Moot stresses uniform strategy for teachers

ISLAMABAD - A two-day conference on 'Teachers' Accreditation' concluded here on Tuesday on a note to bring together stakeholders for the adoption of a uniform and harmonized strategy on teacher accreditation, certification, licensing and registration at the national, provincial and area level.

The event, held at the AIOU, was organized by the National Accreditation Council for Teachers Education (NACTE) in collaboration with UNESCO.

More than 60 participants from all over the country attended the conference, which was inaugurated by Prof. Dr. Nazir Ahmed Sangi, Vice Chancellor, AIOU Islamabad, along with Prof. Dr. Munawar S. Mirza, Chairperson, NACTE.

Dr Sangi appreciated the work of NACTE and UNESCO for the promotion of education in Pakistan, especially for teacher education. He expressed his confidence that the participants would be able to develop and agreed on teachers' accreditation policy framework, mechanism and tools for registration/licensing of teachers.

Professor Munawar S. Mirza highlighted NACTE work and future plans, she added that this would be possible in collaboration with all the public and private stakeholders. Dr. Santosh Kamrani, UNESCO Education Officer, read the message of Dr. Kozue Kay Nagata, Director/Representative, UNESCO Islamabad in which she commended the efforts of NACTE in introducing quality assurance mechanism including teachers' accreditation, certification, licensing and registration in Pakistan.

During the conference, the participants also prepared the roadmap and action plan for development of registration, licensing and certification of teachers with continuous professional development in their respective provinces. The conference created consensus and gave recommendations on the roles and responsibilities of a national level body like NACTE for accreditation of teachers.