

Meeting of 30 QECs held at HEC Peshawar

The 16th meeting of 30 Quality Enhancement Cells (QECs) functioning since 2006 was recently held at HEC Regional Centre, Peshawar wherein the impact of programme self-assessment within the university was discussed.

Programme self-assessment is a systematic process of gathering, reviewing and using important quantitative and qualitative data and information from multiple and diverse sources about educational programmes, for the purpose of improving student learning and evaluating whether academic and learning standards are being fulfilled.

Self-assessment is internationally accepted as an



important tool for academic quality assurance and provides feedback at programme level for undertaking remedial measures, if required. The participants of the meeting agreed that through this HEC initiative, awareness and sensitivity regarding Quality Assurance measures has increased among stakeholders. Feedback from stakeholders, including students, alumni, employers, teachers etc, has provided a factual basis for decision making.

At the same time, the academic processes and sense of accountability amongst the university management and faculty members has begun to improve.

QEC representatives also put forth suggestions to bring improvement in the Self-Assessment processes based on their experience and interaction with stakeholders.