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## **NTS Speakers on HONET – ICT 2015, NUST Islamabad**

The 12<sup>th</sup> three-day annual International Conference on **High-capacity Optical Networks and Enabling/Emerging Technologies (HONET-ICT) 2015** was arranged by **NUST Islamabad**.



To share knowledge, experiences and educate the audience regarding products of NTS - Pakistan; NUST School of Electrical Engineering & Computer Science (SEecs) invited the competent authorities of NTS as guest and speaker for talk.

In this regard; **Prof. Dr. Rehana Masrur**, Advisor NTS - Pakistan and **Mr. Rana Riaz Saeed**, Senior Manager / Head, International Collaboration and Accreditation Department had a detailed session comprising of one complete hour on the subsequent topics “**Educational and Professional Testing of National Testing Service Pakistan**” and “**English and Employment opportunities in Global Marketplace**”.



The speakers enlightened the audience consisting of professionals, practitioners of academia / industry and students about the emergence of Testing and Assessment era that result the establishment of NTS in 2002 with the aim to set standards for improving the quality of higher education as well as helping the private and public organizations in the selection of the best people possible to stay ahead of the competition.

Further Dr. Rehana revealed that NTS in June 2003 tested 17000 candidates with meagre resources and now as an established organization has tested more than 4.5 million in 2014-2015. The total number of candidates of 470 clients and associate partners, so far tested in short span of time is 11,078,35. A panel of more than 2000 experts from different fields, educationists, professionals, item developers and reviewers is attached with NTS. There are

more than 400,566 items for different categories of GAT (General / Subject) in its databank that has generated 755 tests since 2003.

NTS has been honoured with the membership of ISO 9001-2008, IAEA-USA, Preferred Associate (EPA) of ETS-USA in Pakistan, APQN, CiTO, Associate of Test Publisher (ATP) USA and ONESQA Thailand as stated by Dr. Rehana. She further added that not only in academic sectors but NTS has established its strong position in different fields of private and public sectors for developing and conducting employment, promotion and performance tests.

Whilst addressing the audience about the importance of English language, Mr. Rana Riaz Saeed indicated that NTS has geared up to promote English language in the country in order to enhance skilled youths' national and international acceptability and competitive HR marketability. For the purpose, being an ETS Preferred Associate (EPA), NTS offers English language proficiency assessments such as TOEFL (Primary, Junior and ITP) and Test of English for International Communication (TOEIC) and being in country partner (ICP) of Cengage Learning-USA offers ELTeach (English Language for Teachers) to individuals and institutions in entire Pakistan. He further said that NTS has been contacting the major educational institutions including engineering, technical and vocational institutes of the country. It is however imperative that the institutions support our efforts for promoting English language skills and thereby creating better employment opportunities for unemployed youth through international certification in English language proficiency.

