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VISION

Premier center of excellence in higher education, research, innovation and in expression for development of languages and other branches of learning and creation of new knowledge.

MISSION

Contribute to the socio-economic development by means of creating and disseminating world class knowledge of modern languages and other branches of learning to the general public, armed forces of Pakistan and other allied countries without discrimination of age, gender, religion, race, class, colour or creed.

OBJECTIVES

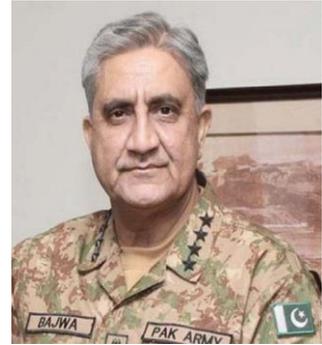
- a. To create a positive and proactive educational environment where quality applicants as students, faculty of competent, dedicated intellectuals and efficient administration and staff members making valuable contributions to knowledge transfer and knowledge creation.
- b. To provide excellent, accessible and affordable learning opportunities including new trends in e-learning and information communication technologies, and educational experiences to serious and motivated undergraduate, graduate and professional students and researchers in the pursuit of knowledge in areas of personal, professional and special interest, thereby preparing them for their educative and productive roles and responsibilities as Pakistani and global citizens.
- c. To engage in education that envisions learning as inextricably connected to social change, and promotes co-curricular spaces as active seats of learning.
- d. To cultivate the practice of the highest moral and ethical values and principles of trust and authenticity, integrity and ingeniousness, creativity and critical capacity as attitude, conviction and compassion necessary for exercising civic courage, taking risks and struggles, and establishing social relations as preparation for public discourse and public life.
- e. To encourage excellent, innovative research that posits the discovery, dissemination, and application of knowledge.
- f. To promote language development across diverse seats of language learning, and an increased enhancement of diverse programs and disciplines and curriculum through emphasis on technology and advanced information literacy across curriculum.
- g. To enhance specialized market based courses and research opportunities in areas of Social Sciences, Mass Communication, Business Studies, International Relations, Engineering, their respective sub fields and Information Technology and other related disciplines.
- h. To create pedagogical conditions and spaces that empower both teachers and students with many ways of understanding the world, and consequently, engage in the creation of new knowledge, new ideas and practices that come with multiple references and can thus, mobilize their hopes for active participation in the global community and for the future.
- i. To create pedagogical practices that characterize not only the enlargement of mind but the open exchange of ideas, thought, inquiry, dialogue, and

material conditions for the expression of individual and social freedom, as well developing a language of critique and possibility

- j. To prepare and equip graduates for their futures in the world of work and furthering of education to make significant contributions in the development of Pakistani society and the global community.
- k. To encourage personal and professional growth, dynamic work culture, and support healthy working environment as an exemplary employer, where its faculty and administrative staff feel valued and fulfilled.
- l. To create an ever growing community of supporters, and an endowment including stakeholders that support and perpetuate constant innovation and progress.



Message from the Chairman



The National University of Modern Languages (NUML) was created primarily as a language institute but has since then expanded to become the premier language university in the region. Both as NIML and NUML, the institution has contributed positively in the dissemination of knowledge in various disciplines, producing eminent professionals not only in languages, but, also in various contemporary fields. Over the years NUML has branched out into numerous disciplines like Information Technology, Management Sciences, Engineering and Social Sciences.

As Chairman Board of Governors, it is my proud privilege to assist in the policy and decision making process of an institution that has risen from a small language institute to being amongst the most highly reputed institutions in the region. It is my earnest desire to see the university attaining the highest of excellence in imparting knowledge and preparing students to become honorable and respectable members of society, who can contribute positively to making this world a better place for our future generations.

