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1. Economic Relation Division, Ministry of Finance D.O. No. 09.332.024.01.01.029.000.2009.105, date: 20 April 2016
2. Islamic Development Bank, Jeddah-Saudi Arabia memo no.: CAP/3516, date: 8.9.2016

I would like to inform you that for developing a Reverse Linkage Project between Cotton Development Board, Bangladesh and Cotton Research Institute, Nazilli, Turkey, a validation mission comprising of 4 Turkish Experts accompanied with 1 Representative from IDB, Turkey and 1 Representative from TİKA, Turkey will visit Bangladesh from 24 September 2016 to 05 October 2016. The list of delegates is given below:

Sl. No.	Name	Organization
1.	Dr. Sabri Er	Islamic Development Bank Kudüs Caddesi No:9 Diplomatik Site 06450 Oran Ankara/Turkey
2.	Dr. Volkan Sezener	Nazilli Cotton Research Institute Bozdogan Yolu 5 km. Nazilli/Aydın/Turkey
3.	Dr. Özlem Yıldırancan	Nazilli Cotton Research Institute Bozdogan Yolu 5 km. Nazilli/Aydın/Turkey
4.	Dilaver Arslan	General Directorate of Agricultural Research and Policies, Yenimahalle Campus Ankara/Turkey
5.	Prof. Hüseyin Başal	Adnan Menderes University, Faculty of Agriculture, Aydın/Turkey
6.	Halil Ibrahim Okur	TİKA, GMK Bulvarı No. 140 Ankara/Turkey

I may request you to consider them for Visa upon arrival at Hazrat Shahjalal International Airport.


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Attn.: Additional Secretary (Research)
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3. Mr. Halil Ibrahim, TİKA, Turkey
4. Dr. Volkan Sezener, Cotton Research Institute, Turkey
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6. Mr. Dilaver Arslan, Ministry of Food, Agriculture and Livestock of Turkey
7. Prof. Dr. Huseyin Basal, Adnan Menders University, Turkey
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D.O. No.

Dated..... 20 April, 2016

Subject: Research Collaboration between the Cotton Development Board of Bangladesh (CDB) and Nazilli Cotton Research Institute of Turkey under Reverse Linkage Project of Islamic Development Bank (IDB)

Dear Brother Wosabi,

Assalamu Alaikum wa Rahmatullahi wa Barakatuh.

I am pleased to acknowledge with a fair degree of appreciation that the Reverse Linkage initiative of IDB has proved to be effective in fostering South-South cooperation and strategic partnership among the Member Countries through promoting knowledge sharing, technology transfer and cross border investments.

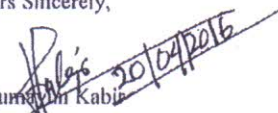
You may be aware that the Nazilli Cotton Research Institute, Ministry of Food Agriculture and Livestock, Republic of Turkey and Cotton Development Board of Bangladesh (CDB) are willing to create research collaboration under the Reverse Linkage Project of Islamic Development Bank (IDB). With a view to doing that, both the organizations have already conducted reciprocal visits and rendered joint efforts to prepare the 'Concept Note Proposal' in compliance with the IDB prescribed template. The proposed research collaboration envisages at establishing an advanced Cotton Biotechnology Laboratory in Bangladesh for extensive research works in order to introduce high yielding variety for increasing per hectare production and develop new genotypes tolerant to biotic stress. The project bears a great significance for Bangladesh as it aims at enhancing cotton production which can be very crucial to provide the backward linkage support to the country's leading export oriented Ready Made Garments (RMG) industries.

With reference to the letter from the Nazilli Cotton Research Institute, I am delighted to learn that IDB is contributing US\$ 300,000 for the implementation of the project in the form of grant. The letter also states that the Turkish Cooperation and Coordination Agency (TIKA) and Statistical, Economic and Social Research and Training Centre for Islamic Countries (SEISRIC) also may come forward to provide technical and financial assistance to the project.

