

# 17 PARTNERSHIPS FOR THE GOALS



**Dawood UET** actively supports **Partnerships for the Goals** by strengthening collaborations across academic and industry sectors. This includes enhancing global academic collaboration through **a joint PhD program with a Dual Degree arrangement with the University of Hasselt, Belgium.** Furthermore, the university solidified public-private partnerships by signing an **MoU with NETS International Communication Ltd.** to facilitate industry-led instruction, internships, and job opportunities.

# PARTNERSHIPS & COLLABORATIONS

## ***Agreement Signed Between GWALPHA (Private) Limited, National Aerospace Science and Technology Park (NASTP) Karachi and Dawood University of Engineering and Technology (DUET)***

**A New Era of Innovation Begins:**

### **DUET Signs Landmark Deal with NASTP to Launch RPDU**

In a major step toward enhancing industry-academia collaboration and advancing applied research, Dawood University of Engineering and Technology (DUET), Karachi, signed a license agreement with GWALPHA (Private) Limited, National Aerospace Science and Technology Park (NASTP) Silicon Valley, on 13th June 2025. The agreement enables the establishment of DUET's Research Products Development Unit (RPDU) within the high-tech premises of NASTP Silicon Karachi.

The formal signing ceremony took place at DUET's main campus, marking a historic first for NASTP—signing an agreement outside their own premises. On behalf of NASTP, Air Commodore (Retd.) Syed Muhammad Ghayassuddin, Director General of NASTP Silicon Valley Karachi, signed the agreement alongside Prof. Dr. Syed Asif Ali Shah, Registrar of DUET. The event was also attended by Mr. Muhammad Yusuf Munim Muhajir (Manager Marketing, NASTP Silicon), Mr. Syed Ahsan Anwar (Staff Officer to DG NASTP), and other distinguished guests including Dr. Muhammad Fayyaz Ahmed (Controller of Patents, IPO), Engr. Muhammad Rizwan and Ms. Shams u Nisa (Senior Examiners, IPO), and Engr. Muhammad Zakir Shaikh (Director, National Center for Robotics, Automation and Artificial Intelligence).

During their visit, the NASTP delegation and invited guests were given a tour of DUET's state-of-the-art laboratories and ongoing student projects. Vice Chancellor Engr. Prof. Dr. Samreen Hussain (S.I, T.I) personally welcomed the dignitaries and highlighted DUET's vision of aligning academic research with industry needs.

The establishment of the RPDU at NASTP Silicon Valley—under DUET's Office of Research, Innovation and Commercialization (ORIC)—is a milestone that reflects the university's commitment to driving commercialization of research and nurturing real-world innovation. The unit will serve as a strategic platform for students, graduates, and faculty to collaborate on cutting-edge product development, leveraging the infrastructure and networks available at NASTP.

Commenting on the significance of the occasion, Air Commodore (Retd.) Ghias appreciated the decision to host the signing ceremony at DUET, noting that it allowed him and his team to gain deeper insight into the university's ongoing efforts and future potential. He remarked that the visit had been "truly productive and fruitful."

Vice Chancellor Prof. Dr. Samreen Hussain stated that having RPDU housed at NASTP Silicon Valley is a step toward materialising the very idea of commercialization and effective industry-academia linkages. She reiterated DUET's resolve to transform innovative ideas into tangible outcomes that contribute to the nation's technological advancement.

This partnership signals a new chapter of innovation-led collaboration, placing DUET firmly on the map as a forward-thinking institution driving economic and technological growth through applied research.



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## **ZIMBABEAN DELEGATION VISITS DAWOOD UNIVERSITY TO EXPLORE ACADEMIC COLLABORATION**

A state-level delegation from Zimbabwe, under the Department of Presidential and National Scholarship, visited Dawood University of Engineering and Technology (DUET), Karachi, on April 22, 2025. The visit was organized in coordination with the Pak-Africa Economic Council (PAEC), aiming to strengthen educational and business ties between Pakistan and African nations. The delegation was led by Hon. Raymore Machingura (M.P), Executive Director, along with Dr. Wadzanai Kachere, Dr. William Taringa, Dr. Dennis Murekachiro, Dr. Raphael Makota, and Mr. B. Chikoze.

