



FOSTERING SUSTAINABLE
ACADEMIC PARTNERSHIPS BETWEEN

PAKISTAN AND TÜRKİYE

IN PARTNERSHIP WITH

SHAHEED BENAZIR BHUTTO UNIVERSITY
SHAHEED BENAZIRABAD (SBBU SBA)



OFFICIAL REPORT OF THE VICE CHANCELLOR'S SHAHEED BENAZIR BHUTTO UNIVERSITY SHAHEED BENAZIRABAD, SINDH, PAKISTAN VISIT TO TURKISH UNIVERSITIES

DELEGATION:

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PURPOSE OF VISIT:

To strengthen academic, research, and institutional collaboration with leading Turkish universities and research bodies in alignment with ORIC and HEC internationalization objectives.

1. INTRODUCTION

This report presents a detailed account of the official international visit of the Worthy Vice Chancellor, Engr. Prof. Dr. Madad Ali Shah, accompanied by Prof. Dr. Muhammad Afzal Director (Directorate of Advance Studies & Research) to leading higher education and research institutions in Konya and Ankara, Türkiye, during 16–19th December 2025.

The visit was undertaken as part of SBBU-SBA's internationalization strategy, aiming to expand global academic engagement, foster research collaboration, and establish institutional partnerships aligned with HEC and ORIC objectives. The delegation engaged with senior leadership of prominent Turkish universities to explore sustainable academic, research, and innovation-driven cooperation.

2. OBJECTIVES OF THE VISIT

The primary objectives of the visit were to:

- Establish and strengthen international academic partnerships
- Promote faculty and student exchange programs
- Explore opportunities for joint research projects and publications
- Encourage collaboration in seminars, workshops, and conferences
- Learn from international best practices in applied research, technology transfer, and innovation



3. OVERVIEW OF UNIVERSITIES VISITED:

3.1 Konya Technical University (KTUN)

A public university with strong emphasis on engineering, applied sciences, architecture, computing, management, and technology-oriented education, recognized for university-Industry linkages and applied research.



3.2 Necmettin Erbakan University

A major public research university offering programs in engineering, agriculture, health sciences, social sciences, and business, with a growing focus on research innovation and international collaboration.



3.3 Konya Food and Agriculture University (GİDATARIM)

A specialized institution dedicated to agriculture, food sciences, agricultural engineering, sustainability, and natural sciences, known for its research-driven approach and international academic partnerships.



3.4 Selcuk University Turkey

Selçuk University is a large, public university in Konya, Turkey, established in 1975, known for its vast campus, numerous faculties (23+), and substantial student body (over 60,000), offering a wide range of undergraduate and postgraduate programs and attracting international students from many countries, aiming to be a globally recognized institution with strong local and international rankings.



3.5 Tübitak Ankara Turkey

Türkiye's leading government agency for science, technology, and innovation, established in 1963 to advance research, fund projects, run R&D institutes (like Marmara Research Center and BİLGEM), support scientists with scholarships/awards, and guide national tech policy towards sustainable development and becoming a leading tech nation. It operates with autonomy, serving as an advisor to the government and fostering a strong national science & tech ecosystem.





Day 1 – 16 December 2025:

Arrival in Konya & Initial Academic Engagement

The delegation arrived at Konya Airport, where they were formally received by representatives of Konya Technical University & Necmettin Erbakan University, including **Prof. Dr. Mustafa Topkapi** and **Prof. Dr. Fatih Erci** respectively.

This initial interaction provided an opportunity for informal academic dialogue and set the foundation for the forthcoming institutional meetings. Preliminary discussions focused on higher education collaboration, applied research, and engineering education models in Türkiye.



Day 2 – 17 December 2025

Official Visit to Konya Technical University (KTUN)

The delegation paid an official visit to Konya Technical University, where they were received by the university leadership, including the Rector, Prof. Dr. Osman Nuri Çelik Vice Rector, Prof. Dr. Nurettin Çetinkaya ,Vice Rector II , Prof. Dr. Ali Köken Prof. Dr. Mustafa Topkapi, and Prof. Dr. Hussain Kara (Selçuk University).

About Konya Technical University

Konya Technical University is a prominent public institution specializing in engineering, applied sciences, architecture, computing, management, and technology-driven education. The university emphasizes university–industry linkages, applied research, and innovation-oriented academic programs.

