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FAISALABAD: Federal State Minister for Textiles, Haji Muhammad Akram Ansari, has congratulated the NTU Rector, Dr Tanveer Hussain and the stakeholders of National Textile University (NTU) for holding the "First-ever international conference on emerging trends in knitting-2018" and expressed confidence that the outcome of this international conference would yield positive results to boost the knitting industry in Pakistan.

Inaugurating this 1-Day international conference, the minister especially welcomed the participation of the speakers from international universities and foreign scholars, researchers and innovators in this international conference and hoped that our local researchers and scholars would learn a lot from the international speakers to augment the knitting industry in our country.

The minister said that being the part of Pakistan Government in organizing this conference at NTU, I would not hesitate to announce that every possible opportunity was available which the participants of this conference were expecting and I fully recognize and appreciate that national and international intellectuals have today gathered under the NTU platform here which would help a lot for development of the country scientifically and industrially.

Continuing, Haji Akram Ansari said that undoubtedly it was a privilege and honor for him to visit this distinguished Textile University which is the oldest Degree Awarding University of Pakistan.

The NTU, he added, was a very rich in culture and undoubtedly produce graduates who have been serving the country's textile industry. He said that Faisalabad, being known as Manchester of Pakistan, carries yolk of textiles production and has been a major partner in growth and economy of our country. He said that textiles, since the time of partition, have been a major source of revenue and contributing in terms of employment in Pakistan. Every second person is directly or indirectly related with textile and every person across the globe is an end-user of the Textile Products.

Fortunately, I also belong to Faisalabad and hence am well-versed and aware of the challenges which are being faced by the industrialists individually or collectively which are connected with global challenges. We, as a nation, are directly affected by the shortcoming being faced by the industry in terms of market share, search-out new world markets, decreasing profits and aggressive competition in the international market to compete with our contemporaries. No doubt that every challenge faced by our industry effects our common man and we should collectively evolve the viable methods to overcome this trouble-some situation.

Continuing, Haji Akram Ansari said that we faced threats of terrorism, load shedding, sky-rocketing prices of raw material, drain of skilled manpower and management which adversely affected our business community. Hence we need positive activities, brain storming, new ideas and

a firm will to compete. He said that every industrialist deserves commendation and appreciation for his dedication to the cause which connects our common man to GDP of the country.

The minister said that the holding of International Conference at NTU in emerging trends in knitting was a good omen to keep pace with innovation and emerging trends in textile knitting. This event, he added, would provide an international podium for national and international researchers to come together to play their pivotal role in national development. The Minister said that he would encourage international researchers around the globe to visit Pakistan as our economy is growing phenomenally.

He said that the exchange of ideas for the development of the country was the Pakistan government priority. We will keep motivating international researchers, technologists and scientists to play their role in uplifting our economy.

Earlier, the NTU Rector, Prof Dr Taveer Hussain, delivered his thought-provoking lecture on the subject and pledged that the University would afford all possible facilities to the researchers and technologists in the textile subject.

Prominent among those who, especially attend this international conference include: Prof Dr Lubos Hes Check Republic, Prof Dr Tahir Shah, Dr Meltem vianilmaz, Dr Rizwan Bin Ishaq, Dr Hafsa jumshaid, Registrar Dr Zafar Jawed, Dr Abdul Majeed, Vice Admiral Masuad Mazhar Biabani (retd) and Mian Muhammad Naeem, Chairman, PHMA.