One of the key purposes of the visit was to meet Zimbabwean students currently enrolled at DUET and to explore further opportunities to send more students in the future. Discussions were held around the possibility of allowing Zimbabwean candidates to apply through open merit seats, enabling them to enter via the same admission process as local students—beyond the routine nomination system. Prof. Dr. Tauha Hussain Ali, Vice Chancellor of Mehran University of Engineering and Technology (MUET), also graced the occasion. DUET is grateful to him for taking the time to visit, engage with the delegates, and participate in healthy and productive discussions that enriched the exchange.



Engr. Prof. Dr. Samreen Hussain (S.I, T.I), Vice Chancellor of DUET, welcomed the esteemed guests and gave a comprehensive introduction to the university, its academic offerings, research initiatives, and admission criteria. The meeting was attended by the Pro Vice Chancellor, Registrar, Deans of all faculties, and the Director of Student Affairs. Following the session, the delegation visited a student project exhibition where students from various departments presented their innovative projects, reflecting DUET's strong emphasis on hands-on learning and creativity.



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### STUDENT'S PROJECT SHOWCASE





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## SHARING EXCELLENCE: AN ACADEMIC EXCHANGE



## HONORING INTERNATIONAL VISITORS



## A SYMBOL OF GLOBAL CONNECTION: DAWOOD UNIVERSITY RECEIVES INTERNATIONAL GESTURE





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## ***DUET SIGNS MOU WITH NETS TO ENHANCE INDUSTRY-ACADEMIA COLLABORATION***

Dawood University of Engineering and Technology (DUET) has taken a significant step towards bridging the gap between academic learning and industry practice by signing a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with NETS International Communication Ltd., on 22nd April, 25, a renowned public limited company operating in Pakistan, the United Kingdom, Germany, and the Middle East. This partnership, made possible through the dedicated efforts of DUET's Director ICT, Dr. Izhar Zaidi, is poised to bring transformative opportunities for the students of DUET. As part of the MoU, NETS has agreed to sponsor a hackathon at the university, offering students the chance to engage in real-world problem-solving through hands-on, practical experience.

In addition to the hackathon, NETS expressed keen interest in offering both internship and job opportunities to DUET students, paving the way for promising career prospects in the national and international tech landscape. An exciting component of the collaboration includes the integration of industry-led instruction into the academic framework. While DUET faculty will continue to deliver the core 45 lectures out of a standard 48-lecture semester, the remaining three will be conducted by industry professionals from NETS. This blend of academic and industrial perspectives is expected to significantly enrich the learning experience of students.



NETS will also conduct specialized seminars to help students understand current industrial trends, challenges, and emerging opportunities, further preparing them for dynamic professional environments. To ensure effective coordination of all joint initiatives, the Directorate of Industrial Liaison and Placement Bureau (DILPB) at DUET will serve as the central point of contact. The NETS delegation was led by Chief Executive Officer Muhammad Nadeem, accompanied by Regional Sales Manager Yasir Zeeshan and Key Account Manager Shumaila Shaheen. DUET was represented by Dean Faculty of Information & Computing Sciences Prof. Dr. Atif Jamil, Director ICT Dr. Izhar Zaidi, Director DILPB Dr. Dawood Idress, and Director CPD Dr. Zubair Soomro.

This collaboration marks a promising beginning toward nurturing innovation and strengthening ties between academia and industry, reinforcing DUET's vision of producing future-ready engineers.

