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Dear Vice Chancellor/Director,

Greetings from the Association of Indian Universities and Wish you a Happy & Healthy New Year 2021!

As you are aware, the higher education institutions in the entire world are reeling under tremendous pressure to discharge their routine functions due to the crisis created by COVID-19 pandemic. The crisis has posed formidable challenges forcing the higher education institutions to shift to online teaching and learning. However, a recent survey published in Times of India revealed that fifty percent of university teachers are not comfortable with online teaching and 82 percent of college teachers have never been offered any training on online teaching learning pedagogy, tools and techniques. These startling findings, though not exactly but nearly, are corroborated by the AIU-QASPIR Survey on Preparedness of Indian Institutions for Online Education.

I am sure you will agree that there is a strong need to create opportunities for upskilling our teachers through professional development programmes for their capacity building to learn the nuances of online teaching learning. In keeping with this, AIU has signed an MoU with Quality Assurance Strategic Planning Institutional Research (QASPIR Education Pvt. Ltd.), an Indian registered company and subsidiary of QASPIR Ltd., UK for delivering Online Professional Development Courses for Higher Education faculty and staff. The access to these courses will be provided by QEDEX platform. These courses are self-paced, online, asynchronous courses that will provide opportunities to both faculty and staff to acquire knowledge and skills of online teaching and lifelong learning. QEDEX at present has about 50 online courses and about 10-15 new courses will be added every month which will be pre-announced on quarterly basis. All courses shall be accredited by CPD, UK and a certificate shall be awarded on successful completion.

The original Registration Fee for accessing these courses, is \$99 per annum. **However, for AIU Member Institutions Faculty and Administrators, the Registration Fee is \$39 per annum for individual and \$20 for institutional subscription for unlimited number of courses on QEDEX Platform. The QEDEX platform was launched by Prof. Bhushan Patwardhan, Vice Chairman, University Grants Commission on 10th December, 2020.** The details of the course and Registration process can be accessed from the following WEBLINK:

<https://qedex.org/product/individual-subscription-annual-aiu/>

I am sure you will like this initiative of AIU which will enormously benefit our faculty and staff members. Please share this information with your affiliated colleges, faculty and staff.

With warm regards,

Yours sincerely,


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The Vice Chancellor/Director of all Member Universities/Institutes.