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Respected Madam,  

Sub: Exim Bank of India BRICS Economic Research Award 2020  

Greetings from the Export-Import Bank of India (Exim Bank).  

As you may be aware, during India’s chairmanship of the BRICS Forum in 2016, the Export-Import Bank of India (Exim Bank), being the nominated member development bank from India under the BRICS Interbank Cooperation Mechanism (ICM), had instituted the Exim Bank of India BRICS Economic Research Award, at the instance of the Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India. The objective of the Award is to encourage and stimulate advanced doctoral research by nationals of the BRICS countries, on economics related topics of relevance to the member nations of BRICS.  

2. This year, we are glad to introduce the fifth edition of the BRICS Economic Research Annual Award. With the support we received from the member development banks of the BRICS ICM viz. the Brazilian Development Bank (BNDES), Brazil; the State Development Corporation (VEB.RF), Russia; the China Development Bank Corporation (CDB), China, and the Development Bank of Southern Africa (DBSA), South Africa over the years, the Award has gained much appreciation and wide visibility among the BRICS nations. This is also reflected in the good number of applications we receive each year from all member nations.  

3. The annual Award, comprises of a Citation, medal and prize money of Indian Rupees 1.5 million (equivalent) (approximately USD 22,000) which is sponsored by Exim Bank. The Award would serve to encourage scholars to undertake focused research studies on topics of contemporary relevance to BRICS.  

4. The Award accepts as entries, Doctoral Theses written by nationals of any of the five member nations of BRICS, who have been awarded a Doctorate or accepted for award of a Doctorate from any recognized
nationally accredited University or academic institution globally, during the period January 2015 to March 2020. The broad focus of the eligible theses could be International Economics, Trade, Development, and related aspects of Financing, which may also have particular relevance especially to BRICS nations/ member development banks of BRICS. The brochure containing the detailed guidelines of the Award and terms and conditions for application is enclosed herewith, for reference. We seek to inform that the last date for receipt of the applications is stipulated as March 31, 2020.

5. Exim Bank envisages to complete the process of evaluation of the entries by an expert Award Jury, and formally announce the Award winner during the BRICS Annual Financial Forum 2020, scheduled to be held in Russia in July 2020.

6. The details of the Award are being disseminated globally across Universities and to prospective applicants. We are also writing to the BRICS missions based in India and Indian missions based globally.

7. In this context, we write to you to seek your support in ensuring effective and wide dissemination of the details of the Award among prospective Scholars in your region, through your good office. Through your channels you may kindly share the details of the Award among Universities/Research Institutions requesting them to further share the details among eligible research scholars, besides giving visibility to the Award in your own mission premises.

8. For any queries related to the Award, prospective applicants could directly contact Exim Bank through email (bricsaward@eximbankindia.in) or telephone (+91-22-2217-2708/ 2717/ 2711).

9. We sincerely thank you for your kind support in this regard and look forward to hearing favourably from you and receiving a good number of entries from eligible scholars for the Award this year, with your support.

With best regards,

Yours sincerely,

(Prahalathan Iyer)