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Secretary, *Pakistan Journal of Commerce & Social Sciences*

Johar Education Society (Regd)

838-E, Johar Town

Lahore

Subject: Recognition of "*Pakistan Journal of Commerce & Social Sciences*"

Dear Majid Makki 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 recognize research journals in different categories i.e. 'W', 'X', 'Y', 'Z' as per fulfillment of HEC criteria. I am pleased to inform you that *Pakistan Journal of Commerce & Social Sciences*, Johar Education Society, Lahore has been recognized by HEC and placed in category 'Y' (details of different categories are available at www.hec.gov.pk/ssah). The HEC is also providing financial assistance to all recognized journals and an amount of 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 which is available on above mentioned link.

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

- i. Take steps to ensure that each article in your journal is reviewed by at least two reviewers (including one international reviewer i.e. from academically advanced country in the respective discipline) and policy of Blind Review should be followed strictly.
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We would also like you to take steps to place your journal online to allow international access to its contents. Technical help can be extended to you for this purpose.

With profound regards.

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Deputy Director (Academics)

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