**General Qamar Javed Bajwa, NI (M),
Chief of the Army Staff,
Pakistan**

Message from the Rector



I am extremely proud to join such a creative, enterprising and progressive university, and feel privileged to be leading the institution in the years ahead. The National University of Modern Languages has grown to become Pakistan's flagship in languages and research, a lead university, recognized for excellence in teaching, research and service to the cause of education and society

As we look to the future, one thing is certain – knowledge will be a key resource for the socio – economic progress of the nation and the world. Our challenge will be to generate ideas and cultivate capacities in our students for critical thinking and complex reasoning that will benefit the society at large. We aim to educate and train students who after graduation can work in fields with confidence, where they could be valued both for their specialized knowledge, and for their ability to research, communicate and solve problems.

The National University of Modern Language is becoming a leading university of choice because it puts students first and focuses its research on real challenges. I am committed to our role in transforming the lives of our students, the future professionals and entrepreneurs whose knowledge and skills will make tomorrow better.

**Major General (R) Zia Uddin Najam, HI (M)
Rector, NUML**

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The National University of Modern Languages (NUML) is a singular university over the map of Higher Education Sector in Pakistan with the mandate to provide excellence in learning of all modern languages which not only produces a world class linguistic professionals with the specific understanding of that particular language, but, also makes it marks in Engineering/ Computer Science and in Social Sciences particularly in Business Management and Education. In order to meet the 21st Century requirements for learning languages, Information Communication Technology of NUML is playing a pivotal role by providing the environment both for teaching and research.

Academic Achievements

- The university is progressing well with increased intake and some new programs.
- 2 new MS/ MPhil programs with 8 undergraduate programs were announced.
- Summer vacations were utilized with a host of summer courses for students who desired to develop skills. 765 students have benefitted from these courses.
- About 501 foreign students from 18 countries have also been enrolled in different disciplines, especially language training.
- 4 international MoUs were signed with different international partner universities including Minsk State Linguistic University, Minsk Belarusian regarding Urdu Language & Culture Chair at Minsk, Belarusian and Belarusian Language & Culture Chair in NUML, Islamabad. Whereas, 4 International MoUs are in process.
- 30 foreign dignitaries/ delegations visited NUML.
- In-land institutional linkages have been established with two institutions.
- NUML Business Incubation Center (BICON) has been established under ORIC.
- NUML Research Facilitation Center has been established under ORIC, to instigate, direct and accelerate a culture of quality research within the university.
- 357 merit scholarships have been awarded to position holders of graduate and undergraduate/ programs.
- Students of Business School secured 2nd position in the RCCI Business Plan competition in March-April 2017 and 1st prize in the “Inter Universities Business Plan Competition” held at Preston University, Islamabad on 19th-20th May 2017.
- NUML students secured 2nd position in “Express Education and Career Expo 2017”.
- Management Sciences Department’s success story has been declared among the top three best success stories indigenization of curriculum among 180 business schools.
- 14 students were selected for paid internship by the Senate of Pakistan for assisting Senate Standing Committees on various subjects.
- 23 paid internal internships have been provided to brilliant but needy students. Total 586 degrees were conferred in three convocations (4th, 5th and 6th convocations) held in NUML Islamabad and Lahore Campus.

Research and Development

- Revised Research Policy issued to increase intrinsic and extrinsic motivation of faculty members towards conducting quality research and to increase the number of research publications.
- To facilitate research activities a number of projects have been completed i.e., establishment of Research Facilitation Centre, different workshops, completion of MPhil/ PhD Directories, Computer labs and establishment of new network.
- 3 Books and 200 Research Articles have been published in the international and national HEC recognized journals.
- Two international and two national conferences were held on very important issues.
- 38 other research related conferences, seminars, trainings/ workshops and talks by experts in relevant fields have been organized.
- 5 Research Journals recognized by HEC are published by different faculties. All these journals are recognized by HEC in 'Y' category. Efforts are being made to upgrade ranking of these journals.

