Senior Minister Inaugurates DSP 2015

The Third International Workshop on Dairy Science Park was held on November 16-18, 2015 at the University of Agriculture Peshawar, in continuation to the first two workshops held on November 21-23, 2011 and November 18-20-2013.

The Senior Minister Mr. Inayatullah Khan inaugurated the Third Workshop flanked by Prof Zahoor Ahmad Swati, Vice Chancellor of the University of Agriculture Peshawar and Prof M Subhan Qureshi, Dean FAHVS/Chief Patron DSP. Academic, government and industry leaders, policy makers and farmers, from all four province of the country, Azad Jammu and Kashmir, Afghanistan and Turkey, participated in the event.

The Senior Minister and Vice Chancellor expressed their appreciation that that renowned scientists from within the country and abroad attended the event, focused on a burning issue of self-employment and hygienic food production in the region.

The Vice Chancellor applauded the presence of so many eminent scientists from Pakistan and other brotherly countries which guarantees that many useful idea will be generated and the gap between academia and industry will be filled up.

The Senior Minister agreed with the concept of an autonomous authority for DS Park to boost of the self-employment and hygienic food production in the region.

District Mayor desired technical support of DSP

The District Nazim (Mayor), Arbab Asim Khan chaired second technical session of DSP 2015. He desired cooperation for entrepreneurship of youth especially the youth in quails farming. He advised the DS Park organizers to develop SOPs for livestock farming, processing, and training of butchers hygienic meat production and marketing. He also desired training of local government elected representatives in natural resource management.
Livestock industrialization in KP – A ray of Hope

A discussion was held at SMEDA Peshawar to review the status of industrialization in the province of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (KP). The policy approved by the Chief Minister was considered a blessing for engagement of the youth and was in line with the efforts made under the Dairy Science Park to provide industrial support to the livestock sector.

The people of this region have got no access to quality food at appropriate prices. It was suggested that Agri-Marts may be established with products of certified quality, produced at farms with certified inputs and services, backed up with a sound setup of value addition for milk, meat, eggs, fish, fruits and vegetables.

KP is rich in livestock resources and the poverty and unemployment may be managed through proper utilization of these resources.

The Third International Workshop on DS Park has recommended protection of the huge livestock assets valuing Rs.1 trillion. Cattle feed from the University Feed Mill, Corn Silage from corporate producers, and other inputs are stocked at DSP Veterinary Clinic and Marketing Centers. The youth will be supported in establishing their livestock entrepreneurs through business incubation and facilitation process supported by the Academia and business community.

Ms Nasreen Khattak chaired Biotech Seminar

A pre-symposium national workshop for Dairy Science Park III was held on the use of biotechnological products in animal production practices and their impact on animals and public health. The workshop was held at UA Peshawar sponsored by Ghazi Brothers Pakistan under DSP. Dr Niaz Ali, KMU reviewed the drug development and quality control process and offered his support in collaborative studies for investigating quality of veterinary drug. Prof M Subhan Qureshi Chief Patron DSP acknowledged his cooperation with thanks.

Dr Shakoor Ahmad reviewed the action of veterinary drugs and the public health hazards resulting from indiscriminate use of medicines.

Ms Nasreens Khattak, Ex-MPA appreciated the achievements in coordinating all the stakeholders and persuading the Government, development and business support organizations to support Park. She offered her support to the Park for protecting the interest of stakeholders.

World Animals’ Day celebrated at UA Peshawar

World animal day October 04, was celebrated at FAHVS, UA Peshawar.

The awareness seminar was sponsored by Dairy Science Park and Department of Animal health. The seminar was chaired by the Dean Prof. Dr. Muhammad Subhan Qureshi and addressed by Prof. Dr. Umar Sadique Kattak, Teaching staff and students. Animals rights and Welfare were discussed in competitive speeches, followed by an awareness walk.

The Dean highlighted the role of Veterinarians in utilizing the animals genetic resources for human needs while keeping them in a comfortable stress free state.
DSP and Turkish organizations agreed on cooperation

DS Park signed a memorandum of understanding with Selcuk University, Konya, Turkey and another with Mevlana Exchange Program, Turkey, during DSP 2015 Workshop.

