

Inauguration Ceremony of the Communication Studies Department

At the Faculty of Journalism –Kabul University

Date: Monday, October 15, 2018

Time: 1:30PM to 4:30PM

Program Agenda:

1. Opening remarks, by Dean of Faculty of Journalism, Mr. Abdul Waheed Gharwal
2. Remarks by the Kabul University Chancellor , Mr. Hamidullah Farooqi
3. Remarks by the Chief of Party-USWDP Mr. Michael Blundell
4. Remarks by the UNO representative, Mr. Hamidullah Anwari
5. Remarks by a Communication Studies Professor, Mr. Zia Rafat
6. Certificate distribution for the steering committee members
7. Visiting the classrooms and cutting the ribbon.

At the beginning of the program, Dean Abdul Waheed Gharwal spoke briefly about the activities carried out by the faculty members of the College of Journalism, and consequently thanked UNO, USWDP, and USAID, who helped to establish a new department of Communication Studies Program at Kabul University.

He emphasized the importance of this field of study and continued to highlight the challenges posed by the shortage of classrooms and teaching facilities.

He recalled all the activities that had taken place during the last few months at his college and the challenges that they had faced during this time and successfully overcome with perseverance.



Chancellor Farooqi thanked all the organizations that were involved in this project and asked the professors to continue their hard work.

Michael Blundell, USWDP Chief of Party talked about the communications degree program, and the role of USWDP overall and thanked all collaborators who have worked with dedication and commitment.

Later on, UNO Kabul office director Mr. Hamidullah Anwari had a chance to talk about UNO's role and responsibilities in this great achievement; and thanked all partners who supported



and facilitated the program to implement this project successfully. He also mentioned the role of UNO professors who worked with high commitment and dedication. He conveyed to the UNO leadership and professor's best wishes, regards and congratulated the Afghan partners and students on the start of the program.

The ceremony ended with handing out certificates to the steering committee members. After the cutting of the ribbon, Communication Studies class officially started and everyone visited the newly enrolled students in their classrooms. The Communication Studies Program was officially handed over to the Faculty of Journalism during this ceremony.

