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PROF. DR. NASSAR IKRAM

Prof. Dr. Nassar Ikram is an esteemed academician and professional with a distinguished career in strategic management, leadership, and technological innovation. With extensive experience in research and development, particularly in Cryptology and information security, he has contributed significantly to Pakistan's advancement in these domains, representing the country at prestigious international platforms like the *Common Criteria Recognition Arrangement (CCRA)* and *Asiacrypt*. His expertise spans several senior positions in both public and private sectors, where he has shaped and managed the research and innovation ecosystems at leading institutions, guiding efforts in intellectual property management, technology transfer, and business development.

Prof. Dr. Ikram is an advocate for fostering a knowledge economy, having built frameworks for universities to promote innovation through spin-offs, subsidiaries, and partnerships. His work in establishing Pakistan's first National Science and Technology Park (NSTP) stands as a testament to his vision of creating a complete innovation ecosystem that integrates incubation, acceleration, angel investment, and venture capital.

Educational Background

Prof. Dr. Ikram is a graduate of NED University of Engineering & Technology Karachi, in the discipline of Electrical Engineering. His academic credentials include a Master's degree in Electronics Systems Engineering from Cranfield University (UK) and a Master's degree in National Security & War Studies from Quaid-e-Azam University. He earned his Doctorate in Cryptography from Bradford University (UK) in 1999.

Professional Experience

- **Vice Chancellor/President** – *Iqra University* (Sep 2023 - Present)
- **Country Representative (ISO)** – *International Organization for Standardization* (Sep 2008 - Present)
- **Pakistan's Representative** – *Common Criteria Recognition Arrangement (CCRA)* for IT Security Evaluation (Sep 2008 - Present)
- **Pro Rector/Vice Chancellor** – *University of Central Punjab* (Apr 2021 - Oct 2023)
- **Vice President** – *National Science & Technology Park* (Aug 2018 - Apr 2021)
- **Chief Executive Officer** – *NUST Holdings (Pvt) Ltd* (Feb 2018 - Apr 2021)
- **Pro Rector Research Innovation & Commercialization** – *National University of Sciences and Technology (NUST)* (Apr 2017 - Apr 2021)
- **Commandant and Principal** – *National University of Sciences and Technology (NUST)* (Jul 2015 - Apr 2017)
- **Director** – *National Systems, Islamabad* (2003 - Jul 2013)
- **Dean** – *National University of Sciences and Technology (NUST)* (Feb 1999 - Mar 2003)

Publications & Recognitions

Prof. Dr. Ikram has authored 83 publications in refereed journals and conferences, along with three book chapters. He is the recipient of several prestigious awards, including the *HEC Best University Teacher Award* (2002) and the *President's Technology Medal* (2015). He played a pivotal role in authoring Pakistan's National Security Standards for testing Crypto and IT products for the government. He has represented Pakistan at various global platforms, including *Asiacrypt* and *CCRA*, demonstrating his leadership in advancing global standards in cybersecurity.

Specialties

- Cryptology
- Cybersecurity
- Telecommunications
- University Management
- Strategic Planning & Leadership
- Science Parks & Innovation Management