Quality Assurance

- The QEC is an essential component of NUML's administrative and academic structure, and is linked with QAA of HEC.
- The Quality Assurance process and regular review of academic programs and courses has a very positive impact on the improvement of Curricula, faculty and quality of services being provided.
- The facilities for students in all departments have also improved through regular conduct of self-assessment reports (SARs).
- NUML QEC has been placed in the '**W**' category by Quality Assurance Agency of HEC, obtaining 93% score.
- Anti-Plagiarism policy has been formulated under the guidelines of HEC and has been implemented in letter and spirit. All the courses assignments MS/ MPhil & PhD theses are check through turnitin software.
- Different workshops/ training sessions for awareness of turnitin & quality of academic writing were organized by QEC.
- QEC-NUML is member of different associations /networks.
- Conduct and evaluation of SARs for all degree programs is a regular feature. This year a total of 28 x Programs' SARs were conducted and evaluated.
- All programs of the university are accredited by the relevant bodies/ councils.

Faculty Development

- NUML is the principal partner of the Blended Learning Courses for Teacher Educators between Asia and Europe (BLTeae) from Pakistan. BLTeae is a European Union (EU) Commission funded project under Erasmus + capacity building program for a period of three year (2016-2019).
- According to EU in 2016, it is the only capacity building project of Erasmus + where Asian partners are involved. The coordinating partner is Aix-Marseille University, France with the partner countries from Europe (France, Belgium, Denmark and Estonia) and Asia (Pakistan, Bhutan, Bangladesh and Malaysia).

- 14 Faculty Members from Chinese Language Department were deputed to Beijing Language and Culture University (BLCU), Beijing, China for language training from 23rd July – 22nd August 2016.
- 26 Scholarships were awarded to faculty member in various disciplines, including 15 scholarships in foreign universities.
- Number of faculty members from different departments were trained through Faculty Development Programs & Workshops.
- Faculty Discourses were conducted for capacity building of Faculty.
- Staff Development Programs were also scheduled to equip the staff with latest trends.

Access

- 2112 students got enrolled in Post Graduate Studies.
- 5834 students were enrolled in all programs (including Campuses) in September 2017. The total strength reached 15650 students in the session Spring 2017.
- No gender bias during admission is practiced. The data indicates male and female ratio of approximately 65:35
- Faculty-Student ratio comes to one teacher per 15 students (1:15).

Universities Building Economies

- Industrial Linkages plays an important role in building economies, hence 18 MoU's have been signed with different local partners.
- University has conducted 4 economics related Conferences/ Seminars.
- Job fairs and entrepreneurial weeks were held to introduce the upcoming graduate to the market.
- NUML is an epicenter of cross-cultural and multi lingual activities hub and also offer high quality translation and interpretation services to Government/ Semi-government/ Non-government organizations & Regulatory Bodies and Embassies.
- Technology Incubation Centre IT-CON has been established under the umbrella of BICON, to transform the ideas and research of computer science Faculty and Students into commercially viable products.
- Students of final semesters are provided Internships in different department within NUML and other organizations for practical experience.
- Student counseling and Career guidance center has been established to provide facilitation to the students during admission for selection of best suited Academic program, during studies for progress in studies and future employment and students suffering from personal/ psychological issues.

Strengthening Physical Infrastructure

- To add on the existing library resources, 1607 Books, 38 Journals and 12 Magazines, computer and other equipment has been procured.
- The library launched web based Online Public Access Catalogue (OPAC).
- The University provides digital library access to researchers for international scholarly literature.

- Developmental Projects like construction of Ghalib block, 2nd and 3rd block of Ibne Khaldun block, prefab additional storey on Iqbal block, expansion of the auditorium, Hard Stand for Buses and installation of Solar Energy System undertaken.

