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**Press Release**

**National Bank of Pakistan Awarded “Best Emerging Markets Bank 2011”**

Karachi: October 10, 2011: The Global Finance Magazine has awarded National Bank of Pakistan “The Best Emerging Markets Bank 2011 in Asia”. This was announced during an impressive award ceremony which was held at National Press Club in Washington D.C. The criteria for the said award was based on the market leadership in assets, advances and deposits. In 2010 NBP became the first Pakistani bank to surpass the Rs 1 trillion mark in terms of total assets. National Bank of Pakistan has the highest market share among commercial banks for agriculture financing and offers a wide range of different financing schemes to support Pakistan’s economy. NBP has an extensive network comprising more than 1,260 branches serving a diverse customer base. The bank has an edge over other Pakistan banks because of its presence throughout central & South Asia and the Middle East.

NBP has outperformed all the banks in Pakistan by winning Best Emerging Markets Bank 2011 instituted by Global Finance Magazine which is considered as one of the most prestigious awards in banking industry. The Global Finance awarded NBP as “The Best Emerging Markets Bank” in 2003, 2005 and 2006 and NBP was awarded “Best Foreign Exchange Bank in Pakistan” in 2004, 2005, 2006 and 2008 years.

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