



### Vice Chancellor's Message

In September 2008, BNU will complete the first five years of its existence as a non-profit liberal art university in the city of Lahore. In these five years:

- BNU has demonstrated extraordinary growth and its total enrolment has increased from 100 to 1000.
- All the seven schools of BNU are fully functional and have already demonstrated the quality of courses being offered in different fields.
- Plans are under way to upgrade technology in the administrative and educational processes of the university, not only to improve facilities for students but also the quality of I.T. assisted courses.
- Following concrete progress in augmenting faculty members with PhD degrees and upgrading the Library and other physical facilities of the university, BNU was given, in February 2008, the highest status (Category 'W') by the Higher Education Commission in its ranking of universities in Pakistan.

- A new state of the art campus for BNU is under construction in the outskirts of Lahore. Some of the Schools and Departments will start shifting to the new campus before the end of this year.

In June 2008, the Board of Governors of BNU revisited the Academic Vision of BNU and has decided to offer additional post-graduate programmes in selected areas with emphasis on market oriented skills. These are listed in the BNU Prospectus.

The Board has also stressed the need for greater synergy within BNU by offering joint programmes by different schools not only to promote inter school cooperation but also give students an opportunity to acquire knowledge and expertise in a broader range of subjects.

During the past two years, a total of 128 students have graduated from BNU, 40 with Bachelors' degree, 70 with Masters' degree and 16 with Post-graduate Diploma. It is gratifying to note that 123 out of these graduates have already found remunerative jobs. The remaining 5 graduates have moved on for further studies, including 3 who have received Fulbright fellowships.

The national and international faculty at BNU is constantly reviewing the content and scope of various courses keeping in view the latest developments in that field and the changing requirements in the market. In this way the courses offered by BNU prepare students for meeting the challenge of the future in a competitive world.

Welcome to BNU.

Sartaj Aziz  
Vice Chancellor

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