Strengthening Technological Infrastructure

- A dynamic website is being developed with proper Campus Management System (CMS) through which all departments can update their web sites easily.
- First ever Online Employees Appraisal System in any Public/ Private sector University has been developed and launched accordingly.
- Video Conference Network facility enabled online conferences and meetings.
- Online admission system has been deployed successfully for all disciplines.
- NUML-ICT is connected with Pakistan Education Research Network (PERN) high speed bandwidth.
- First ever virtual online short course of language i.e Chinese (first phase) has been launched.
- To introduce environmental friendly paperless/ less papers project, NUML Employees Working System (NEWS) has been launched successfully.
- Zero Clients Server has been configured with 0% downtime in this regard 110 zero client machines are installed in different departments.

Universities Building Communities

- Community building activities are held regularly through CSR, entrepreneurial weeks and job fairs.
- 'Charagh-e-Badr' and NUML School Adoption project have been launched whereby, young out-of-school children from slums of Islamabad and surroundings have been enrolled to provide them free basic education. Beside education, free food, Uniform and books/ stationery are also provided.
- Different CSR activities including Educating Poor Children of Jhugies, SOS Village, Edhi Centre are conducted.
- Mental Health Day conducted through display of awareness posters, banners and paintings illustrating "Laws of perception" and conduct of personality assessment of students from different departments.
- Alumni get together organized to provide them a platform for interaction/ networking with each other.

Sports

- Inter-Departmental Sports Galas are held regularly in each semester.
- Participation in each semester exceeded 2088 students, both male & female.
- 900 - 1000 students/ staff/ faculty members (male & female) regularly train at University Gymnasium.
- NUML Sports Teams participated in different sports events of 'Zone C' organized by the HEC.

University Building Leadership

- A number of faculty members are members of different national and international Bodies.
- Leadership skills and abilities of students are developed by encouraging them to plan and organize co-curricular activities.

- Excursion trips/ study tours were organized to national and international destinations.

Financial Matters

- A total allocated budget for the year 2015-16 remained Rs. 1,509.632 millions.
- 309 students were awarded HEC's Needs Based Scholarship, 353 students were awarded Position Holders' Scholarship and 323 students have been given Pakistan Bait-ul-Mal fee reimbursement scholarships.
- 21 Afghan National Students were awarded scholarship through the Govt. of Pakistan, Ministry of Inter-Provincial Coordination.
- A comprehensive audit of the university was conducted by Federal Directorate General Audit Department. All audit observations were defended and got settled.

University Governance

- Meetings of all statutory bodies to including Board of Governors (BOG), Executive Committee (EC) and Academic Council were held on regular basis.
- Frequent meetings of Board of Advance Studies and Research (BASR) and Faculty/ Departmental Boards of Studies were held to stream line the academics matters.

Office of Resource Generation/ Development

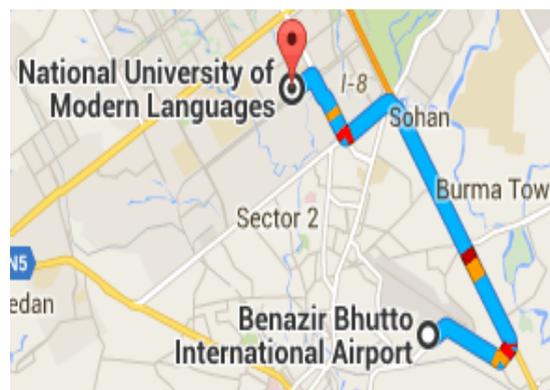
- ORIC has been vitalized to initiate, embed, support and integrate the process of research, innovation and commercialization in every department of the university.
- Executive Development Center (EDC) has conduct different commercial and non-commercial trainings/ workshops about research and development.
- NUML Business Incubation Center (BICON) is working as a unit under ORIC-NUML. Currently BICON is working on different initiatives in collaboration with British Council, YES Network Pakistan and Mishal, Pakistan.
- An innovative project of 'Online Services of Doctor' has been launched through BICON.
- 'Android-Based Sign Language Translator' project is launched through BICON/ITCON.
- NUML Career Development and Placement Services (NCDPS) has been established to tailored career counseling against one's needs, goals, choices and future plans based on one's hidden abilities, skill and talents.

