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FOR PROGRESSIVE PAKISTAN NEW NARRATIVE NEED OF HOUR- Dr. Umar Saif briefs media on upcoming two day event Afkar e Taza

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Only progressive thinking in the youth can set new narrative to make Progressive Pakistan in accordance with the ideology of Pakistan set by father of the nation Quaid-e-Azam Muhammad Ali Jinnah. Dr. Umar Saif founding Vice Chancellor of Information Technology University (ITU) the Punjab said while briefing here today the media representatives regarding the upcoming two day event “Afkar-e-Taza” ThinkFest being organized on January 13-14, 2018 by ITU the Punjab at Alhamra Mall road in collaboration with Federal Higher Education Commission, Punjab Higher Education Commission and other private sector organizations.

He said that the event a blend of the prominent personalities and speakers of international repute from academia and literature would motivate the women and the youth by providing a forum to raise their voice. It was the first time that in Lahore that any Nobel Prize Laureate would be among the keynote speakers i.e. Mrs. Tawakkol Karman Yemini presently settled in Turkey while the other keynote speaker include Rt. Hon. Baroness Sayeeda Warsi, lately Chairman Conservative Party UK and former Foreign office Minister, he added.

Dr. Saif further informed that a number of 112 high profile speakers among them 25 from around the globe and representatives of 35 universities from all the four provinces and delegations from six universities will deliberate on promoting the new thinking to deal with the existing radicalization in our universities. This conference would be trend setter and set a tradition by holding open discussion for new ideas in a country like Pakistan whose major portion of society were young, he said.

He stated that Afkar-e-Taza, the real spirit and the tagline of ITU’s insignia itself indicated the immortal progressive thoughts set by Allama Iqbal, which prevailed during Pakistan movement and were still valid to take Pakistan forward.

In order to ensure maximum participation by the youth and people from all walks of life, the entry on both days is free. The topics being discussed include Jerusalem: The Future of Middle East, Midnight’s Furies: The Partition of British India, Entrepreneurship meets Media: Redefining Heros of Pakistan, India Turns East: US China Rivalry, The Rise of Right Wing, Where is the Media Heading, Shrines Violence and Society in Pakistan, Standing up to the Field Marshal, Inqlab Zindabad, Mr & Mrs. Jinnah, The marriage that shook India, The enemy within: a tale of Muslim Britain, The Rohingyas, The Next Five months, Artificial Intelligence as the New Electricity and a host of other hot and attractive topics.