

LAHORE ♦♦ THE participants of the 13th Senior Management Course of National Management College, hailing from various occupational groups including police, DMG, Foreign Service, Customs and Income Tax visited University of Veterinary and Animal Sciences Lahore and held a meeting with Vice-Chancellor Prof Dr Talat Naseer Pasha on Wednesday.

According to a press release, the Vice-Chancellor briefed the officers on the academic, research, training and extension programmes of the university. He said the UVAS was striving hard for building economies, communities and leadership through its education, training and research programmes, consequently contributing to the socio-economic development of the country.

Prof Pasha also spoke about the challenges i.e. climate change, global warming and competition for resources like land and water facing the livestock and agriculture sectors in the country. Talking about the role of livestock sector, he said it was contributing 12 percent to the national GDP and 55 percent to the agriculture GDP. He said Pakistan had the largest buffalo holding, as it was the 4th largest milk producing country, third in goat population and ranked 4th in mutton production. He said the poultry was the most vibrant sector with 8-10 percent annual growth and contributing 9.84 percent to the livestock growth.

He said UVAS was playing a key role in the development of all these sectors by producing manpower, solving field problems through applied research and developing communities by providing services to farmers round the clock on their doorsteps. He said the university was producing vaccines against diseases, strengthening dairy value chains through extension services and helping industry by providing monitoring and training services to companies through its Business Incubation Centre and other departments.

The Vice-Chancellor's talk also followed a question and answer session. To a question from a participant, the Vice-Chancellor said UVAS was a public university and its main focus was on teaching, generation and application of knowledge, production of manpower and helping communities.

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