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**Press Release**

**COMSATS of Pakistan Offers Membership to 5<sup>th</sup> ICMHESR Participants Countries**

The Commission on Science and Technology for Sustainable Development in the South (COMSATS) of Pakistan having twenty one (21) member states in three continents offered partnership to forty three (43) Muslim countries participating in the ongoing 5th Islamic Conference of Ministers of Higher Education and Scientific Research (ICMHESR) being held in Malaysia from 19<sup>th</sup> to -21<sup>st</sup> of this month.

The offer was made by the Executive Director of COMSATS of Pakistan, Dr. Imtinan Elahi Qureshi while addressing the third working session of ICMHESR in Kuala Lumpur, today.

Dr. Imtinan stressed the Higher Education Ministers' and other participants of ICMHESR to consider joining COMSATS to enable their scientists to take benefits of COMSATS's programmes in areas such as environmental Science, renewable energy, water and research, Information and Communication Technology (ICT), bio-technology and material sciences.

He said that the Commission activities are focused in the development of science and technology capacity in members states by encouraging south-south cooperation along with North-South cooperation.

Dr. Imtinan said that a network of sixteen (16) Centers of Excellence in developing countries is affiliated with COMSATS. These centers being prestigious Science and Technology(S&T) organizations in their own countries are participating in technology-transfer and knowledge sharing programs.

He said the ICMHESR participants can also benefit from COMSATS's two flagship projects; COMSATS Institute of Information Technology which offers 48 degree programs and Internet Services of COMSATS which offers value added solutions in, domain and hosting, web development, networking training and data centers. He added that experience gained in these projects is available for the common members of COMSATS and OIC.

The theme of three-day ICMHESR is, "Enculturation of Quality In Academia, Research and Innovation Towards Prosperity of Ummah".

As per agenda, the participants among other matters are discussing reports on "Network of Women Scientists in OIC Member States", "Recent Trends in Emerging Technologies and current commitments of Islamic countries", "Ranking of the Universities of the Islamic world and revised version of the documents on Procedures for the Ranking of Universities in Islamic Countries", "Strategy for Promotion of nano technology in the Islamic countries", "Atlas of the Islamic World Innovation "and various related matters.

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