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CALL FOR PAPERS

**26TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING & CONFERENCE (AGM) OF THE
PAKISTAN SOCIETY OF DEVELOPMENT ECONOMISTS (PSDE)**

Dear Sir/madam,

The Pakistan Society of Development Economists (PSDE) is inviting papers for its 26th Annual General Meeting and Conference (AGM) being held on **December 28-30, 2010**, in Islamabad. The theme of the conference is, **“Fiscal Decentralization: Empowering the Provinces, Strengthening the Federation”**.

With the passage of the 18th Constitutional Amendment, Pakistan has taken a major step towards fiscal decentralization. While the Amendment has conferred substantial economic authority upon the provinces the 7th NFC Award has allowed transfer of more funds from the federation to the provinces. The provinces will now have the authority over a range of functions from the provision of health and educational facilities to the development of physical infrastructure and from electricity generation and distribution to the management of the environment. A fundamental shift in the division of powers between provinces and the center is thus clearly emerging, and this has far reaching implications for the country's long term development and growth prospects. Whereas fiscal decentralization is expected to provide effective mechanisms for achieving various development goals, its success will depend in large measure on striking a right balance of power between the provinces and the federation that empowers the provinces while at the same time strengthens the federation.

Against this backdrop **“Fiscal Decentralization: Empowering the Provinces, Strengthening the Federation”** has been chosen as the theme of this year's conference. The sub-themes of the conference, in the broad category of fiscal decentralization include:

1. Macroeconomic management and economic planning
2. Taxation in a decentralized setup
3. Financing Megaprojects
4. Social Sectors
5. Learning from international Experience
6. The 7th NFC award

The title of the paper, relevant to the theme/sub-themes, with an outline, may reach the PSDE secretariat by **October 10, 2010**. The last date for the submission of full papers is **November 15, 2010**. Submissions can be made online, by email or by post. To submit online please visit www.pide.org.pk/psde and you will be guided through the simple and quick submission process.

The first page of the Paper should include only the title of the Paper, authors' names, affiliations and contact details, including email address. Please do not indicate authors' names and affiliations anywhere else in the Paper.

Please note that only those papers that have been cleared by the Screening and Evaluation Committee will be presented in the conference.

After the conference, papers will be selected for publication in the Proceedings Volume of the Pakistan Development Review (PDR) on the recommendations of the discussants. The authors would be required to submit the revised paper in the light of the comments received during presentation. However, all other papers presented will be posted on the PSDE website (www.pide.org.pk/psde) till the next conference.

The person(s) submitting the paper is expected to be the member of the PSDE. Any person who is not a member of the PSDE should apply for the membership and send paper for consideration.

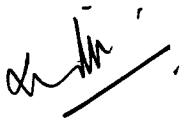
A page limit of 25 pages (on A4 size paper) has been fixed for all papers.

Paper presenter will be provided free accommodation plus airfare for the conference.

All the relevant information about the conference is available from the PSDE Secretariat and website.

Best regards,

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Dr. Musleh ud Din', written over a horizontal line.

(Dr. Musleh ud Din)