

## **Symposium on "Quality of Education in VU: Identifying and Meeting the Challenges."**

On March 04, 2023, the Virtual University of Pakistan's Directorate of Quality Enhancement successfully hosted one-day symposium and panel discussion called "Quality of Education in VU: Identifying and Meeting the Challenges." The event aimed to bring educators and administrators together to discuss the challenges faced by the university's education system and identify ways to improve it.

The symposium began with a opening address by the University's Rector, Prof. Dr. Arshad Saleem Bhatti, who emphasized the importance of quality education in today's fast-changing world. He emphasized that the university has a responsibility to provide its students with an education that prepares them for success in their future careers.

Distinguished experts, including Dr. Naveed A Malik, who is the founding Rector of VU, the university's Registrar Prof. Dr. Muhammad Mohsin Javed, former VC of University of Education Prof. Dr. Munawar Sultana, Dr. Qasim Sheikh, Director of DQE Dr. Fakhar ul Inam, Mr. Ehsen Zafar Puri Director ICT, Mr. Baber Ali General Manager Television from VU, along with VU faculty, participated in a panel discussion. The primary focus of the discussion was the challenges faced by the education system at VU, with topics such as student engagement, curriculum development, faculty training and support, and the importance of a diverse and inclusive learning environment being discussed. The panelists shared their experiences and insights on these matters.

A significant conclusion drawn from the symposium was the significance of collaboration and communication between administrators and faculty to tackle the issues faced by the university's education system. The participants concurred that by working in tandem, they can develop a more efficient and creative educational experience for students at VU.

The organizers were lauded by the attendees for establishing a platform that fostered candid and constructive discussions on the education standards at VU. The Directorate of Quality Enhancement aims to organize comparable events in the future to maintain the dialogue and pursue ongoing enhancements in the education system.

All in all, the symposium effectively highlighted the issues confronting the education system at VU and facilitated the convergence of stakeholders to work towards long-term solutions that would be advantageous to the students.

