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WINNERS ANNOUNCED
2005/1425H KING FAISAL INTERNATIONAL PRIZE
FOR
SERVICE TO ISLAM

Riyadh, 30 Dhu Al-Qa'dah - 11 January 2005, HRH Prince Sultan bin Abdul Aziz, Second Deputy Premier Minister of Defense and Aviation and Inspector General announced the winners of the King Faisal International Prize. The Prize for Service to Islam has been awarded jointly to:

H.E. Dr. Ahmed Mohamed Ali (Saudi Arabia)
and
The Al-Harirî Foundation of Lebanon

Dr. Ali is awarded the Prize in recognition of his achievements in the field of Islamic banking. As president of the Islamic Development Bank since its inception thirty years ago, he has not only consolidated the conformity of banking transactions with Islamic Laws but has also set an example of successful and modern Islamic banking. His endeavors to strengthen economic ties between Islamic countries coupled with his strong support of research and training in the field of Islamic economics bear witness to his unrelenting commitment to the Service of Islam and Muslims.

Al-Harirî Foundation, a leading philanthropic institution in Lebanon, is renowned for its commitment to education and culture. So far, it has supported college education for nearly 30,000 male and female students, in addition to 835 Ph.D. candidates. It has also built schools and colleges throughout Lebanon and, in its efforts to preserve Islamic architecture, refurbished ancient mosques in that country and is also actively involved in the construction of new ones. In addition, it fostered numerous social and health care centers and facilities for the elderly and the disabled, particularly in the aftermath of the Lebanese civil war, and contributed generously to educational efforts and relief operations in other Arab and Muslim Countries.