

## Letter from the Governor

The broader objective of the SBP-Research Bulletin is to enhance the scientific standards of the State Bank of Pakistan, and like any other scientific publication it aims at dissemination of knowledge particularly to policy makers, market stakeholders, and academic researchers. Indeed, a central bank in its quest for credibility and establishment of reputation, among other measures, needs to signal its scientific standards to the market. Creation of knowledge through rigorous research processes replace conjectures that reflect positively on the institute's policy-making, decision-making and thus on its credibility and reputation.

In this respect, efforts of the staff members of the Research and Economic Policy department are remarkable. I would like to congratulate them on this contribution and hope that future issues of this Bulletin would contain even more interesting articles, opinions, and book reviews. Let me also take this opportunity to thank the advisory board and the panel of external referees of the bulletin for their helpful suggestions, comments, and encouragement in this pioneering effort.

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