

## UHS ORIC Participation in Showcasing Technologies in Post COVID-19 Scenario Organized by Ministry of Science and Technology Islamabad on 30<sup>th</sup> April 2020

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form of global challenges, accelerated joint efforts are needed to combat the novel coronavirus.

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Many organizations in Pakistan including University of Health Sciences Lahore are finding ways to fight against COVID-19 pandemic. In this regard on 30<sup>th</sup> April 2020 Federal Minister for Science and Technology arranged a National Showcase for the prototypes, applications,

inventions, technologies and solutions developed by research institutions in post COVID-19 scenario.

The post COVID-19 showcase was scheduled in MoST Enclave COMSTECH Convention center Islamabad. The showcase was aimed to serve as a national platform for the Pakistani scientific and business community to demonstrate to the world their inventive, entrepreneurial capabilities to combat and overcome COVID-19

During COVID-19 pandemic UHS Office of Research, Innovation and Commercialization (ORIC) is actively participating in every activity under the visionary leadership of Vice Chancellor. UHS ORIC had established a stall in this showcasing event in Islamabad on 30<sup>th</sup> April 2020. Chief guest was the Honorable Prime Minister Imran Khan. On his arrival he was given a briefing by the Federal Minister for Science and Technology in COMSTECH auditorium. After briefing PM started his visit to the stalls present in center. There were 35 stalls in the center and all were presenting technologies and process to combat coronavirus.

The Major content of the Post COVID-19 showcase were as Follows:

- Showcase – I Chemicals including sanitizers, disinfectants
- Showcase – II PPEs, Protection Gear including Protection Dresses, Shields, Masks Gloves

Showcase – III Electro Medical Equipment

Showcase – IV Diagnostic Kits

UHS ORIC shared information and presented UHS made products which were, N95 Masks (made through 150GSM and contain 04 layers), PPEs (made through 55 GSM head to toe coverage), sanitizer (according to WHO standards), disinfectants and walk through tunnel. PPEs were displayed on specially arranged mannequins. On Prime Minister of Pakistan visit, Vice Chancellor UHS briefed him about UHS initiatives particularly PROTECT Trial and other research projects related to COVID-19.

Event was given one-hour live media coverage by All Pakistani Media which highlighted the efforts and soft image of UHS in fight against COVID-19. UHS ORIC also briefed different news channels about UHS contributions in COVID-19 pandemic.

Event started at 10:00 am and ended at 04:00 pm. A large number of dignitaries and government officials visited UHS stall and were briefed about UHS initiatives and products. After the departure of Prime Minister, Joint Chief of Armed forces of Pakistan General Nadeem Raza came to the event and while visiting stall he was briefed about UHS Genome Sequencing Software.

Event culminated with encouraging remarks from Federal Minister for Science and Technology, Mr. Fawad Ch.

