

The N.E.D. University of Engineering & Technology has historic significance as being the first educational institution in Pakistan producing local engineering graduates. The institution started as a university affiliated engineering college and raised to the status of a university in 1977. 'NED City Campus' is where the institution had its modest beginnings but it was abandoned in 1975, when all academic activities shifted to the present main campus. Realizing its historic significance & value as an architectural heritage asset of Karachi, the university decided to initiate extensive restoration in 2000.

Main objective of the initiative are:

■ To ensure that the campus is maintained as an architectural heritage site and historically significant landmark of the city.

■ To ensure that the NED Old Campus is once again revitalized as an educational campus and properly utilized to its full potential.

■ To undertake the restoration project as an exemplary exercise which could prove to be a role model for similar projects in the city.

In addition to these objectives a very strong aspect of the project is the **RESEARCH AND TRAINING COMPONENT** which is being developed parallel to the progress of this project.

The restoration follows **international guidelines & principles**; with **minimal interventions** and **respect to the original setting, layout and materials of construction**.

Structural Works

1

Includes consolidation of existing beams and columns, with reinforcement jacketing at column base, recasting of R.C.C slabs, introduction of midlofts and a new staircase.



Re-plastering of Interiors

2

After removal of damaged interior plaster, replastering was done using lime plaster. Slaking and preparation of lime mortar was done as a successful on-site experimentation for revival of historic materials.



Cleaning and repair of timber elements

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All timber doors/ windows, etc. were repaired and restored to original polish. Three step treatment was done on site: Scrapping paint layers; Sanding; Polishing.



Liberation of Architectural Elements

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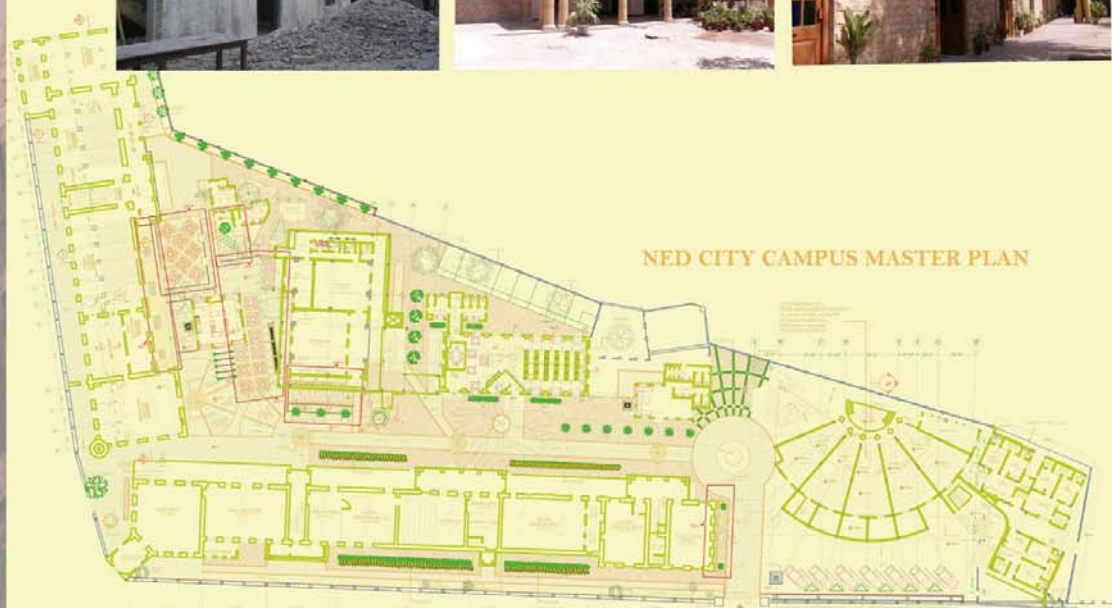
Important Architectural features like entrance portals and important facades, obscured by later haphazard additions on site / alterations were liberated & restored to the original form.



*It Served its time
with **efficiency** and **suave**,
Till the day it was needed no more.
So suddenly **abandoned**
with **apathy** and **disregard**.
Not a soul to look back,
not a soul to care.*

*To commemorate the **Education Milestone**,
To **protect** the **Heritage** that survives,
To **revere** the **Glorious Times**,
To **cherish** the **Nostalgic Memories**,
Let's join hands and prove
that we still **care**.*

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NED CITY CAMPUS MASTER PLAN



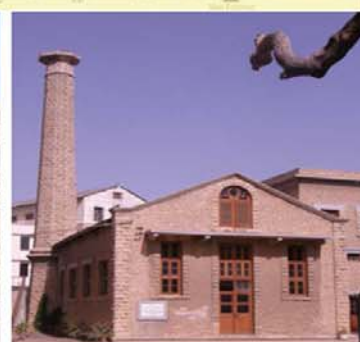
March 2001



Dec. 2004



Nov. 2005



April 2010

This project is presently ongoing; and being carried out in phases due to constraints of funding resources as well as simultaneous usage of campus for academic activities. These activities and presence of young students has made a reviving impact in the area and adjoining city centre localities. The first phase involving restoration of one block was inaugurated after completion in April 2009 and presently in use as design studios for architecture students.

NED CITY CAMPUS RESTORATION PROJECT

