



## ALLAMA IQBAL OPEN UNIVERSITY REGIONAL CENTRE SUKKUR

### PROF. DR. NAZIR AHMED SANGI - NEW VICE CHANCELLOR



The President of Pakistan / Chancellor, Allama Iqbal Open University has been pleased to approve the appointment of Dr. Nazir Ahmed Sangi Professor of Computer Science / Dean, Faculty of Science as Vice Chancellor AIOIU, out of the panel proposed by the Search Committee of the Higher Education Commission; Notified by the Registrar, AIOU, Islamabad.

After assuming the charge as Vice-Chancellor, he proclaimed his five priorities. The first and most important priority is to provide the quality education to door step of the poor people residing in far flung areas of Pakistan especially in rural areas of Baluchistan and Sindh. Second priority is to taking step to standardize the distance education system and make it acceptable at international level. He will also develop system for operational problems to the University as his third priority. For that he has already collected ten (10) crucial and twenty (20) others issues from all departments. Forth and very priority of the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Dr. Nazir Ahmad Sangi is Staff Development for the purpose he

appropriated 47.5 million rupees for Staff Development while his last and fifth priority is welfare of the employees according to which the ancient problems regarding promotion and placement and others of the employees from BPS-01 to onwards will be solved without discrimination.

Prof. Dr. Nazir Ahmed Sangi is graduated from Mehran University of Egnineering and Technology in 1981 with two gold medals, "First Position" and Best Graduate. He received merit scholarship and obtained Ph.D degree from Liverpool University, UK in 1989. He also received "Mason Bibby" Award and two special research grants at Liverpool University, UK. He received

Postdoctoral Research Award from Higher Education Commission, Islamabad. He also received the Best University Teacher Award in 2008. He completed his post-doctoral research in the field of education and technology from Kent State University (USA) in July 2008. He attended many high level planning and R&D workshops organized by UNESCO (Bankok), IDRC (Canada), Asia Pacific Foundation (Indonesia) and

Asian Development Bank Institute (Philippine) etc. He has many national and international research publications and reports on his credit and have contributed to international research in e-learning, e-assessment instruction design, software quality and ICT applications. Dr. Sangi is well known for his R & D work capacity building and effective management of the University.

### **CRASHING NEWS - AIOU EXTENDED DATE OF ADMISSIONS**

Students may hurry to get admission in AIOU (one of the mega universities of the world) for brighter future as the university has extended date of admission for Spring 2010 Semester up to 20-03-2010. University has advertised in the national media throughout the country. The admission notice is also available on this web site. You can have a look on the programs being offered. The university offers a huge variety of its educational programs according to the needs and requirements of the society. There is no limit of age and area for admission in this University. You can select the program of your choice among the list of the programs offered.

### **REGIONAL DIRECTOR HYDERABAD'S VISIT TO R C SUKKUR**

Mr. Inamullah Shaikh, Regional Director AIOU Regional Campus Hyderabad visited Regional Centre Sukkur on 26-03-2010. Mr. Atta Hussain Musavi DRD welcomed him and briefed him about working / progress / future plans of the region. Mr. Inamullah Shaikh took a round of the premises of regional centre and met with all the staff members.

## AIOU TUTOR

The University's Part-time Tutor provides essential guidance to the students in their learning. The tutor role is not mandatory to deliver a series of lectures to the students but to guide /help, through a dialogue in his / herself study of the course / unit/s. however, a discussion on common course problems, concepts, phenomena and difficult topic at AIOU study centers helps the students in understanding units of a

course. Depending on the limited time for tutorials, a tutor can decide on his/her own how to conduct the tutorials. To assist tutors, Students Study Guides are also provided for making the students understand. Guidance is provided through, (a) correspondence teaching (b) at study centre tutorials, and (c) during workshops.

## ROLE OF AIOU TUTOR

Generally tutor is allocated a group of about thirty students, who are required to submit written work to him/her in the form of assignments. The tutor is required to evaluate them and, provide teaching through his comments on these assignments, as well as assessing each student's performance by grading. This essential teaching function is complemented by tutorial meetings at study centers. It may not e possible to provide tutorials for some groups if the number of students is low in any particular locality. In such cases, the tutor's role will thus be solely that of a correspondence tutor. He/she is required to guide the student in every respect if and when the student approaches through correspondence.

The tutor plays a series of critical supportive roles to assist the students to achieve their academic goals. Depending on the nature of the course, the tutor is the main resource person to guide the students through the course content, study guide and completion of prescribed assignments. The tutor provides individual assistance through correspondence or phone and possible email. Frequently the tutor will arrange tutorial support for small groups through face-to-face meetings at the assigned study centers or regional offices. The tutor may also organize selfOhelp study groups to cover the reading assignments.

Timely completion and authentic evaluation of course assignments is an important ethical responsibility of the

tutors, who provide written feedback to students and other valuable suggestions for their qualitative improvement.

