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Sukkur IBA University has achieved significant accomplishments during one year, Vice Chancellor, Professor Dr. Asif Ahmed Shaikh told journalists in a press briefing

Sukkur IBA University (PR): In a press briefing held at Sukkur IBA University, the Vice Chancellor, Professor Dr Asif Ahmed Shaikh, highlighted the significant accomplishments achieved during his first year in office. Emphasizing the university's commitment to excellence and progress, the Vice Chancellor outlined a series of notable achievements across various domains.

One of the most remarkable milestones highlighted was the recent attainment of the AACSB Accreditation, positioning Sukkur IBA University as the only Pakistani public university to earn this prestigious accreditation. ‘This accomplishment not only underscores the university's dedication to academic quality but also signals its ability to compete with larger universities in metropolitan cities,’ Vice Chancellor stated.

Furthermore, the Vice Chancellor highlighted the university's unwavering dedication to maintaining high standards in higher education. He proudly announced that Sukkur IBA University has secured the highest 'W' category rating for quality from the Higher Education Commission Islamabad, reflecting the institution's ongoing commitment to academic excellence.

Additionally, the university has successfully obtained formal NOC from HEC Islamabad for its main campus and Khairpur campus, indicating regulatory approval and facilitating further development initiatives. With the establishment of four faculties and the appointment of deans for each, Sukkur IBA University is poised for academic advancement.

Vice Chancellor revealed strategic initiatives aimed at strengthening the university's infrastructure and administrative capacity, these include the appointment of two Pro Vice Chancellors for the first time in the university—one for the main campus and one for the sub-campuses—to ensure quality education. Dr. Shaikh also highlighted efforts to streamline administrative processes and optimize resource utilization, measures such as the appointments

against vacant positions in statutory bodies aim to enhance governance and decision making within the university.

Moreover, the Vice Chancellor announced significant financial support from the Sindh government, including a substantial aid package of Rs. 100 million each for the university's three campuses. Additionally, an addition of Rs. 265 million in the yearly grant-in-aid is also approved, further supporting the university's financial stability. On the academic front, the university has implemented new examination and admission policies to ensure fairness. The introduction of a five-working-day work policy reflects Sukkur IBA University's commitment to providing a conducive learning environment for students and faculty alike.

In a commendable gesture towards student welfare, the Vice Chancellor revealed that in the last one year the university has added 280 fully funded scholarships, totaling the number of scholarships to more than 500 per year, demonstrating its dedication to fostering talent and facilitating access to quality education. Looking ahead, the Vice Chancellor announced plans to further diversify academic contributions and strengthen partnerships with external stakeholders. Industrial Advisory Boards at the faculty level in the university have also been established to bring the curriculum of various degree programs to the requirements of industry.

Speaking about the achievements of SIBA Testing Services (STS), Vice Chancellor informed journalists that in last one year we have successfully administered written tests for the graduation, intermediate categories for Government of Sindh, along with various other tests such as Sindh police, district courts and JEST etc. Furthermore, he mentioned the recent signing of an MoU with Sindh Police to carry out the written tests for 25,000 vacant posts of constables and drivers in three phases. The process will start in a weeks' time and will be concluded in next six months.

In conclusion, the Vice Chancellor expressed optimism for the future of Sukkur IBA University, reaffirming its commitment to academic excellence, innovation, and societal impact.

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