In view of the above, you are requested to kindly do the needful in order to streamline the financing and ensure expeditious implementation of the project. I would like to end with the optimism that the collaborative effort will be marked as a joint step forward to regional cooperation, knowledge sharing and above all, to the cotton research and acceleration of cotton production in Bangladesh.

Attachment: 1. Reverse Linkage Concept Note Proposal
2. Letter of Nazilli Cotton Research Institute, Turkey

Yours Sincerely,


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5. Mr. Sadettin OZTURK, Director, Nazilli Cotton Research Station, Nazilli, Aydin, Turkey, (Atten: Mr. Mehmet Coban, Agriculture Engineer, Nazilli Cotton Research Station).
6. Gevher Ebru Cevikoglu, Deputy Coordinator, TIKA, Road no-5, House no-8, Baridhara Diplomatic Zone, Dhaka, Bangladesh.
7. Dr. Abdul Momen Bhuiyan, Acting Representative, IDB Dhaka Office, IDB Dhaka (10th Floor), Sher-e-Bangla Nagar, Dhaka.



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Subject: Developing a Reverse Linkage Project between Bangladesh and Turkey for the Capacity Development of Cotton Board of Bangladesh on Improving Cotton Varieties.

Dear Mr. M, Koray Şimşek and Dr. Md. Farid Uddin,

Reference is made to the attached letter of the Economic Relations Division, Ministry of Finance of Bangladesh (Office of IDB Governor) dated 20th April 2016, requesting the IDB's support to the subject project and indicating the willingness of the Nazilli Cotton Research Institute (CRI), Turkey to collaborate with the Cotton Board of Bangladesh (CDB) for developing the capacities in improving cotton varieties.

In this regard, I am pleased to inform you that the IDB has agreed to support the participation of four (4) experts from Turkey to undertake a validation mission accompanied by representative from the IDB Turkey CGO (Mr. Sabri Er) to Dhaka, Bangladesh in order to ascertain the findings of the initial diagnostic report, discuss the identified solutions to address the gaps, fine tune the project design and confirm the financing plan. The initial diagnostic report will be shared via e-mail prior to validation mission.

The four experts from Turkey are:

- Dr. Volkan Sezener, Acting Deputy Director of CRI.
- Dr. Özlem Yıldırçan, Senior Researcher in CRI.



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- Dilaver Arslan, Senior Researcher, General Directorate of Agricultural Research and Policies, Ministry of Food, Agriculture and Livestock of Turkey.
- Prof. Dr. Hüseyin Başal, Faculty Member, Faculty of Agriculture, Adnan Menderes University, Turkey.

The mission is planned from the 24th September to 05th October 2016 (including travel days). During the mission, the experts from Turkey are expected to do the tasks described in the attached Terms of Reference. The draft timetable of the mission is also attached herewith.

Thus, the IDB's contribution will be used to cover the following items:

ITEM	Cost (US\$)
• Boarding & lodging expenses for four Turkish experts (Perdiem @ 250/day x twelve days).	12,000
• Economy air ticket for four Turkish experts (1,100 @ four).	4,400
• Contingencies.	1,000
Total	17,400

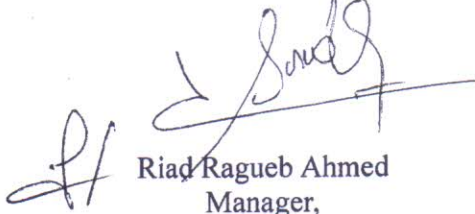
It will be provided to CRI as follows:

- US\$ 12,000 will be paid in cash to 4 experts, who will sign receipt vouchers for the per diems.
- The e-tickets of the four Turkish experts will be issued from the IDB's side.

The CDB is kindly requested to provide internal transportation during the mission and make the hotel booking for the delegation.

Finally, I wish all the success for the combined mission and look forward to receiving the mission report.

Profound regards,


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