## TUTOR'S BRIEFING MEETING AT KHANPUR MAHAR

Briefing meeting of the Part-time Tutors of Study Centre Khanpur Mahar appointed in different programmes of Autumn 2009 Semester was conducted on 04-03-2010 at Government Boys Higher Secondary School Khanpur Mahar, the Study Centre.

It started with recitation from Holy Quran. Mr. Ghulam Yaseen Qazi, Part Time Regional Coordinator for District Ghotki welcomed all the tutors and guests.

Mr. Atta Hussain Musavi, Deputy Regional Director in detail briefed the tutors about the aims & objectives etc.

He said that teaching is the single most important profession in the world. Teachers pass on knowledge and values to children, prepare them for further education and for working life and are main contributors to good education. Further that teacher is one of the main pillars of a sound and progressive society. They bear the weight and responsibility of teaching, and, apart from parents, are the main source of knowledge and values for children. He requested them to play their vital role in uplift of the standard of education.

In the end of meetings tea and light refreshment was served to tutors.

## FIRE PREVENTIVE MEASURES

Fires know no bounds. There is a saying, "It takes a tree to produce one million matches, but it takes a match to destroy a million trees". That's the power of a fire. It can also destroy tremendously. It can go out of control. Efforts must be made to tame it.

In addition to Fire Extinguishers, the office has purchased 06 Nos. Sand Buckets as a fire preventive measure. They are a basic, low-technology method of fighting small fires. The main advantages of fire buckets are that they are cheap, reliable and easy to use.



# PHOTOGALLERY



## MEETING OF REGIONAL FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE COMMITTEE

AIOU in each & every semester provides financial assistance to his continuing students. Meeting of Regional Financial Assistance Committee Sukkur comprising of three members i.e. Mr. Atta Hussain Musavi, Deputy Regional Director, Mr. Ali Haider Qazi, Assistant Professor Government Islamia Science College Sukkur and Mr. Nand Lal, Headmaster Government Boys High School, Abad Lakha, Sukkur was conducted on 1<sup>st</sup> March 2010. Applications seen and students concerned were interviewed. It was decided on merit / on the basis of available documents record / in the light of relevant rules & instructions.

## MEETING OF REGIONAL UNFAIR MEANS COMMITTEE

The use of unfair means in examination has assumed a plague some proportion. The resort to copying and use of other unfair means / malpractices in examinations is a serious problem. This problem is symptomatic of a disease in our educational system which is eating into the vitals of our society. This malaise is harmful for the moral and intellectual development of our youth. It is afflicting the ethical and social fabric of our society. This state of affairs must not last for long. There is a dire need for taking measures to put an end to this evil.

AIOU has quite elaborate rules / regulations which provide for appropriate penalties to deal with malpractices in examinations. The penalties range from cancellation of relevant paper and in more serious cases, disqualification of the candidate from appearing in examination for certain semesters.

Three days meeting of Regional Unfair Means Committee Sukkur comprising of three members i.e. Mr. Atta Hussain Musavi, Deputy Regional Director, Mateen Siddiqui Principal (Retired) and Mr. Ali Haider Qazi, Assistant Professor Government Islamia Science College Sukkur was scheduled to held from 24-03-2010 to 26-03-2010.

Cases were scrutinized and candidates concerned were given opportunity for personal hearing. Candidates concerned recorded their statement in presence of aforesaid members of committee. Cases were decided were decided on merit / on the basis of available documents record / in the light of relevant rules.

## TRANSFER OF MR S.M. HAIDER RIZVI ASSISTANT

Pursuant to Officer Order dated 26-03-2010 issued by Mr. Muhammad Ismail Fahmi, Deputy Registrar-II, Mr. S.M. Haider Rizvi Assistant has been relieved off on 29<sup>th</sup> March 2010 (AN) to join his duty at Regional Campus Karachi. His transfer was considered by the Competent Authority on his personal request.

## CONDUCT OF PTC WORKSHOP AUTUMN 2009 SEMESTER

**W**ith a special permission to accommodate students of PTC Workshop for Autumn 2009 Semester, locally, Demonstration phase of PTC Workshop was started on 15-03-2010 in Government High School, No.1, Minara Road, Sukkur. Mr. Muslihuddin and Mrs. Suraya were appointed as Tutor and Supervisor respectively. Nine students were enrolled however, only five students attended the workshop. Demonstration phase ended on 30-03-2010.

On the occasion Mr. Atta Hussain Musavi, Deputy Regional Director said that as a primary school teacher, you would play a key role in the social and intellectual development of students between the ages of six and twelve. Your main role would be to plan and deliver learning activities that meet your student's needs. As well, you are responsible for their supervision and wellbeing while they are in your care. Further, that it's such a gift to be working with children. Together with parents and the community, you are playing a part in shaping the minds of future decision makers, and creators. It's so rewarding to watch them develop in the learning environment you create for them. At the same time, however, it can be stressful. You have to gain their trust and respect and instill the benefits of self discipline.

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