



## **MESSAGE FROM THE VICE CHANCELLOR**

My Dear Faculty, Students, and staff of AUST,

Assalamu Alaikum. It is my earnest hope and prayer that you are well, wherever you are. We are passing a very difficult time never witnessed of this scale in decades. The most urgent matter for us is to keep healthy and to do that is to follow the government medical directives like staying at home, using masks, washing hands frequently, and obeying social distancing guidelines. It is our urgent appeal to everybody that we should not take these simple directives as unimportant or unimpressive. These are very important for own safety and safety for others, for the nation and the step to normality. Together with physical wellbeing, the mental wellbeing and economic security are interlinked. We also look in the future and think about the good aspects. For example we hope to see the campus full of youthful presence and flurry of activities as soon as possible. The teachers would like to start again from the point where they finished in mid March. They would not like the students to forget what was taught in the class in March. The present exercise of online classes is experimental exercise. This will help the teachers and the students, even if few, to find out the flaws, difficulties. And nicely some difficulties have been pointed out by some students, which will help to design a more robust system in the future. The limited present online courses is not replacing the normal class room teaching, which will Inshallah resume when the University reopens. But the present exercise is also helping the teachers to work with online system. The Director IQAC has also joined the co-teaching on line learning system with many faculty members, many of whom have no experience at all. My gratitude goes to the Director, IQAC, Director of ICT together with their colleagues who are helping them. These exercises will help the faculty, the students, even if the number is small to keep them busy for some time, avoid boredom, to keep up mental happiness at the time of mental pressure. All these exercises will help everybody in the

future. Many students are away and under mental stress and do not have reliable connectivity. It must not be thought that the few online classes are going to be formal and the topics will not be covered in the class room. That is not the case. But if many students and staff join the exercise that will be beneficial for all in the future and the present opportunity of having enough time should not be lost. Wish you all the best and good health wherever you are, and hopefully the time can be utilized well.

At this time of economic uncertainty of many limited income groups, Director of IQAC has arranged the procedure of getting voluntary commitment of donation from staff to help Corona victims. Let us help him in his effort of noble work.

At the end let all of us appreciate the hard efforts of Kabbo, one of our students from the Department of Electrical Engineering who with others are working very hard for developing a good working Ventilator, which will be very useful for the seriously ill Corona patients. From the core of our hearts we pray for his success and the University will assist him any way that is possible so that a good ventilator is developed locally and that will be a good contribution to the humanity and to the nation.

Again praying for the wellbeing of all. Inshallah see you very soon.

Wa Alaikum Salam.

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