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Subject: **Official Announcement of the IDB Prizes for Science & Technology 1431H**

Dear Sir,

I would like to bring this in your notice that Islamic Development Bank, Jeddah has invited nominations of the Institutions for awarding prize for Science and Technology 1431H. All the details and required forms are available on their website www.isdb.org under following link:

<http://www.isdb.org/iri/portal/anonymous?NavigationTarget=navurl://74d74aef8281e22a7d65bef5e309bf1e&LightDTNKnobID=1604981530aalso>

I am also attaching the Scan copy of the invitation letter from IDB. I would request to please forward this information to the concern person / department in your institution.

With sincere Regards,

(Dr. Muhammad Latif)

The Registrar,
Shaheed Mohtarma Benazir Bhutto
Medical University,
Larkana.

Government of Pakistan
Economic Affairs Division
(IDB Section)

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Islamabad, the 5th December, 2009

OFFICE MEMORANDAM

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The undersigned is directed to refer to the captioned subject and to enclose herewith the invitation by the Islamic Development Bank (IDB), Jeddah seeking nominations of the institutions for awarding prize for science and technology (copy enclosed).

2. It is requested to send applications alongwith complete documents and application before 15th January, 2010.


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Section Officer (IDB)



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1. Secretary, Ministry of Science & Technology, Government of Pakistan, Islamabad.
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3. Secretary, Ministry of Food & Agriculture, Government of Pakistan, Islamabad.
4. Secretary, Ministry of Information & Technology, Government of Pakistan, Islamabad.



Science & Technology Programmes

IDB Prizes for Science & Technology
Announcement for the Sixth Edition (1429H) 2009G

In recognition of the essential role that Science & Technology plays in socio-economic development, the IDB has, over the years, diversified and increased its assistance to its member countries in this area.

The mechanisms and initiatives that the IDB undertook in providing this assistance to relevant organs and institutions in member countries included the following:

Formalizing and enacting cooperation with Science & Technology partners, including the OIC Standing Committee on Science & Technology (COMSTECH); the Islamic Academy of Sciences (IAS); the Islamic University of Technology (IUT); the Islamic Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (ISESCO); and an increasing number of UN, regional and national institutions and non-governmental organizations.

Increasing financial assistance to member countries in S&T projects and programs, including institutional capacity building, procurement of advanced equipment to laboratories, hospitals and universities; establishment of S&T education and applied research institutions (such as the Ghulam Ishaq Khan Institute of Engineering Sciences and Technology in Pakistan, the International Biosaline Agriculture Center in Dubai, the Marmara Research Center in Turkey, the Sharif University of Technology in Iran, the Institute of Health Sciences in Maldives, the Polytechnic Institute in Yemen, the BINA Biofertilizer Center in Bangladesh, the Leather Technology Center in Sudan, the Paduke Seri Bagawan Sultan Science College in Brunei Darussalam, and the Institute of Physics and Technology in Kazakhstan among others)

Enhancing cooperation between member countries in S&T through experts recruitments, on-the-job training, scientific seminars and conferences under IDB's Science and Technology Office's Programs.

Offering science education support under the IDB scholarship programs:

1. the Merit Scholarship Program for Ph.D and post-doctorate;
2. the Master (Sciences) Scholarship Program for graduates from Least Developed Member Countries (LDMCs); as well as
3. the General Scholarship Program for Muslim Communities in non-member countries.

In another move aimed at promoting excellence among the S&T education, R&D institutions in its member countries, the IDB launched in 1422H an initiative called the "IDB Prizes for Science & Technology".

Purpose and Objectives

While the IDB continued to direct its major efforts and financing to capacity building, procurement of equipment and establishment of infrastructure in S&T applications, it realized the necessity to develop a leading scientific elite among S&T institutions in member countries through the pursuit of excellence; such a leadership is required to sustain a growing momentum of scientific achievements by S&T centers of excellence in IDB member countries.

The IDB Prizes for Science & Technology are expected to promote competition among S&T institutions; the prizes would further herald the commitment of the IDB to implement forward-looking policies and to avail advanced S&T applications in the overall development agenda of its member countries. The objectives of the IDB Prizes for Science & Technology are:

- to promote a sound and fruitful competition among the S&T education and research institutions in its member countries towards achieving excellence;
- to encourage and to support the successful institutions emerging from this competition;
- to raise the awareness of decision-makers and intellectuals about the present and potential contribution of S&T to sustainable development; and
- to emphasize S&T related policies and contribution of the IDB.

Prize Winners of Previous Editions

- Prize Winners of Sixth Edition (1429H)
- Prize Winners of Fifth Edition (1428H)
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- Prize Winners of First Edition (1429H)
- Prize Winners of Second Edition (1429H)
- Prize Winners of First Edition (1429H)

Nature of the Prizes

The IDB Science & Technology Prizes scheme consists of three (3) prizes awarded on the occasion of the Annual Meeting of the IDB Board of Governors. Each prize will consist of a cash award of one hundred thousand (100,000) US dollars, a trophy and a certificate. The Prizes are awarded only to institutions (not to individuals) in IDB member countries, respectively to:

Category-1

Outstanding scientific or technological contribution to the social and economic development of a member country.

Category-2

Outstanding contribution to any of the following scientific disciplines: Engineering Sciences; Agriculture; Medicine; Biotechnology; Information Technology; Optronics; Material Sciences; Pharmaceutical Sciences; Industrial Microelectronics; and Alternative Energy Sources.

Category-3

Noted scientific research institutions in IDB least developed member countries (LDMCs).

Nominations

Nominations for the prizes are invited from national, regional and international academic/research/development institutions and individuals, whether public or private, under the official sponsorship of the IDB Governor for the country concerned for national institutions, and of the COMSTECH for regional institutions.

Self-nomination or nominations by an IDB institution or staff are not accepted.

Nominees should not have already received any science prize in the same discipline in the same year.

Nominations not selected will stand for one more year after application year.

Nominations will be submitted using the Nomination Form (English) or (French) along with the required attachments no later than 15 February 2008H / 07 Safar 1429H , to the following address:

The Director
Science & Technology Office
Islamic Development Bank
P. O. Box 5925
Jeddah 21432
Saudi Arabia

or alternately care of one of the following IDB Regional Offices:

- IDB Regional Office in Rabat
- IDB Regional Office in Kuala Lumpur
- IDB Regional Office in Almaty

Applications may also be submitted electronically and simultaneously at the following e-mail addresses:

- mtoure@isdb.org
- fmehmood@isdb.org
- mbaghdadi@isdb.org

Announcement of the Prize Winners

Announcement of the Prize Winners will be advertised through the following channels:

- Members of the IDB Board of Governors.
- Members of the IDB Board of Executive Directors.
- Major S&T and Financial Partners of the IDB.
- International and IDB member countries media.
- The Standing Committee on Scientific and Technological Cooperation (COMSTECH) of the Organization of the Islamic Conference (OIC).

Names of the prize winners will be announced during the month of May 2008G.

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