

# POSTGRADUATE OPTIONS

## AeU offers flexibility for working folk

**A**SIA e University (AeU) provides the flexibility of learning and utilises online platforms optimally to cater to working adults.

A student who has benefited from this arrangement is Muhammad Adnan Ali from Islamabad, Pakistan.

Adnan, 34, has completed his Master of Business Administration (MBA) in May after enrolling in AeU in January 2013.

A telecommunications engineer who was then working for Nokia, Adnan had to travel overseas frequently for his work. He is now working as a care technical leader at Redknee, a Malaysian-based company that provides telecommunications software solutions.

He took a blended learning mode at AeU, which includes face-to-face, online and self-managed learning.

The institution has learning centres in 33 Asia Cooperation Dialogue member countries.

"Students can go to any of these 33 learning centres to sit for their final examinations. This ensures that we will not miss any important dates while being on the go," he said.

Adnan, who has 10 years of working experience, said none of the universities in the country provided such convenience. He said while he was away and could not attend weekend classes, he would catch up with recorded videos of lectures.

He said students used an online platform called My Personalised Learning Space (MyPLS).

"There is an online forum where students communicate with lecturers. Students can also submit their assignments, get lecture notes and check their grades through the platform."

Adnan said he took the MBA course to boost his career and shift towards management.

"I learned a lot about managing and business strategies, especially on team management and leadership skills."

Adnan said lecturers at AeU was helpful. Students could meet lecturers in person or communicate with them through Skype.

He said the learning methods were different from what he experienced during his undergraduate years at COMSATS Institute of Information Technology in Islamabad.

Upon completion of the course, he gained more confidence in his leadership skills, including in handling top and lower-level management issues.

"I have gained more insights into



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the expectations of the top management and the ways to handle employees more effectively."

Adnan also had the opportunity to expand his network by having classmates from various backgrounds and nationalities.

"My coursemates are from banking, finance, agriculture, automotive, food and pharmaceutical backgrounds," he said.

"Most of them are at the middle-level management like me."

He encouraged students who were looking for flexibility in learning to consider AeU as a university of choice, adding that it offered various courses with competitive fees.

Lifelong-learning is about acquiring and upgrading one's knowledge and skills at different stages in life, starting from pre-school to post-retirement years.

Where AeU is concerned, lifelong-learning is about providing a second chance to study. The goal is to help the workforce progress in terms of capabilities and competencies.

The university provides opportunities to people who cannot pursue their education at the same time as their peers because of various obstacles. Through AeU, they can continue their studies during their productive years without interference in their working routines.

The courses and programmes are designed to suit their requirements and interest. The provision of such courses necessitates the use of an open and flexible mode, such as those adopted by AeU.

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