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## ***DUET SIGNED LETTER OF AGREEMENT (LOA) WITH NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF DISASTER MANAGEMENT (NIDM), NDMA***

Upon the invitation of Mr. M. Tanveer Piracha, Executive Director NIDM, Engr. Prof. Dr. Samreen Hussain (S.I., T.I.), Vice Chancellor Dawood UET, Karachi visited the National Disaster Management Authority Pakistan (NDMA) to sign letter of agreement (LoA) on 16<sup>th</sup> April, 25. It was decided that the students' society of Disaster risk & resilience (DRR) for rescue operations shall be established and trained by NIDM as Training of Trainers and will cascade the same trainings in universities of Sindh. Faculty of Information & Computing Sciences (I&CS) and Faculty of Civil Engineering & Architecture & Planning (CARP), DUET shall take the lead in providing data sets to NDMA for predictive analysis.





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## ***DUET'S WORLD BANK CPF CONSULTATION***

In a milestone engagement, a delegation from Dawood University of Engineering and Technology (DUET), led by Registrar Prof. Dr. Syed Asif Ali Shah, with Director CCPB Dr. Abdul Sami Rajput and other faculty members, participated in the World Bank's Pakistan Country Partnership Framework(CPF) consultation at Movenpick Hotel, Karachi. This consultation gathered key stakeholders to provide insights that align the World Bank's strategic support with Pakistan's development goals.



Vice Chancellor Engr. Prof. Dr. Samreen Hussain commended the delegation's efforts, emphasizing their pivotal role in showcasing DUET on an international stage. She noted that such collaborations are crucial for advancing academic and developmental goals, enhancing the university's role in contributing to Pakistan's progress. This engagement underlines DUET's commitment to being at the forefront of developmental initiatives, aligning with both national priorities and global standards.

## ***FOSTERING CULTURAL SYNERGY THROUGH STRATEGIC COLLABORATION***

Engr. Prof. Dr. Samreen Hussain (T.I), Vice Chancellor of Dawood University of Engineering and Technology(DUET), and Mr. Muhammad Ahmed Shah, President of the Arts Council Karachi, formalized a landmark partnership to promote cultural collaboration. The Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed during an elegant ceremony held on December 3, 2024, at the Arts Council Karachi, marking a significant step towards strengthening the nexus between academia and the arts.



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## ***DUET'S LADIES FUND ENERGY PROJECT***

Dawood University of Engineering and Technology (DUET) proudly celebrates the achievements of 13 talented female students who installed a 24 KW solar energy system at Hooseini Yateem Khana, under the LADIES FUND Energy Project. The project, led by Tara Uzra Dawood, CEO of LADIESFUND Energy, provided DUET students with hands-on training and invaluable experience in the energy sector. The all-female team, trained and certified by NED University, completed the installation from July 29th to August 10th, exemplifying DUET's commitment to advancing women's roles in engineering and sustainable energy.

These pioneering students include:

- Arooba Iraqi, Eman Batool, Samra Gul, Sidra Laiq, Sakina Batool (Electronics, 3rd Year)
- Alishba Khan, Hafiza Haya Reham, Maryam Nadeem (Energy and Environment, 3rd Year)
- Fatima Abbas, Marium Afzal, Minha Qureshi, Qirat Fatima, Sabahat Maqbool (Energy and Environment, Final Year).



Vice Chancellor Prof. Dr. Samreen Hussain applauded their dedication and success, affirming DUET's mission to empower female engineers and foster innovation in engineering fields.

## ***COLLABORATIVE INITIATIVE BETWEEN AICHE-DAWOOD UET AND AICHE-NED***

On November 5, 2024, the AICHE Dawood UET Chapter engaged in a collaborative session with AICHE NED at NED University, Karachi. The event facilitated knowledge sharing, networking, and discussions on emerging trends in chemical engineering, reinforcing the institutions' commitment to advancing the field through partnerships and academic-industry linkages.





