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**PRESS RELEASE**

Emerging Markets, the newspaper of the IMF / World Bank Annual Meeting, has declared Senator Mohammad Ishaq Dar as:

**“Finance Minister of the year 2016 for South Asia”**

The Award is a recognition of Pakistan's economic performance at the IMF / World Bank Annual Meeting which is one of the major gatherings of international financial and economic leaders and experts. Since Finance Minister had to cancel his visit to Washington for the Annual Meeting due to situation on the Line of Control, the All-Parties Conference and Joint Session of the Parliament on Kashmir situation, he has authorized Pakistan's Ambassador to the United States, Ambassador Jalil Abbas Jilani, to receive the award on his behalf later tonight. The correspondence received on the subject conveying nomination of the Finance Minister is attached.

## Minister for Finance & Economic Affairs

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**From:** Langstaff, Valeria (UK) <valeria.langstaff@globalcapital.com>  
**Sent:** 04 October 2016 23:57  
**To:** minister@finance.gov.pk  
**Cc:** saira.ahmed@finance.gov.pk; kaiser71@gmail.com  
**Subject:** Mr. Ishaque Daar, your reply needed- Finance Minister of the Year for South Asia- Awards ceremony  
**Attachments:** FM - Pakistan.pdf; IMF16\_awards-invitationGM.pdf

( Two official Letters are attached)

Dear Sir Mohammad Ishaq Dar,

It is with great pleasure that we write to inform you that Emerging Markets\*, the newspaper of the IMF/World Bank Annual Meeting, **has named you Finance Minister of the Year for South Asia.**

While we recognise it has been difficult times in the international financial markets, your stewardship of your nation's finances has been admirable since taking over. Among the many reasons are that Pakistan has, under your guidance, become an increasingly important regional economy thanks to the focus put on growing FDI, the impressive reputation of economic competence, the desire to have a greater presence in the global capital markets, the new securities legislation, the clever merger of the stock exchanges and its increasingly important relationship with China.

We would therefore personally like to meet with you and have the honor of presenting you with your award at the Awards Ceremony on Saturday October 8 from 6pm The Willard InterContinental Hotel, Washington DC.

Please advise if you are still have a spare minute to do so.

In case your schedule is full now than please allocate someone from your Deputy ministers' to pick up the Award.

I am looking forward to your reply.

Kind Regards,  
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# EMERGING MARKETS

Dear Mohammad Ishaq Dar,

It is with great pleasure that I write to inform you that Emerging Markets\*, the newspaper of the IMF/World Bank Annual Meeting, has named you Finance Minister of the Year for South Asia.

I chair the editorial committee of Emerging Markets that has considered you the outstanding candidate for the award this year.

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Upon your acceptance of the award I ask the following:

1) *Emerging Markets* will include an article written by my colleague Elliot Wilson. If Elliot has not been in touch already, he will be shortly to conduct an interview with you.

2) The award is under embargo until Saturday 8 October.

In addition to Elliot Wilson, I have copied my colleague in charge of the logistics for the awards reception, Sara Posnasky, our Head of Operations. She will be co-ordinating the event and her details are:  
[sara.posnasky@globalcapital.com](mailto:sara.posnasky@globalcapital.com) Tel: +44 20 7779 7301.

Sara will be in touch with your office respectively to confirm your attendance at the awards ceremony and confirm your participation for our interview with you.

Congratulations once again on your award – it is very well deserved.

I look forward to hearing from you and hope to meet you on Saturday 8 October in DC.

Yours sincerely,



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\* Please note that we will be changing the name of our publication from *Emerging Markets* to *Global Markets* during the IMF-World Bank Annual Meetings. For the sake of simplicity we will be referring to the publication as *Emerging Markets* until the meetings.

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cordially invite you to attend our

## **ANNUAL AWARDS RECEPTION**

on the occasion of the 2016 World Bank/IMF Annual Meetings in Washington DC, USA.

Award sponsor:



Saturday, 8th October 2016, 6pm

Willard Room, Willard InterContinental Hotel  
1401 Pennsylvania Avenue NW  
Washington, DC 20004-1010 USA

Food & drinks will be served  
Dress code: business attire/national dress

Please RSVP to:  
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