

## **Video Report of Sharq TV, Jalalabad**

The 10,000 printed copies of textbooks written by lecturers of Nangarhar University were given to students of Faculty of Medicine of the university. Those were 10,000 copies of 20 textbooks whose publication had been funded by German Committee for Afghan Children (Kinderhilfe-Afghanistan). An advisor to Afghan Ministry of Higher Education, Dr. Yahya Wardak, said that the textbooks have been published based on continuous requests of lectures as well as students of Nangarhar University. He also stated that a number of copies of the textbooks would be sent to other faculties of medicine based in other provinces so that other students of the field could also take advantages of them. Wardak added that the students were given a CD with each copy of the textbooks containing softcopy of them so that they could use them if needed.

*Wardak:* “We gave 10,000 copies of 20 different textbooks to Faculty of Medicine most of which have been written by lecturers of the same faculty. We gave hundred copies of each textbook to its related author, and we distributed 400 copies of each textbook to students of the faculty.”

*Prof. Behsoodwal:* “There used to be old lecture notes and chapters, but that old system has disappeared with the publication of such textbooks.”

Chancellor of Nangarhar University, Babrak Miakhil, said there were organizations that worked in the framework of Ministry of Higher Education and published such textbooks for students in different occasions.

*Miakhil:* “There are some nonprofit organizations working in the framework of Ministry of Higher Education to provide assistance. These textbooks have been published by Dr. Yahya Wardak, and today they were distribute to our lecturers and students. These are so useful textbooks that have been passed by different committees. Most of them are included in the teaching curriculum.”

Such textbooks could help students in acquiring knowledge, some students said.

*A student:* “The books given to us are useful because we can have them permanently with us, so we can always benefit from them. We are also given CDs with the books, so we can take the softcopies of books everywhere with us for example in our mobiles.”

*Another Student:* “These books that are distributed to us have a lot of advantages that is they will be very useful for us.”

It is worth mentioning that students in the Faculty of Medicine at Nangarhar University used to use handwritten chapters however they are going to be replaced with the new printed textbooks.