Meetings & Discussions

- Institutional briefing on academic programs and applied research
- Discussions on engineering education, applied sciences, and technology transfer
- Exploration of faculty and postgraduate student exchange opportunities
- Dialogue on joint research and capacity-building initiatives

Formal Dinner

A formal dinner was jointly hosted by academic leadership from various universities in Konya. Academicians from computing, management, IT, science, and technology disciplines participated. Discussions focused on:

- Academic cooperation
- Cultural exchange
- Inter-university collaboration frameworks

Outcome:

A **Memorandum of Understanding (MoU)** was formally signed to establish academic and research collaboration along with cultural sovereign exchange.



Meetings & Discussions



Memorandum of Understanding (MoU)



Day 3 – 18 December 2025:

Visit to Selçuk University

The delegation visited Selçuk University, where meetings were held with Prof. Dr. Hussain Kara and senior faculty members from the Faculty of Sciences including Prof. Dr. Mustafa Yilmaz (Chemistry) and other notable senior academics in related science departments.

Discussions emphasized:

- Scientific research collaboration
- Interdisciplinary academic cooperation
- Opportunities for joint conferences and research initiatives

An official lunch was hosted by the Rector Secretariat of Konya Technical University, attended by heads of various academic units.



Meetings & Discussions



Cultural Sovereign Exchange



Day 3 – 18 December 2025:

Visit to Necmettin Erbakan University

Later the same day, the delegation visited Necmettin Erbakan University and was formally received by **Prof. Dr. Fatih Erci**.

About Necmettin Erbakan University

Necmettin Erbakan University is a major public research university offering programs in engineering, agriculture, health sciences, social sciences, and business studies. The university is recognized for its research centers, innovation activities, and international academic engagement.

Academic Engagement

- Visit to the research center led by Dr. Fatih Erci.
- Detailed discussions on joint research activities
- Meetings at the Rector's Prof. Dr. Cem Zorlu Office.

Outcome:

A **Memorandum of Understanding (MoU)** was formally signed to establish academic and research collaboration along with cultural sovereign exchange.



Meetings & Discussions



Memorandum of Understanding (MoU)



Day 3 – 18 December 2025:

Visit to Konya Food and Agriculture University (GIDATARIM)

In the evening, the delegation visited Konya Food and Agriculture University, where they were received by the top university management Rector. Prof. Dr. Erol TURAN.

About Konya Food and Agriculture University

Konya Food and Agriculture University is a specialized institution focusing on agriculture, food sciences, agricultural engineering, sustainability, and natural sciences. The university is known for its strong research orientation and international academic partnerships.

Engagement Highlights

- Official presentation in the Rector's Office.
- Participation of all Heads of Departments.
- Discussions on agriculture education, food technology, and sustainable practices
- Exchange of cultural souvenirs

Outcome:

A **Memorandum of Understanding (MoU)** was signed, formalizing cooperation in agriculture, research, and academic exchange along with cultural sovereign exchange.

Official Joint Dinner

A joint official dinner was hosted by the heads and directors of various universities in Konya, during which comprehensive discussions were held on strengthening cultural exchange initiatives and promoting linguistic collaboration, with particular emphasis on the Urdu language.

- Science and technology collaboration
- Cultural and academic exchange programs
- Long-term institutional partnerships.



Meetings & Discussions



Memorandum of Understanding (MoU)



Day 4 – 19 December 2025

Visit to Ankara & Research Engagement

The delegation traveled to Ankara, accompanied by Prof. Dr. Hussain Kara.

A high-level meeting was held with Dr. Ore Rehan, Head of TÜBİTAK-affiliated Technology Unit, focusing on:

- Bilateral cooperation in science and technology
- Research funding mechanisms
- Joint innovation and research initiatives



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The professionalism, dedication, and collaborative spirit demonstrated by these esteemed scholars played a vital role in ensuring the success of this international engagement. Their willingness to support academic cooperation has laid a strong foundation for long-term partnerships in teaching, research, and scholarly exchange.

Shaheed Benazir Bhutto University highly values these contributions and looks forward to continued collaboration with Turkish partner universities in pursuit of academic excellence and mutual growth.

Conclusion

The day-by-day engagements of the Vice Chancellor's visit to Türkiye resulted in successful institutional linkages, signing of multiple MoUs, and identification of strong collaborative pathways in agriculture, engineering, applied sciences, and research innovation. The visit significantly enhanced SBBU-SBA's international academic standing and laid a solid foundation for long-term cooperation with Turkish universities.