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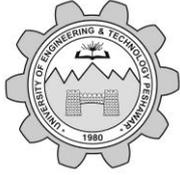
Press Release

WORLD SPACE WEEK 2017 BEGINS AT UET PESHAWAR

PESHAWAR October 4, 2017: World Space Week 2017 began here at UET Peshawar, which will continue till October 10, 2017. The Theme of this year World Space Week is “**Exploring new Worlds in Space**”. UET Peshawar is holding Space Week in collaboration with SUPARCO for the last eight years. The event was marked on account of Higher Education Commission’s 15 years of Excellence. In opening Ceremony, Mr. Kamran Muhammad, DG HEC, Regional office Peshawar was the chief guest while Vice Chancellor UET Peshawar, Prof. Dr. Iftikhar Hussain was also present on the occasion.



In his address Mr. Kamran Muhammad, DG HEC said that since its inception in 2002, HEC has raised the number of universities from 138 to 300. It has also provided funding to universities which has risen from 26% to 40% for the state-of-the-art equipment, infrastructure development and HRD. He congratulated UET Peshawar in holding the Space Week and marking outreach events with HEC’s celebrations on its 15 years of Excellence.



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Dr. Said-ur-Rehman, Director SUPARCO, Peshawar region briefed the audiences about the activities and working of SUPARCO. These activities are simultaneously held in 14 cities of Pakistan as well as across the world. He thanked Director Clubs and Director ORIC Office for the successful event in which students from different colleges and schools are participating.

Prof. Dr. Iftikhar Hussain, Vice Chancellor emphasized on holding such events and termed it a healthy activity for the youth. He highlighted the importance of gaining unexplored knowledge of space and to develop an understanding to use the space technology for academic purpose. He hoped that this youth would find all unexplored resources of Pakistan and the world. He urged the students to work on developing technology themselves instead of taking it from the other countries.

A Walk was also arranged in the varsity Campus to mark the World Space Week and to bring awareness among the students on the event. Activities like seminars, quiz competition, art competition, model making competition, poster making competition Space videography, visit to PIA Planetarium for Sky Simulation, declamation contest, water rocket competition, qiraat competition and Space Poetry will be the part of the week-long activities. Dr. Samad Baseer, Director Clubs UET Peshawar, Dr. Abdul Shakoor, Director ORIC, faculty members and a large number of students were also present on the occasion.