



**NED Alumni Association of New England, USA
Convention 2008
Farmington Marriott, CT
November 1, 2008**

PROGRAM

Morning & Afternoon Program:

Location: East Wing

- 9:30a.m. – 10:30a.m. Registration / Reception
- 10:30a.m. – 10:45a.m. Welcome / Introductions: *Abul Islam/Aslam Siddiqui*
- 10:45a.m. – 12:15p.m. *Moderator: Rashid Ali Baig*
- Panel Discussion I
Topic: *Declining academic standards of NED resulting in Higher Education Commission downgrading NED's rating to 10th position amongst other institutions of Pakistan.*
- Panelists: Prof. Sahibzada Farooq, Dr. Shams, Zehra Karim, Arshad Rizvi, Nadeem Hussain, Javed Saeedi, Riazul Haq
- 12:15p.m. – 1:30p.m. Lunch Break / Networking
- 1:30p.m. – 2:00p.m. Keynote Speaker: *Dr. Faisal Manzoor Arain*, Topic "Brilliance in Education: Improving Professional Intellect"
Guest Speaker: *Rustom Cowasjee*
- 2:00p.m. – 3:45p.m. *Moderator: Abul Islam*
- Panel Discussion II
Topic: *The state of engineering, technical and scientific education in Pakistan in the context of potentially emerging economies in the region. A question of quality vs. quantity or both?*
- Panelists: Mohammad Rashid Yousuf, Prof. S.H.Lodi, Akbar Ansari, Farooq Ansari, Amirul Islam, Safwan Shah
- 4:00p.m. Closing Remarks

Evening Program & Banquet:

Location: Grand Ballroom

- 6:00p.m. – 7:00p.m. Registration and Reception
- 7:00p.m. – 7:15p.m. Opening by *TanveerMallick (MC)* and Welcome Note by *Abul Islam, President of NED Alumni Association of New England*
- 7:15p.m. – 7:25p.m. *Ehtesham Siddiqui, President NED Alumni Association*
- 7:25p.m. – 7:45p.m. Recognition and Presentation of Awards
- 7:45p.m. – 8:15p.m. Guest Speaker Speech by *Honorable Husain Haqqani, Ambassador of Pakistan to US.*
- 8:15p.m. – 9:30p.m. Dinner / Networking / Prayer Break
- 9:30p.m. – 12:00a.m. Fashion Show by *Ghazala Asam*, Entertainment & Music Program by *Ayaz Khan & Jenice Miller*