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Dear Colleagues

As you are all aware recently the University has been graded as A+ by the National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC). It is really a matter of pride for all the stakeholders of this institution that together we have succeeded in taking it to a point where we stand in competition with some of the big and well known Universities in the country.

To get into the next level and be among the top rung institutions at national and international level is not easy but certainly not impossible to achieve. Given the huge potential we have in terms of human resource (faculty, scholars and students), academic and research expertise, geographic positioning, climatic conditions, etc., we are in a far more advantageous position than many of our counterparts elsewhere, to create and foster a work environment that will see us at the top. This is what we now have to look forward to. While we may need to work on several parameters to achieve this, the foremost that needs attention is to build meaningful National and International collaborations. Though there are some that are being pursued by several faculty members, they may just not be enough to see us through for our next leap into the top level. Some of our departments are already doing world class research and they along with others with new emerging research areas, that have tremendous potential to excel at global level, can take a lead in this. At a time in which forming such links has perhaps never been simpler, it has also never been more necessary. The rate of internationalization is increasingly rapid because of unhindered communication channels available. Universities across the world are already seeking to make the most of the possibilities by forming global partnerships and fostering relationships with other institutions. In this age of competitiveness and innovation we cannot afford to lag behind in this and therefore it is the right time that some serious thought with time bound and achievable outcomes in this direction needs to be put into place. This applies across all disciplines be it basic or applied sciences, social sciences, humanities, business studies or law, etc.

The best way to form these partnerships stems from taking a personal approach. I call upon all the Heads, Directors and Coordinators of Departments and Centers to encourage their faculty/staff who are their best assets, into forming connections through meetings, exchanges, and academic events and take up this challenge of getting into good national and international academic and research collaborations. This relationship development could only become more pragmatic through approaching funding agencies once the initial connection had been formed. There are many schemes/ opportunities available which one can look into for putting up applications for such collaborations. From our side the University will provide all the necessary assistance as and when required.

I'm sure our dynamic and vibrant faculty is capable enough to draw good national and international collaborations that will not only boost their research accomplishments but will also go a long way in raising this institution to highest levels.

My best wishes to you all and looking forward to prompt responses in this regard.


(Prof Akbar Masood)