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Prelude

Dear Readers,

The third issue of the *Karachi University Journal of Islamic Studies* is in your hands. It was to be printed in July 2001, but the Editors, Dr. Jalaluddin Ahmed Noori and Dr. Nasir Ahmed Akhter (Arabic), Dr. Shehnaz Ghazi (English) and Syed Rais Ahmed (Urdu) proved their capability by publishing it three months earlier by hard work and interest, which is worth appreciation.

You will feel changes in the editorship of the different sections. This is because we are providing opportunities of research to all faculty members. Therefore English and Urdu sections have their new editors, while the Arabic section has no changes. In Arabic we have only two Faculty members who have command in Arabic because they have higher degrees from Arab countries. This change has been fruitful.

As we have saved three months, we the associates of this journal have mutually decided to make the best use of time and publish two more special issues, one in June 2001 and the other in August 2001, on "*SEERAT-E-TAYYABA*" and "*PAKISTAN*" respectively. This work is in hand.

In this journal as in our previous issues, different research papers have been included which we received from University of Karachi, other universities of Pakistan and abroad. I appreciate and thank the respected research scholars who were kind enough to send us their research articles and hope they would go on contributing to this journal.

The research activities of this faculty are going on according to the program. During current Semester the following Seminars have so far been held on current issues:

- 1) *A New Paradigm in Social Sciences: The Islamization of Knowledge*, Feb. 17, 2001.
- 2) *Islamic Society and Civil Society: A Direction for Pakistan*, Feb. 26, 2001.
- 3) *International Humanitarian Law: Islamic Perspective*, Mar. 31, 2001.

For these three seminars we had the co-operation of the following institutions:

- i) International Institute of Islamic Thought, Canada
- ii) Office of Public Affairs, U.S. Consulate General, Karachi
- iii) International Committee of the Red Cross, Delegation in Pakistan

Two more seminars would be held in April 2001 and May 2001 with the co-operation of:

- 1) ISPR, Karachi
- 2) Family Planning Association of Pakistan, Regional Office Karachi

We are holding one seminar a month on the average, which is better performance than those of other faculties.

Vice-Chancellor



University of Karachi,
Karachi.

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MESSAGE

It is a matter of great pleasure for me to know that the third issue of **Karachi University Journal of Islamic Studies** is being published ahead of schedule. According to program the journal used to be published in July but now it is being published three months earlier. This deserves appreciation and is a good example for other faculties and institutions to follow.

It is also gratifying that the Faculty plans to publish two special journals: (i) "*Seerat-e-Tayyaba*" and (ii) "*Pakistan*" in next three months.

Besides the publication of Research Journals, the Faculty of Islamic Studies has organized three seminars on current affairs during these three months. Foreign and Pakistani scholars have addressed the seminars and they have elaborated and freely expressed their views on their topics. Such activities of the Faculty shall *insha Allah* bring good name to the University of Karachi.

I congratulate the Faculty of Islamic Studies for the publication of their third Research Journal and wish that they will continue their efforts accordingly.


Prof. Dr. Zafar Saied Saify