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Honourable Members of the Society,
Ladies and Gentlemen,

Assalamo Alaikum!

It is indeed my pleasure to be with you on this auspicious occasion of the 7th All Pakistan Food Science Conference of the Pakistan Society of Food Scientists and Technologists. I welcome you all to this University. I am confident that the management of this occasion is looking after you and has enough to keep you busy the whole day.

Before I say something about your deliberations in this Conference, I would like to pay tribute to my predecessor, late Professor Dr. Anwar-ul-Haq, whom we lost just last week. During his period of one year as Vice Chancellor of this University, he put in everything to lift its image. He successfully uprooted the evil tradition of shortening the semester. During his tenure, for the first time after several years, we had two complete semesters; complete semesters in the sense that these were of full period without any legal or illegal break. There was complete peace at the campus. Late Prof. Dr. Anwar-ul-Haq was honest and dedicated. He wanted to uproot all the evils and make this University a real seat of learning and disseminating knowledge. In this effort, he lost his health and eventually his life.

Ladies and Gentlemen, I assure you that the good traditions of my late predecessor will be followed. It would be my utmost effort to ensure that teaching schedule are not interrupted, and justice prevails in this University. It would be my priority to uphold peace and justice in this institution.

Now coming to the deliberations of this Conference. After hearing the Secretary of the Society, I am really pleased to note the achievements of this Society. Holding a meeting every year is no small job and publishing a journal is still more difficult. There are very few societies or associations in this country that remain alive. I do wish to congratulate the Executive Council of the Society on its achievements.

The President of the Society has talked about the latest trends in the discipline of food science and technology. I would just like to give a few words of advice. The fact that the membership of this Society consists of students, teachers, research workers and the industrialists is a very healthy sign. This is a forum for closer collaboration between these groups to provide safe and nourishing foods to the community. In this regard I would like to suggest to the educational institutions, including my own, to ensure that the curriculum is geared towards the needs of the industry. The research should also be of applied nature relevant to the problems of the industry. There is a constant need to have a close liaison between the research and teaching institutions and the industry.

At the end, I would like to accede to the genuine request of Prof. Dr. M. Shafiq Chaudhry, the President of the Society. University of Agriculture, Faisalabad is the mother institution of most food technologists in this country. Therefore, there is every reason to have its Secretariat in this institution. I hereby announce that Room No. E-235 is allotted to the Society to house its Secretariat.

With these words I welcome you to this University and wish you a very happy stay here.