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Vice Chancellor's Message

New ways of being educators and learners

Despite the deadly consequences of Covid-19 globally, we are witnessing life-changing realities taking place around us. The unprecedented changes include emergence of a new digital lifestyle, introspection for getting close to the spiritual side and religiosity as well as revisiting our adaptation capabilities and strategies e.g. working from home. A new way of thinking and articulating the unfolding changes has emerged. At the macro level, we expect post crisis structural political, economic and social reforms, ensuring widespread common good.

With the advancement in science and technology, we are fast moving towards knowledge economies. The phenomenon is driven by a sustained process of research and development in all fields of knowledge. But new knowledge and technologies ought to be eco-friendly and for common good; not undermining democratic and positive social processes.

In order to promote and sustain knowledge (*ilm-e-nafaa*) directed towards public welfare, the SSUET resolves to continue its academic activity with an innovative approach in these trying times of our history. The top slot of University's management has already gone for having online meetings to discuss and decide upon important academic issues. In this regard, official Notifications for the faculty and students are available on the website.

It is now imperative for the faculty to use digital tools to ensure ongoing academy including research activity. In this regard, University's re-aligned and upgraded IT resources are available for both the faculty and students.

I would urge the faculty and the students to adopt new ways of being educators and learners by establishing online connections with each other and set a schedule of online academic activity with a deep sense of transparency, responsibility and accountability. Taking advantage of this interim lockdown period, both the faculty and the student body should make personal growth a priority by availing all online and other opportunities for training and refreshing their knowledge and skills. In fact, we at SSUET need to make a huge effort to reach out to each other; as well as to our students, through innovative digital channels and upgradation of pedagogical tools and skills.

To rephrase Noble Prize winning economist Joseph E. Stiglitz, it is still not too late to save our planet and habitat with all its bustling activities. While the pandemic threat is raging globally, let's find and act upon new ways to survive!

May Allah (SWT) bestow upon all humanity His mercy and blessings!

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