Shariah approval for paying Zakat and donations to NUST Need Based Scholarship (NNBS)

Introduction:

National University of Sciences and Technology (NUST) was established in March 1991 for promotion of higher scientific education in the country, by providing an enabling environment for the students. NUST Need Based Scholarship (NNBS) program was initiated in 2010 to award scholarship grant to students from financially challenged backgrounds. It is run through a three-tiered selection process carried on the NNBS annual intake to ensure the transparency and credibility of the process.

Method of utilization of Zakat and donations:

NNBS is funded by Zakat and donations of Pakistani individuals and organizations on a global level. To verify the eligibility of students for Zakat, administrators examine the financial condition of potential candidates and their parents/guardians in a process that involves the administrators approving a student’s status to receive Zakat. NUST then obtains permission to collect Zakat on the student’s behalf, with the express intention of spending it directly on his/her educational needs. All Zakat and donation funds are spent very carefully by NUST.

In pursuit of the goal that the entire system is made Shariah compliant, the undersigned has been appointed in 2016, as an independent Shariah Adviser to review all Zakat-related documents and procedures. I confirm that the NUST collects and disburses Zakat funds with due consideration to the rulings and guidance.

Shariah Ruling:

It is confirmed that NUST collects and disburses Zakat fund in accordance with the injunctions of Shariah. May Allah Ta’ala accept the services of the management of NUST, and all those involved in this initiative, and grant them more blessings and sincerity in their mission. Ameen

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