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## ***DUET- CEMET EXPLORES INDUSTRY LINKAGE WITH PEPSI BEVERAGES BRIDGING ACADEMIA AND INDUSTRY: A TOAST TO INNOVATION***

In a remarkable display of synergy between academia and industry, Prof. Dr. Samreen Hussain (S.I, T.I), Vice Chancellor of Dawood University of Engineering & Technology, along with university leadership, visited Sukkur Beverages Pvt. Ltd on 29th May, 2025. This visit underscores the transformative power of collaboration and exemplifies how universities and industries can unite their strengths to drive innovation, enhance research, and contribute to economic growth. During the visit, Prof. Dr. Samreen Hussain praised the level of commitment demonstrated by all employees and expressed her admiration for the vision and leadership of Mrs. Sayeeda Leghari, CEO of Sukkur Beverages Pvt. Ltd. Mrs. Leghari's leadership was recognized as the driving force behind the company's achievements.

The visit highlighted the potential for further strengthening the relationship between academia and industry through the frequent transfer of knowledge and expertise from both sides. Sukkur Beverages Pvt. Ltd. extends its gratitude to Dr. Samreen Hussain for her visit and looks forward to continued collaboration and mutual growth.



## DAWOOD MAKING INROADS WITH NASTP SILICON TO ESTABLISH RESEARCH DEVELOPMENT UNIT

In line with DUET's commitment to sustainability and environmental stewardship, potential joint ventures were discussed with the National Aerospace Science and Technology Park (NASTP), including the promising Urban Forest initiative at Silicon Valley. This collaboration aims to actively engage the DUET Green Youth Movement Force in meaningful climate action and urban greening efforts. The initiative is expected to promote ecological awareness, student involvement in green projects, and long-term environmental impact. A Memorandum of Agreement (MoA) between DUET and NASTP is anticipated to be signed soon, formalizing this strategic partnership for a greener and more sustainable future.





# INTERNATIONALIZATION

**DUET GLOBALIZATION: SIGNING MOU WITH SAPIENZA UNIVERSITY,  
ROME, ITALY**

**&**

**FOOD BANK (ASSOCIAZIONE BANCO ALIMENTARE ROME) – ABAR**



**SAPIENZA**  
UNIVERSITÀ DI ROMA

DUET Goes Global by Signing Two Agreements with an Italian University (Sapienza University and Food Bank (Associazione Banco Alimentare Rome – ABAR) and discussing collaboration possibilities with LUISS Guido Carli University, Rome, Italy on 28th June 2024. Dawood University of Engineering & Technology, represented by Vice-Chancellor Professor Samreen Hussain, has signed the agreement of the Scientific and Cultural Cooperation Department of Computer Science of Sapienza University of Rome, represented by its Director, Prof. Enrico Tronci, and the Faculty of Information & Computing Sciences for student and faculty exchange, joint research activities, and conference organizing. Sapienza's Department of Data Science and Artificial Intelligence is ranked 46th in the world and first in the Italy. Under this agreement, DUET students will have the unique opportunity to study at Sapienza University, with 10 students set to embark on this journey from the next semester. The program offers a tuition-free experience, with students only responsible for their living and travel expenses. During their time at Sapienza University, students will have the freedom to attend courses across various faculties and engage in all university activities, enriching their academic and cultural experiences. **Another significant agreement has been signed between DUET and Associazione Banco Alimentare Roma (ABAR). This partnership will provide DUET students with the invaluable opportunity to intern and work at ABAR, gaining practical insights into the operations of a food bank and the chance to implement best practices with necessary adaptations for Pakistan's context. ABAR will also offer seminars and training to students, further enhancing their learning experience, all without additional fees. ABAR collects tons of food and provides food to millions; it is one of Italy's fastest-growing and innovative associations.** Dr. Samreen also met Professor Irene Finocchi, Director of the BSc in Management and Artificial Intelligence program at LUISS Guido Carli University. Both discussed possibilities of collaboration and agreed to check the syllabus of each university's BS program and align it so they can integrate and launch a program that meets requirements and supports students. Dr. Samreen also met Luigi Ventura, professor of Economics and coordinator of international mobility (outgoing and incoming) at the Faculty of Economics, Sapienza University of Rome. Both discussed possibilities of collaboration at the intersection of Economics and Engineering.

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