Dr. Raza, who engaged actively in panel discussions focused on capacity building, standardization, and quality benchmarks.

The conference concluded with a strong consensus among participants to institutionalize quality assurance as a core element of academic governance. Attendees lauded LUMHS for facilitating an important national dialogue that reinforced the shared responsibility of safeguarding academic integrity and excellence.

















