A two-day workshop on “Introducing Programme Self-Assessment Mechanism in the Universities through Quality Enhancement Cells” was recently held for the new batch of 24 QECs. Air Cdr. Muhammad Ismail, Director QEC, National University of Sciences and Technology and Dr. Abdul Wahid Usmani, Director QEC, Dow University of Health Sciences were the resource persons.

Addressing the participants in the inaugural session, Dr. Sohail Naqvi, Executive Director, HEC emphasized that in order to bring our institutions at par with international standards, the quality of our institutions can be improved by adopting well-defined practices and processes to get good product at the end.

Dr. Azam Ali Khawaja, Managing Director, Quality Assurance Agency (QAA) briefed the participants about workshop objectives. He said that HEC requires universities to conduct periodic self-assessment for its academic programmes in order to improve them and ensure high academic standards.

Apart from hands-on training on self-Assessment mechanism, the workshop also discussed other important issues like HEC financial assistance to QECs, targets to be achieved in the next six months, and QEC progress assessment indicators etc. In the closing session, Prof. Dr. Niaz Ahmed, Vice Chancellor, National Textile University Faisalabad, shared his experience of working with the QEC over the past five years.