

UNIVERSITY OF ENGINEERING AND TECHNOLOGY TAXILA
CONVOCATION ADDRESS BY THE VICE CHANCELLOR

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Honorable Governor Punjab and the Chancellor of the University,
Vice Chancellors of the sister universities, Members of the Syndicate
and the Academic Council;

Distinguished Guests, Ladies and Gentlemen;

I welcome you all to this 6th convocation of the University on behalf of
the Faculty and the students.

We are grateful to you Mr. Chancellor for sparing time and grace this
occasion. This is your kindness that you always accepted our
invitation and degrees are being conferred on regular basis. This is a
state of affairs that I could not imagine Six years ago. I remember my
example. Convocation was not held for long time and I had to get my
degree before convocation more than three years after my
graduation.

It is encouraging to note that three Vice Chancellors of sister
universities are also present. Setting a good tradition we decided to
key note this convocation by the Vice Chancellor of UET Lahore. UET
Lahore is the mother institution of UET Taxila and the keynot speaker
has been Vice Chancellor for a decade.

To our happiness is the presence of a number of parents of the
graduating students. Their presence makes this event, more

glamorous. We assure the parents that their children are leaving the university well equipped with the state of the art expertise, work ethics and zeal to excel in their chosen profession. We sincerely believe that these young engineers will bring honor and accolade to their families and the country.

My dear graduating students! I offer you my warm-hearted felicitation on behalf of my staff and the faculty. We wish you a bright career. Let me remind you that, Learning does not stop here. In fact it is the beginning of an unending process. The professional engineers can only sustain and keep their competitive edge if they continue to learn. The perpetual technological revolution has already changed the very concept of training. You will have to adhere to the concepts of continuing and life long education for there survival.

Mr. chancellor Sir; 5th Convocation was held last year on 12th April. In the last one year seven development schemes have been approved. 5 of them have been funded through your special funds. Two schemes have been funded by HEC. Two schemes are in the process of near approval by the Planning Commission. This year the University started its Telecom Engineering Department. The MS and BS programs are being run in Computer Engineering Department. The foundation of its dedicated building shall be laid today.

Our Ph D Program is also expanding. 05 scholars completed their Doctoral degree this year as compared to 02 of last convocation. We strictly observe HEC criteria as a minimum standard. The theses are

sent abroad for evaluation. This year these were sent to experts in USA, Canada and UK.

We plan to start Engineering Management and Software Engineering in the coming September. The other programs of Electronics Engg, Industrial Engg, and Environmental Engineering, Ghandhara Architecture, Energy and Power Engineering are under active planning.

I feel delighted to report that this university has gained a very good repute in terms of academic and research activities. In last five years two dozen development projects have been started. More than half of them are already completed. An excellent academic environment prevails at the campus. Our graduates are getting attractive jobs both in side Pakistan and abroad.

A large number of in service engineers, working in the neighbouring industries are also benefiting through our programs. Our faculty is actively pursuing research in realms of the national and international prominence. In this regard we extend our sincerest gratitude to HEC for sponsoring our research projects. The results of our research are regularly published in the international and national journals including the University Technical Journal.

Mr. Chancellor Sir, We have now switched to the Semester System. The curricula are being continuously updated. Experts from industry are members of our boards of studies. Short term and long term

programs are conducted to elevate academic and professional skills of our faculty. We are vigorously pursuing to develop academic linkage with international universities. The Educational intranet program – as desired and encouraged by your honor – is in active use. The university is linked with leading engineering universities round the globe.

The university has an elaborate academic development program:

- Presently the university has **24** PhD faculty members as compared to **07** in 2004. This faculty includes 6 Foreign Experts, under the Foreign Faculty hiring program of HEC. For further strengthening the faculty, the university has sent **22** scholars for their Ph.D. Study abroad.
- Digital Library and Video Conference Centre have been established in this building
- “*Demand Oriented Training in Information Technology*” (DOT – IT) has already been inaugurated by you. And now “*Virtual Innovation Center for Knowledge Sharing*” (VICKS) is being established in collaboration with HEC.
- New directorates for Quality Assurance, *Planning and Development*; and External Linkages have been established.
- Internet is providing services to all sections, including Bank; Boys & Girls Hostels; and Staff Colony. Our plan is to enhance this facility through Wireless connectivity throughout the campus.

- Nearly a century of Top National Industries are collaborating with UET, Taxila in different forms. These forms include; internship of students, research projects, holding of lectures, exhibitions, seminars, conferences, short training, courses, workshops and technical training.
- For the Extracurricular activities of the girl students, a female sports officer has been appointed.

Ladies and Gentlemen, These are a few glimpses of our activities. Our university is steadily developing into a seat of learning capable of providing first grade engineering education to serve the country.

Finally, I would like to thank all our guests, wish our fresh graduates a happy and prosperous life and express my gratitude to you Mr. Chancellor, for being with us on this auspicious occasion. Your presence is an honor for us all.

Thank you!

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