Second International Conference on Inclusive Islamic Financial Sector Development

ENHANCING FINANCIAL SERVICES FOR MICRO AND MEDIUM SIZED ENTERPRISES (MMEs)

ORGANIZERS: Bangladesh Bank, Bangladesh, Islamic Research and Training Institute, Islamic Development Bank, Jeddah

DATES: December 22-24, 2008

VENUE: Dhaka, Bangladesh


CALL FOR PAPERS

Access of the poor to financial services is widely recognized as a powerful tool of poverty alleviation. Islamic financial services (IFS) are expected to enhance access to financial services by making these services relevant for the users. The purpose of the conference is to analyze the challenges facing the development of MMEs due to non-availability of IFS and studying the ways and means to develop the IFS and the related infrastructures with a view to enhancing the access of MMEs to financial services.

The Bangladesh Bank (Central Bank of Bangladesh) and the Islamic Research and Training Institute [IRTI] - a member of the Islamic Development Bank (IsDB) Group, Jeddah, are pleased to announce the above conference. The First Conference in this series of conferences was organized highly usefully during April 2007 by IRTI/IsDB and the Center for Islamic Banking, Finance and Management of University of Brunei Darussalam.

Original empirical and theoretical papers of high quality will be presented to the conference addressing the following sub-themes and topics.

- Islamic Financial Sector Development Policies and Strategies
- The Islamic Approach to MME-Finance
- Role of Islamic Institutions such as Aqaf, Zakah, Qard Hassan, Baitul Mal Wal Tamweel and Al-Rehn in MME-Finance
- Case Studies in Islamic MME-Finance
- Islamic Instruments and Contracts for MME-Finance
- Venture Capital Finance
- Entrepreneurship Development and Role of Women
- Social Enterprise Development
- Channels of Supply of Financial Services to MMEs
- Perspective of International Institutions
- Role of Technology in MMEs development
- Role of Capital Markets MMEs development
- Legal, Tax, Regulatory and Policy Framework
- Safety-nets and Insurance
- Export and Suppliers’ Credit
- Risk Management and Governance Issues
- Transparency and Disclosures, and other related issues
- Narration of Landmark Successes

IRTI will pay for hotel expenses for the duration of the Conference and round-trip economy class air tickets to one author of each selected paper. The Conference Academic Committee will select the papers after thorough evaluation applying international academic standards. The Conference organizers will help arrange visas and hotel arrangements for international participants.

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