

## DUHS Seminar on Quality Assurance



Dow University of Health Sciences (DUHS), Karachi in collaboration with the Higher Education Commission (HEC) recently organized a Seminar on "Quality Assurance in Higher Education".

Prof. Khwaja Azam Ali, Managing Director, Quality Assurance Agency (QAA), HEC was the chief guest on the occasion. It was well attended by professors, principal, directors and heads of various departments. Prof. Khwaja briefed the participants about the steps taken by HEC to establish Quality Enhancement Cells in public and private sector for implementation of quality assured education system.

Prof. Masood Hameed Khan, Vice Chancellor, DUHS said that Dow University has always been in the forefront for accepting and adapting best practices in the field of education. He said the University has established a fully functional

QEC, which has the responsibility to ensure that University's QA procedures are compatible with international standards and are designed to improve the quality of higher education.

"The major steps taken in this regard include establishment of separate institute for capacity building in health related fields like Nursing, Medical Technology, Physical Medicine, Oral Health Sciences, Health Management." he said.

Dr. A. Wahid Usmani, Director QEC, DUHS discussed the importance and need of quality assurance in higher education and highlighted the Self Assessment Procedures defined by HEC. He also spoke on other QA/Enhancement measures adopted by QEC to enhance and maintain quality of education including continuous teacher evaluation in all departments and institutes, online feedback system for student and faculty, academic audit of different programmes through teaching portfolio, student's guidance and counselling through mentor system.

Prof. Nazeer Khan, Director, Department of Research, DUHS, Dr. Saleem Ilyas, Director, Professional Development Centre and Prof. Junaid Ashraf, Principal, Dow Medical College and the Chairman, Postgraduate Programme also gave presentations on strategies adopted by DUHS to raise the standard of education.