UNESCO conference: Quality assurance mechanisms for teachers discussed

ISLAMABAD:
A two-day national conference discussed ways and means to develop quality assurance mechanisms for teachers in education.

The conference was organised by the National Accreditation Council for Teachers Education (NACTE) in collaboration with UNESCO at the Allama Iqbal Open University (AIOU) on Monday. Educationists from across the country attended the moot.

AIOU Vice Chancellor Prof Dr Nazir Sangi said a teacher can play a key role for a healthy society. He stressed the need to modify the existing curriculum to meet national needs.

The VC said that the university has recently introduced various schemes to promote productive relationship between teachers and students by setting up the National Science Club. He said that Rs5 million has also been earmarked for supporting students to develop new scientific devices as well as introducing ‘earn-to-learn’ schemes, aimed at helping them to meet their fee requirements.

The conference on Tuesday will discuss quality assurance through accreditation of teacher education programmes and action plans for development of registration, licensing and certification of teachers. NACTE Chairman Dr Munawar Mirza and UNESCO Education Officer Dr SK Kamrani also addressed the moot.