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GCU puts Pak Mathematics on world map

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LAHORE - The Government College University Lahore Abdus Salam School of Mathematical Sciences (GCU ASSMS) puts the Pakistani Mathematics on the world map, as the European Mathematical Society (EMS) has acknowledged the doctoral school as the Emerging Regional Centre of Excellence (ERCE) for its remarkable contributions to research at the international level.

The recognition implies that young scholars from the developing countries will receive support from the European Union (EU) UNESCO and other international organization to enroll at GCU ASSMS for advanced studies in diverse areas of Mathematical Sciences.

The European Mathematical Society will also provide funding to GCU ASSMS for its further improvement and reinforcement, as the EU

Mathematical society will send their senior mathematicians to GCU ASSMS for disseminating their knowledge to its faculty and students.

“The school has indeed put mathematics on the map of Pakistan and the Pakistani Mathematics on the map of the world,” said the Higher Education Commission Executive Director Dr Syed Sohail Naqvi, adding that he felt great pride at this prestigious achievement.

However, EMS-CDC Vice Chairman and institute of de Mathematiques, Paris Professor Michel Waldschmidt predicts that Mathematical Sciences have a bright future in Pakistan.

He said the EMS would also provide funds to GCU ASSMS for research, since teaching without any research is not at all desirable, even at graduate level.

Professor Khalid Aftab said that the school, in a short span of seven years, produced 46 PhD scholars in the fields of Mathematics who are serving at different universities and research centers in Pakistan and abroad.

Dr AD Raza Choudry said every year hundreds of students apply for ASSMS PhD programme.

However, a board of foreign professors selects only 20 to 25 students after a written test and interviews.

Dr. Choudry said the school is also concurrently working on promoting Mathematics among the children and teenagers for which, it holds training camps every year.