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Assistant Director

(Accreditation)

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Subject: Accreditation of NASTP Institute of Information Technology (NIIT). Lahore

Reference to the subject cited above, I am directed to state that after physical inspection of the NASTP Institute of Information Technology (NIIT), Lahore, Constituent Campus of Air University, Islamabad carried out by HEC Accreditation/Inspection Committee to ascertain the available academic facilities, based on provision of documents and recommendations of the said Committee, the Competent Authority is pleased to grant NoC to the NASTP Institute of Information Technology (NIIT), Lahore till December 31, 2024 for Undergraduate level only in programs mentioned below:

- i. BS (Computer Science)
- ii. BS (Software Engineering)
- iii. BS (Cyber Security)
- iv. BS (Artificial Intelligence)
- 2. Further, following recommendations needs to be adhered by the University:
 - i. Air University, Islamabad shall get permission of Higher Education department, Government of Punjab for operating in provincial territory.
 - ii. NASTP Institute of Information Technology (NIIT), Lahore shall ensure availability of requisite permanent faculty as per HEC criteria i.e. one Professor, one Associate Professor, two Assistant Professors and two Lecturers at least. The faculty members' relevance and their qualifications must be as per the requirements of the specific courses/modules.
 - iii. NIIT needs to maintain the student teacher ratio prescribed by HEC.
 - iv. Hiring process of additional faculty members must be expedited.
 - v. It is suggested by the Committee to delay the launch of the Bachelor of Science in Cyber Security (BSCyS) until additional faculty, particularly one PhD specializing in Cyber Security, can be recruited. Consider initiating a BS Cyber Security batch only if two more faculty members with expertise in the field are available, anticipated within the following year.
- vi. Institute shall earmark area comprising of 27 Kanal of land along with dedicated facilities for the sole purpose of academic operations.
- vii. NIIT needs to hire Lab Engineers and Demonstrators for Lab related activities.
- viii. NIIT needs to upgrade the Library by subscribing to 15 Impact Factor Journals with at least 1.0 Impact factor and latest reference books.
- ix. The dedicated staff for Quality Enhancement Cell (QEC) needs to be hired as per HEC criteria;
- x. NIIT shall make necessary arrangements of hostels for the students as well.
- xi. NIIT shall ensure provision of appropriate facilities for the special/handicap students.

- xii. NIIT needs to conform to the curriculum and academic standards set by HEC and relevant accreditation bodies for undergraduate programs.
- xiii. No MS/M.Phil./PhD programs shall be initiated without the prior approval from Quality Assurance Division of HEC;
- xiv. Air University needs to submit compliance report of the Campus in November 2024 for extension of this NOC.

3. HEC reserves the right to withdraw this NOC in case it is found that the Institute is unable to satisfactorily demonstrate its ability and commitment to achieve and maintain national academic standards.

4. This issues with the approval of the Competent Authority.

Mr. Abdul Wahab Motla,

Air commodore (Retd), Registrar, Air University, Sector E-9, Islamabad.

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- i. **The Secretary,** Higher Education Department, Government of Punjab, Civil Secretariat, Lahore
- ii. **The Chairman**, Punjab Higher Education Commission, 10th Floor, Arfa Software Technology Park, Ferozepur Road, Lahore.
- iii. ES to Vice Chancellor, Air University, Islamabad.
- iv. **The Dean**, Department of Computing, NASTP Institute of Information Technology (NIIT), Lahore.
- v. In-charge, HEC Regional Centre, 55-B/2, Gulberg-III, Lahore
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