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Prof. Dr. Imran Sharif Chaudhry
The Editor - Review of Economics and Development Studies (READ)

Subject: Recognition of the Research Journal titled "Review of Economics and Development Studies (READ)", Center for Sustainability Research and Consultancy (CSRC) Pakistan, Multan in category "Y".

Dear Prof. Dr. Imran Sharif Chaudhry Sahib,

The Higher Education Commission has been endeavoring to raise the quality of research in Pakistan according to International level and research journals are the excellent tool to enhance research capabilities. Research journals serve as forums to present latest research and also for appraisal of existing research. It has been decided to update research journals in different categories e.g. 'W', 'X', 'Y', 'Z' as per fulfillment of HEC criteria.

I am pleased to inform that the research journal titled "Review of Economics and Development Studies (READ)", Center for Sustainability Research and Consultancy (CSRC) Pakistan, Multan has been recognized by HEC w.e.f. September-2018 and placed in 'Y' category (detail is available at <http://hec.gov.pk/site/ssjournals>). The HEC is also providing financial assistance to all recognized journals and maximum amount up-to Rs. 430,000/- per annum would be provided to all 'Y' category journals as per demand. You can apply on the prescribed proforma for funding your journal which is available on HEC website.

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We would also like you to take steps to place your journal online to allow international access to its contents, if not done already.

With best regards,


(Dr. Muhammad Tahir Ali Shah)

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