The Turkish side was represented by Dr Mithat Direk and Pakistan was represented by Mr Arif Yousaf Special Assistant to the Chief Minister KP and Prof M Subhan Qureshi, Dean FAHVS. President DSP Irfanul Haq Qureshi, CTA Prof Sarzamin Khan, Prof Mansoor Khattak, Dr Asif and Mr Intizar Ali PTI, Mr Zafar Hussain Feed Industry also attended the MoU signing ceremony.

Under the Mevlana Exchange Program, the two organizations agreed on collaboration, covering student and academic staff Exchange. Academic support will be sought from various organizations to provide solutions to the issues highlighted under the Dairy Science Park.

The MoU with Selcuk University will support the mission of the DS Park in introducing self-employment models and hygienic food production utilizing the livestock resources. The suggested venue for the 2017 DS conference was Istanbul.

Recommendations of Dairy Science Park 2015

The recommendations were compiled by Dr Nazir Ahmad Khan and Prof M S Qureshi as follows:

1. The Senior Minister urged upon efficient utilization of the natural resource available in the KP for the welfare of the people. The DS Park was declared as a platform to bridge up the government-academia policy gap. The Senior Minister advised that the amount of Rs 200 million released by the LG Department KP for the establishment of Slaughter house in appropriate consultation with the DSP experts.

2. The Senior Minister advised that an autonomous DSP board may be established to provide an infrastructure for Business Incubation Centre (Rs.250 m) to promote industrial research under an Endowment Fund (Rs.250 m).

3. The Special Assistant to the Chief Minister (Law) KP appreciated selection of the DS Park for partnership by the United Nations under SDGs. He informed that he would include DSP in the onward consultation process.

4. The Conference supported the MoUs signed by DS Park with Turkish organizations to facilitate industrialization process in collaboration with Konya Teknokent (Selcuk University, Technopark).

5. MoUs were signed by the Vice Chancellor, UA Peshawar for academic linkages, with the two Turkish organizations.

6. The aim of third international conference was to formalize the business incubation process and the participating experts would be consulted to move forward in this direction.

7. The District Mayor Peshawar advised for initiating an MoU with the DS Park to establish youth entrepreneurship, develop quality standards.

8. The collaboration initiated by DS Park with the Sandia National Laboratory USA, Chinese Academy of Agricultural Sciences, Centre of Excellence for Bovine Genetic of Pakistan Army and nine countries through Focal Points was appreciated. These linkages will be utilized for achieving objectives of the DS Park.

9. Livestock Advisor urged upon an enhanced collaboration and development of a livestock policy to respond to the prevailing issues.

10. Dr Mithat Direk offered his support to organize DSP IV 2017 at Istanbul.

“The Chief Patron DSP dreams of converting Khyber Pakhtunkhwa into a Halal meat export base.”
Dairy Science Park has been launched as a mission to support the war-hit economy of the northern Pakistan and the adjoining Afghan Regions through graduate entrepreneurship, public health safety, food security and exportable surpluses.

The Park has been networking the farmers, investors, experts and public sector organizations for joining hands in converting the province into an export base for Halal Meat, milk and eggs in friendly environment, cost effective way, fulfilling demands of local markets.

The academic, research and development resources of the public and private sector are pulled under the Park for achieving the common goals.

Marketing linkages are provided to the producers, input suppliers, and service providers in livestock and allied sectors and ethical consideration and consumers, preferences are integrated into the food production and marketing cycle.

Mr Mohibullah Khan Special Assistant to Chief Minister on Livestock advised for preparation of a livestock policy for the province. He chaired concluding session of the Workshop along with Mr Arif Yousaf Special Assistant to Chief Minister on Law and Mr Jaffar Shah Member Public Accounts Committee.

Mr Arif Yousaf highlighted the importance of sustainable development goals (SDGs) and was pleased to know about selection of the Dairy Science Park by the United Nations as a partner for SDGs. He was interested in the Dairy Science Park Act KP and asked the organizers to come up with the draft act for further processing to provide relief to the partners of the Dairy Science Park, creating an enabling environment for investment in the province.