Dear Sir,

Support GIK

The GIK Institute of Engineering Sciences and Technology was set up in 1993 by a few great men of great vision, led by the former President of Pakistan, Mr. Ghulam Ishaq Khan. Its Board of Governors, which is headed by Engr. Shams-ul-Mulk, PhD (Hon), HI, includes some of the leading scientists, engineers and industrialists of Pakistan. In a short period, GIK established itself as one of the premier institutions of higher learning in the country. The Institute has developed state of the art facilities, particularly laboratories, and has a research program and faculty that we are proud of. Recently, a new students' hostel (Rs.120M) has been constructed, and another (Rs.160M) is under construction. A new, self contained school for employees' children (Rs.70M) has been completed. Strong linkages have been established with other research institutions and industry. Our graduates are highly regarded by employers in Pakistan and abroad. A major reason for the success of GIK has been the support of our alumni and other friends, which we greatly appreciate.

GIK is a not-for-profit organization and relies primarily on tuition fees, which we keep at a level where most students are able to afford it. Some ten percent of the total tuition fees is dedicated to scholarships and other forms of financial assistance. An extremely important aim of the Institute is to increase this level of assistance so that many more young boys and girls with limited means get the opportunity to study at GIK.

To respond to the changing times, the infrastructure (including labs) must be upgraded and augmented regularly. We also need to add new disciplines and departments. This will require a new academic block and students' hostel. New Postgraduate programs in Energy Systems Engineering and Engineering Management have just commenced. In the near future, we also plan to introduce Undergraduate programs in Power, Chemical and Industrial Engineering. Some other areas that we are looking at are full-fledged Schools of Energy and Environment, and Management Sciences. Final decisions will, of course, be taken after due diligence.

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To achieve our objectives, we are launching an appeal to our friends and well-wishers for contributions. All contributions, irrespective of its size, will be appropriately recognized. For example, larger contributors, who fully fund a particular facility, will have the option of naming that facility as he or she wishes.

I would greatly appreciate any assistance, whether of individual or corporate nature, which you can offer to the Institute. You can communicate either with me directly or our Office of Outreach and Enterprise, which is coordinating this appeal. Some naming opportunities, contact details and instructions on how to make your contribution, are attached.

To get the ball rolling, I am making a small contribution myself.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,

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Jehangir Bashar
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