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Professor Dr. Masoom Yasin Zai is a renowned international scientist and elite national academic leader. He is serving the *International Islamic University, Islamabad* (IIUI) as Rector since 2013. He has led the premier national universities, the *Quaid-i-Azam University, Islamabad* and *University of Baluchistan, Quetta* as Vice Chancellor. He also served the University of Baluchistan as Dean, Professor and Director of Institute of Biology. He has contributed with critically important uplifting, new establishment, academic growth and quality enhancements of all these three elite national universities. He envisioned, designed and executed countless classical as well as innovative initiatives, projects, approaches that has competitively uplifted these institutions. Among various new initiatives, establishments and development, the establishment of *SA-Centre for Interdisciplinary Research in Basic Sciences* at IIUI, is an indicative of his futuristic vision and efforts for the modern age competitive national service. His leadership and contribution at remotely located prime national university, the University of Baluchistan, is historical. Whereas, his contribution in all aspects, as leader of Quaid-i-Azam and IIUI, are unmatched and memorial model for the times to come. *Dr. Yasin Zai* is uniquely fortunate academician, scientist and academic leader with blessed personality characters of competitive professional competency, high morals, in-depth vision, kind behavior, inspiring zeal and resilient strengths. He has represented these universities, Higher Education Commission of Pakistan and Pakistan at various international forums abroad including in USA, UK, China and KSA. *Professor Yasin Zai* has been blessed with natural talent and opportunities. He earned his PhD from United Kingdom in 1985 and then had several postdoctoral, visiting scholar and visiting faculty trainings, experiences and expertise from elite international institutions including, *Chicago Medical College, USA*, *Perugia Medical School, Italy*, *School of Tropical Medicine, Liverpool, UK* and *Calcutta Institute of Chemical Biology, India*. He designed and executed several research projects with major focus on mechanistic and curative challenges of leishmanial diseases. He produced over 10 PhD and 100 MS/MPhil graduates with over 120 research publications in international journals of high repute and impact. His national and international services have been recognized with prestigious national and international awards for example, *Sitara-i-Imtiaz*, *Aizaz-i-Fazeelat*, *Fellow of PAS*, *Ibn-Al-Hythum Gold*, *Fulbright Fellowship*, *Raziuddin Siddique Gold Medal* and many other.