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2006/1426H KING FAISAL INTERNATIONAL PRIZE
FOR
ARABIC LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE

Topic: The Arabic Language in Modern Linguistics

Riyadh, 25 Dhu Al-Qa'dah - 27 December 2005, HRH Prince Khalid Al-Faisal, Director of King Faisal Foundation, tonight announced the winners of the King Faisal International Prize.

The Prize for Arabic Language and Literature (Topic: The Arabic Language in Modern Linguistics) has been awarded jointly to:

Professor Tammam Hassan Omar (Egypt)
Emeritus Professor, Dar el-Uloum College, Cairo University

and

Professor Abdelkader Fassi Fehri (Morocco)
Director of the Institute for Study and Research of Arabization and Professor of Arabic and Comparative Linguistics, Mohammad V University

Professor Omar has been awarded the Prize in recognition of his distinguished efforts - over the past fifty years - to establish modern Arabic linguistics, an endeavor that has been reinforced by his profound knowledge of Arabic language heritage and the principles and methods of modern linguistic analyses.

Professor Fehri has been awarded the Prize in recognition of his tireless pursuit of modern linguistic theories in an effort to reconstruct the classical Arabic linguistic theory in the light of modern linguistic concepts.