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Subject: Upgrading of "Pakistan Journal of Applied Economics" of Applied Economics Research Centre, University of Karachi in X Category

✓ Dear Prof. Dr. Samina Khalil,
Editor PJAE, University of Karachi,

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 "Pakistan Journal of Applied Economics", Applied Economics Research Centre, University of Karachi has been upgraded by HEC w.e.f. January-2019 and placed in 'X' category (detail is available at <http://hec.gov.pk/site/ssjournals>).

The HEC would like to assist you in your endeavors to further upgrade the category of your research journal. Since your journal has been graded as "X" you will need to address the following issues in order to be considered for further upgradation:

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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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