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Feedback on the Aligarh Summer University Program

The instructors of the two previous Summer Universities at Aligarh received many congratulatory messages from students and alumni. Although most of these messages were unfortunately erased (after acknowledgement), some are still extant. We are posting these messages for the information of other instructors and alumni.

A group of Microbiology students from AMU sent the following message:

"Thank you for enlightening our minds and trying to bring us out of the 'dark ages'."

For another course, the Microbiology students wrote:

"Many thanks - from the students of Microbiology."

A student Mr Gaurav Sharma wrote:

"Thank you very much for giving us such good lectures on this complicated topic. In these last six days I have learnt so many lessons to become a successful man."

Professor Ghulam Muhammad Khan, Director of the (host) Agriculture Institute wrote:

"Students who attended your classes and the classes conducted by other teachers of Summer and Winter Universities at Aligarh were overwhelmed by the advanced scientific information delivered by you. All students have unalloyed gratifying appreciation for all the teachers of Summer and Winter Aligarh University. They are also thankful for the information they received from you to build their scientific careers."

Mr Masood Afridi wrote:

"Congratulations for the successful programme. I was in Aligarh some time back and was happy to hear from the few students I met at the University Canteen the positive views about your Summer University. Forget the criticism and keep up the good work."

Mr Mohammad Washid of the All-India Management Association in New Delhi wrote:

"In fact, Summer University is a very good idea. If this scheme continued, the response will improve in future, Inshallah."

Mr Amir Ahmed Khan from Riyadh wrote:

"It's a great effort! I believe this is a good concept and a very practical approach, and the least the alumni can contribute back to the University. These efforts are definitely going to make a difference in the long term if practised on a continuing basis..."

Mr Jamal Zaheer from Jubail wrote:

"It is a very constructive idea (of Summer University and Workshops). We could also touch upon the contents of the tech curriculum... This disparity makes Aligs lose out in terms of reputation compared to other Indian institutes..."

Mr Ahsan Jafri from somewhere in India wrote:

"I really appreciate the Summer University concept. I have been thinking for a long time to write to you and let you know how much I appreciate the constructive forum you have provided."

Professor Akhtar Kalam of Victoria University in Melbourne wrote:

"I was impressed with your SU 2001 announcement. I was glad that you were doing something like this. I must admit that this is the first time I have known about this programme... Good luck in your endeavours."

Professor Tariq Rizvi of the Ohio State University in Lima wrote:

"I am pleased that the Aligarh Summer University Program is going on as usual. Keep up the good work!"

Professor Farhan Nizami of the University of Oxford wrote:

"It is an initiative that deserves all support and I have been a distant admirer of your efforts to make it possible."

Mr Javed Akhtar from Seattle wrote:

"I live and work in Seattle, USA. Let me know how can I be of help."

The Summer University instructors are deeply appreciative of such messages of encouragement!

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