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#### Date: October 18, 2010.

#### Sub: IBD Merit Scholarship Programme For Academic Year 1432H (2011-12).

The undersigned is directed to inform that the Islamic Development Bank (IDB) has announced its Merit Scholarship programme for the academic year 1432H (2011-12).Under this Scholarship Programme, the scholars may pursue 3-years Ph. D study and 6-12 months Post –Doctoral research in any of the approved fields of science and technology. Applications in prescribed form from eligible candidates of scientific, academic and/of research institutions must reach IDB by the end of January 2010 through Economic Relations Division. The prescribed application form is available at the website <u>www.isdb.org</u> of IDB. An Announcement in this regard as made by IDB is enclosed.

2. All concerned are requested to kindly take necessary steps to obtain completed application forms along with requisite papers from deserving candidates in compliance with the announcement criteria and send the short list of nominees of the same to this Division (ERD) though Ministry of Education by 15 December 2010. No direct application to ERD would be entertained.

3. Ministry of Education is requested to publish the announcement of the IDB Scholarship Program in leading daily newspapers and their web-side to attract the most talented candidates. Ministry of Education is also requested to prepare a short-list of maximum 25 deserving applicants. In this regard it may be mentioned that the IDB has launched a joint program with the university of Cambridge UK. This would enable IDB to place most talented and meritorious scholars from IDB member countries at this prestigious research institution for Ph. D research and study within a quota for IDB. Considering the above situations all concerned are requested to select the most talented meritorious deserving candidates from the respective institutions.

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Excellency,

# <u>Assalamu Alaikum Warahmatullahi wa Barakatuh</u>

I am pleased to inform Your Excellency that with the conclusion of selection process for the year 1431H (2010-11), I am taking the opportunity to announce the Merit Scholarship Programme for the next academic year of 1432H (2011-12).

For the current academic year of 1431H (2010-11), a total of 96 candidates have been selected from 33 member countries, comprising 73 Ph.D. and 23 Post-Doc candidates with a Male:Female ratio at 61:35. A list of selected candidates is attached herewith for Your Excellency's kind information.

I am pleased to inform Your Excellency that for the next academic year, 1432H (2011-12), the annual quota is maintained at **100 scholarships**. <u>Attached</u> is the Announcement Poster inviting applications for the next selection year. The poster is to be distributed to various educational and research institutions in your esteemed country. In order to auract a greater number of quality applications, I request Your Excellency to kindly also publish the announcement in leading journals and newspapers in the country. It is very important that the Announcement Poster reaches all the relevant research/academic institutions to attract the most talented candidates.

Your Excellency will observe from the announcement poster that applications are invited by specific fields of study only. This is to focus on most crucial development areas of IDB member countries as highlighted in the IDB Vision 1440H.

Your Excellency's good office or the designated Contact/Focal Point may receive applications from participating scholars and institutions until **31 December 2010.** The applications then may kindly be screened by your good office/focal point to sort out the most suitable candidates to be forwarded to IDB by the end of January 2011.

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I take this opportunity to appreciate the efforts of Your Excellency's good office for fully participating in the programme and look forward that this effort will continue to attract the most eligible and talented candidates to the IDB Merit Scholarship Programme.

With my best regards.

Yours sincerely, Or In Al.

Dr. Ahmad Mohamed Ali President, IDB Group



## ISLAMIC DEVELOPMENT BANK

## MERIT SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMME FOR HIGH TECHNOLOGY

## ANNOUNCEMENT

### 1432H/ 2011-12 Academic Year

1. The Islamic Development Bank (IDB) is delighted to announce that scholarships under the IDE Meric Scholarship Programme for High Technology for the year 1432H (2011-12) are open for application. The scholarships will be awarded to successful applicants in September 2011.

2. The Programme is designed to help promising research students to pursue a full-time three-year Ph. D study or a six-twelve month post-doctoral research work in scientific disciplines that enhance development in IDB member countries; for instance, health/medicine, agriculture/food production, water resources/desertification, energy/infrastructure development, nanotechnology and development-focused ICT. Some scholarships are also available for studies and research in invention-related abstract sciences.

3. The scholarship comprises tuition fees, living allowance, health insurance, round-trip air-ticket and conference participation allowance in general, and computer and dependency allowances for 10.D. students;

4. The applicant must be a citizen of an IDB member country, must be a permanent employee of an academic institution or a research centre of his/her country and must satisfy all the eligibility requirements of the Programme;

5. The successful candidate must secure admission to one of the universities listed in the Times English Education Supplement (THES). The list is available on the IDB website: www.isdb.org.

6. Priority shall be given to applicants who have secured admission at universities that have concluded a cooperation agreement with the IDB such as Cambridge University, Nottingham University and Birmingham University in the UK or from the top 50 universities on the THES list.

7. The prospective applicants should visit the IDB website: <u>www.isdb.org</u> to download the Programme's application form and to read full information about the eligibility requirements, how to apply, the Programme's benefits and facilities as well as the names of universities.

8. The applicant must complete the application form and send it together with all the requisite documents, as mentioned on the concluding page of the form, through the office of the IDB Governor for the applicant's country, and not directly to the IDB Headquarters in Jeddah. The application must reach the concerned IDB Governor's Office or its designated office by <u>December 31, 2010</u>. Applications received directly at the IDB will not be entertained.

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