

## HBL and Balochistan Agriculture College Quetta (BACQ) collaborate under SBP Champion Bank Initiative



The MoU was signed by Ahmed Naazer Minhaj, Head Agriculture Banking – HBL (sitting 2nd from left), and Muhammad Aslam Khan Niazi, Principal – BACQ (sitting second from right). Senior members from both organizations were also present at the occasion.

**Pakistan, Quetta – 13 February 2023:** HBL and Balochistan Agriculture College Quetta (BACQ) signed a Memorandum of Understanding to provide a practical learning experience to the BACQ graduates in the banking industry and create skilled human capital.

As nominated by the State Bank of Pakistan (SBP), HBL is the Champion Bank for Balochistan and is envisioned to improve access to agriculture credit, financial inclusion, and uplifting of the Agri sector and rural communities in the underserved province. Under the sparsely located agriculture pockets and socio-economic conditions, the availability of local resources for banks has been identified as the most important and major challenge in improving financial outreach.

Under this collaboration, BACQ students will be provided training and awareness of agriculture lending, whereby these students will also serve as the pool of skilled resources to meet the future needs of the banking industry.

BACQ is one of the exclusive institutes for agriculture education in the province, established in 1986. The institution is providing quality education through undergraduate and postgraduate programs in various disciplines of agriculture.