Medical Facilities/ Care

- A well-equipped healthcare facility (Medical Inspection Room) is available under supervision of a Medical Officer since 2007.
- Medical Staff is available to all students during the university hours and on-call for in-house students.
- Health and well-being sessions are organized for staff and students including stress management and maintaining a healthy lifestyle during work and studies, both on a personal and large scale.

ABOUT THE UNIVERSITY

The National University of Modern Languages (NUML) is an internationally recognized institution of higher learning for excellence in academics. It was established as National Institute of Modern Languages (NIML) in June 1969 in Rawalpindi. The institute was moved to its present location (H - 9, Islamabad) in 1972 and in 1979 it was awarded a full autonomous status. NIML was elevated to its present status on 29 May 2000.



There are 4 faculties comprising 35 teaching departments including 25 major national and international language Departments. It has a teaching faculty of over 1000 and staff employees 650. The student strength ranges between 15,000 -16000. The university alumni strength has surpassed 60,000 mark. The faculties are as follow:-

- Faculty of Languages
- Faculty of Management Sciences
- Faculty of Social Sciences
- Faculty of Engineering and Computer Science

The university since its establishment, has made tremendous contributions particularly in the field of promotion and learning of languages. Major beneficiaries being the Armed Forces of Pakistan, Government/ Semi Government Departments; Armed Forces Personnel of friendly countries such as China, Saudi Arabia, UAE, Jordan, Iraq, Azerbaijan, Oman, Libya, Morocco, Kazakhstan, Turkmenistan, etc. A large number of civilian foreign students have also graduated from this university.

With its growth in size and scope, NUML has become a leading research university in Pakistan. The university enjoys a status of a seat of learning contributing new knowledge in local and global perspective and teaches over 25 oriental and occidental languages in addition to a number of emerging disciplines, such as **Engineering, IT, Management Sciences, Mass Communication, International Relations, Peace & Conflict Studies, Governance & Public Policy, Economics, Applied Psychology, Education, Pakistan Studies and Islamic Studies**. The university has a vibrant and well-grounded research program, offering MS/ MPhil and PhD degrees in various disciplines.

Besides offering different academic programs, NUML also provide External Examination, Translation and Interpretation Services. NUML translations are officially recognized by all embassies and government departments. While, all government ministries including President's and PM's Secretariats prefer NUML interpreters during visits of foreign dignitaries. NUML also acts as an International Examination Center of Chinese, Korean, Japanese and German languages.

The university is in collaboration with a host of foreign universities/ Institutions. Besides having collaboration with over Sixty national and international universities and organizations, following international institutes are also functioning at NUML:-

- Confucius Institute, China since 4 April 2005.
- Iranology Center, Iran since 15 June 2011.
- Islamabad King Sejong Institute, South Korea since 17 September 2012.
- Yunus Emre Institute, Turkey since 23 April 2013.
- Belarusian Language and Culture Chair, Belarus since 3 October 2016.

NUML is the only public sector university with an international campus in China. Acronym NICE, the NUML International Center of Education commenced its operation in Urumqi, Xinjiang, China since April 2017. Initially, short courses in Urdu, English and French languages are offered. NICE is a collaborative project of NUML and XJNU (Xinjiang Normal University), Urumqi, China. With a sub-campus at Gwadar, NUML has the honour to develop human resource at both ends of the C-PEC.

The university has 7 Regional Campuses at **Quetta, Karachi, Hyderabad, Lahore, Multan, Faisalabad and Peshawar**, where language courses in selected languages and degree programs in other disciplines like management sciences, English, Education and Economics are offered. A Sub-Campus/ Language Center at **Gwadar** is preparing the youth from Balochistan, equipped with Chinese and English language skills to take advantage of the emerging opportunities from C-PEC projects.

