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Speaker Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Urges Experts for Engaged Role in Resolving Energy Crisis

Pays high level visit to the USPCAS E UET Peshawar

Peshawar, Sep 27, 2018: Speaker Provincial Assembly Mr. Mushtaq Ahmed Ghani, Deputy Speaker Mr. Mehmood Jan, Senator Mr. Fida Muhammad Khan and Mr. Abbas Khan, Advisor paid a high level visit to the U.S.-Pakistan Center for Advanced Studies in Energy (USPCAS-E), a joint program between UET Peshawar, NUST and Arizona State University (ASU) USA funded by USAID, Pakistan.

The Chief Guest, Mr. Mushtaq Ghani said, despite having abundant reserves of hydel and oil resources in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, we have not come up with tangible solutions to overcome the challenges in the energy sector. "There is a need that we have enough human resource who could find solutions of real problems", adding, "education institutions must come forward and take up



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the challenge". He appreciated the work of USPCAS-E in producing graduates in renewable energy sector and establishing linkages with industry.

Assuring full support of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Government in engaging experts in policy, Mushtaq Ghani directed the Center to present solid proposals in energy where Government support could be extended. He also stressed the faculty to build up strong linkages with stakeholders and for that matter, advised to promote the USPCAS's profile and its achievements at all levels. Senator Fida Muhammad Khan also assured that linkages could be established with WAPDA and USPCAS for finding solutions of losses in feeders installed at various places of Peshawar.

Pro-Vice Chancellor UET Peshawar, Engr. Prof. Dr. Noor Muhammad briefed the meeting on the role of USPCAS-E and its achievements in the field of energy. Dr. M.A Irfan, Dean Faculty of Mechanical Engineering gave a detailed presentation over the USPCAS-E's profile. He said, the Center had awarded nine applied research grants to the industry and its human resource development program was going successfully through Master's and Ph.D. programs. The students not only studied one semester at ASU, but were fully capable to work at the state of the art laboratories at the Center. Due to relevant expertise available at the Center, first-ever energy model of KP and FATA had been developed by the students which could be utilized by the Government in making future policy for energy needs.

Director, USPCAS-E Dr. Najeeb Ullah briefed the meeting for prospective joint ventures in the field of renewable energy for ensuing sustainability in future. He said, the center has already been declared "Think Tank for energy" related issues in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa. Registrar, Dr. Khizar Azam Khan, and senior faculty members were also present on the occasion#