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From the Desk of the Editor

I am honored to announce the publication of the journal, Perspectives in Social Science Vol. 18 by the Centre for Advanced Research in Social Sciences (CARSS). The journal is a culmination of the collective effort and dedication of our team. I would like to thank the honorable Vice Chancellor, the Chairman of CARSS, and the council members for facilitating the process.

I would like to begin by paying deep respect to Professor Dr. Zia Rahman, former Director of CARSS who led the centre with utmost vigour and dedication during his tenure. His initiatives helped reform the centre and assisted in the advancement of its academic reputation. His untimely passing has truly left us, the entire academic community, wounded.

I would like to acknowledge my team for the maintenance of the journal's standard through the application of various measures. A thorough check for plagiarism before review; language and grammar checks, references and other necessary issues were looked into by respective authors, and the centre's team of copy editors.

The journal consists of a total of eight articles, interdisciplinary in nature. The first article focuses on the challenges of criminal investigation, while the second highlights human rights violations of stranded Palestinians in Bangladesh. The third article analyzes the cases of three 'Pirs' in contemporary Bangladesh.

Article four assesses the rivalries within regional organization of the Gulf Cooperation Council while the fifth focuses on the array of challenges regarding socioeconomic development in Bangladesh. Article six sheds light on how pottery is being conserved in Bijaypur Pottery Village of Cumilla, Bangladesh and article seven brings forth the scenario of neonatal deaths in the country.

The last article highlights how development with hegemonic constructions have emerged but leave out social aspects of progress.

Publication of the journal would not have been possible without the cooperation of the authors, reviewers, copy editors, proof readers and the board members of the center. I sincerely thank all the contributors. The Chairman of the center and the honorable Vice Chancellor of the University of Dhaka, Professor Dr. A. S. M. Maksud Kamal, has always supported us and his cooperation is greatly acknowledged. Mr. Nazmul Karim, the center's Senior Administrative Officer, worked very hard and managed the entire process carefully with patience. My sincere thanks to him.

We hope that this publication will contribute to furthering knowledge in our field. Thank you to everyone involved for making this achievement possible.

With gratitude,

Professor Rasheda Irshad Nasir

Director

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