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Dr. Javed Ashraf assumed the position of Vice-Chancellor of Quaid-i-Azam University on October 13, 2014. Prior to this he served as Dean of the Cameron School of Business at the University of St. Thomas (in Houston, USA). He also held the Cullen Endowed Chair in Economics at the same university. In addition, Dr. Ashraf has held faculty appointments at the University of Wisconsin, the University of Hartford, and the University of West Florida. Dr. Ashraf earned his Ph.D. in Economics from Northern Illinois University in 1986. He holds two masters degrees from Boston University, and one from Government College Lahore (where he also received his Bachelors degree).

Dr. Javed Ashraf has published approximately 70 research articles in internationally recognized journals. He currently sits on the editorial boards of three journals. He has won a number of rewards for excellence in research. Dr. Ashraf has presented papers at numerous international conferences. Dr. Ashraf served as the Director of the Institute of Business Administration (IBA) from 2000 to 2002. Under his directorship, IBA became the first public-sector institution in Pakistan to offer four-year bachelors programmes a move subsequently replicated by all universities in Pakistan.

**Panel Discussion – 6:** Higher education: New Visions for Future