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Subject: Award of the Aziz-UI Haq Rural Development Medal

Dear Dr. Ismail Shahbazi,

The Centre on Integrated Rural Development for Asia and the Pacific (CIRDAP) was founded in 1979 as an Intergovernmental regional organization. The mission of CIRDAP is to promote Integrated Rural Development (IRD) to improve the quality of life of the far-reaching marginalized rural people, the ultimate beneficiaries of CIRDAP are farmers and rural communities. It comprises of 15 member states, namely; Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Fiji, India, Indonesia, IR Iran, Lao PDR, Malaysia, Myanmar, Nepal, Pakistan, the Philippines, Sri Lanka, Thailand and Vietnam.

In 2021, the Governing Council of CIRDAP approved the establishment of the 'Aziz-UI Haq Rural Development Medal' for the honour of the late Mr. Aziz-UI Haq, the first Director of CIRDAP and the Former Minister of Agriculture and Forestry of Bangladesh. The Aziz-UI Haq Rural Development Medal recognizes an individual or organization for outstanding achievements and contributions to integrated rural development for improving livelihoods, reducing poverty and increasing the food security of rural people in Asia and the Pacific Region and for contributions to CIRDAP.

CIRDAP recognizes your contributions to integrated rural development to improve livelihoods of rural communities by capacity development, resource management, agricultural development and youth education, which are helping to upgrade the socio-economic status of the poor people of IR Iran.

By mean of this letter, I am pleased to inform you that the award of the Aziz-UI Haq Rural Development Medal to you was approved by the Governing Council of CIRDAP at its 23rd Session held in Bangkok, Thailand on 21st April 2022. Please let us know that you would kindly accept the CIRDAP's award of the medal.

Please accept my sincere congratulations in this matter.

Yours sincerely,

Dr. Cherdasak Virapat
Director General



CC: Chairperson and Vice Chairperson of CIRDAP Governing Council
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