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The Secretariat of the South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC) presents its compliments to the Ministries of Foreign/External Affairs of the Member States of SAARC and with reference to its earlier Note Verbale of even number dated 11 May 2021 regarding the “**SAARC Agriculture PhD Scholarship–2021**”, has the honour to convey that the SAARC Agriculture Centre (SAC), has extended the deadline for submission of applications until **17 August 2021**. The other terms and conditions will remain unchanged. A copy of letter No. SAC/778/PhD programme/application/2021/ dated 30 June 2021 of the SAARC Agriculture Centre (SAC), along with **revised** Application Form, and **revised** Brochure for SAARC Agriculture PhD Scholarship-2021, is enclosed.

The esteemed Ministries of Foreign Affairs of the Royal Government of Bhutan and the Government of the Republic of Maldives are requested to take necessary measures to upload the announcement for the “**SAARC Agriculture PhD Scholarship–2021**” in the websites of the following offices:

- i. Ministry of Foreign Affairs;
- ii. Relevant Ministry(ies) and offices;
- iii. National Agricultural Research System (NARS);
- iv. Relevant professional organizations/bodies/institutions; and
- v. Relevant publicly accessible sites.

It may be noted that the eligibility criteria, prescribed Application Form and other details can be downloaded from the website of the SAARC Agriculture Centre (www.sac.org.bd).

As conveyed earlier, for any further information on the matter, Director, SAARC Agriculture Centre (director@sac.org.bd) and Dr. Ashis Kumar Samanta, Senior Programme Specialist (Livestock), SAARC Agriculture Centre, (Cell: +880-1316195379, Email: drashiskumarsamanta@gmail.com, draksamanta@sac.org.bd) may kindly be contacted.

The Secretariat of SAARC avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Ministries of Foreign/External Affairs of the Member States of SAARC, the assurances of its highest consideration.

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Kathmandu, 05 July 2021

The Ministries of Foreign/External Affairs,
(SAARC Division),
Member States of SAARC.

Copy to:

- (i) Governing Board Members, SAARC Agriculture Centre (SAC);
- (ii) Heads of SAARC Regional Centres/Specialized bodies, **for posting the same in their respective webpages;** and
- (iii) Director, SAARC Agriculture Centre (SAC), Dhaka.