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To Whom It May Concern

I have had the pleasure of knowing Noor Ahmad Yaqubi for a period of two years during his Master of Science (MSc) study in Sustainable Environment and Energy Systems (SEES) Graduate Program of Middle East Technical University - Northern Cyprus Campus (METU-NCC). He is a tremendous student and an asset to our university. I would like to take this opportunity to recommend Noor Ahmad Yaqubi for your PhD Program.

Noor Ahmad Yaqubi is a dedicated student. In his MSc study, he took one of my graduate courses called Sustainable Water Resources and he demonstrated excellent performance which is a direct result of his hard work and strong focus. In addition to excellent performance in assignments and exams, he also completed and presented an excellent term paper in this course. Then he undertook an MSc study in the area of flood modeling, analysis, and protection with supervision of myself and one of my colleagues. In his MSc Thesis study, he developed digital elevation model (DEM) from existing paper base topographic maps using Geographic Information System (GIS) and a flood modeling using HEC-HMS and HEC-RAS for an area of Dikmen, North Cyprus where residences were experienced a flood in 2018. He also developed flood maps for 50-yr, 100-yr, and 500-yr design discharge for Urban Planning Department of North Cyprus Government. Using his exceptional technical skills, he searched published related studies in the literature, learned theoretical concepts, and applied them in his thesis. This is a result of his passion for solving complex problems. To sum up, Noor Ahmad Yaqubi is demonstrating an excellent performance in his MSc thesis study and will be graduated soon.

In addition to being a research assistant in our flood protection project, Noor Ahmad Yaqubi is also working in Civil Engineering Program of METU-NCC, where I am the head of the program, as a teaching assistant in the area of Water Resources Engineering. There is no doubt that he is one of the best TAs in our program.

I believe, Noor Ahmad Yaqubi has a high level of integrity, strong intellectual curiosity, and enthusiasm in learning and exploring new subjects. I have no doubt that he will be excellent in PhD research as he is in his MSc research with us. If your PhD program is seeking superior



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candidates with a record of achievement, there is no doubt that Noor Ahmad Yaqubi will be an excellent choice.

On the personal level, I recommend Noor Ahmad Yaqubi as a very pleasant person to work with. If you accept him to your PhD Program, I am sure that you would find him a very good team worker, and someone you could rely on to get a piece of work done.

To conclude, I would like to restate my strong recommendation of Noor Ahmad Yaqubi. He is an outstanding individual who will fit well into your PhD program. Please do not hesitate to contact with me if you need further clarification.

Sincerely,

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