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1st Meeting of the Fifth Batch of Quality Enhancement Cells



The first meeting of the fifth batch of Quality Enhancement Cells (QECs) was recently held at HEC Regional Centre, Karachi, to discuss the implementation status of HEC's self-assessment model at their respective universities.

Parallel to the meeting, a workshop for skill enhancement of QECs in the field of quality education was also held. The resource person was Dr. Abdul Wahid Usmani, Director QEC, Dow University

of Health Sciences, Karachi.

In his welcome address, Dr. Azam Ali Khwaja, Managing Director, Quality Assurance Agency highlighted the pivotal role of QEC personnel in strengthening the quality assurance processes within the universities.

"Internal quality assurance mechanism is being managed through QECs that are being established in a phased manner in all public and

private universities. From the initial 10 QECs in 2005, the number has increased to the present strength of 84. The model of quality assurance put in place nationally in 740 programmes so far will encompass all the programmes of institutes of higher learning in the country, thereby helping in improving the programme quality and enhanced student learning," he said.

Dr. A. Q. K. Rajput, Vice Chancellor, Mehran University of Engineering and Science Technology, Jamshoro, presided over the closing session. In his address, he emphasized the importance of quality in higher learning and shared his thoughts with regard to quality enhancement practices in his University. He lauded the efforts of HEC for introducing the Quality Assurance Model in the country.

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