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2008/1428H KING FAISAL INTERNATIONAL PRIZE
FOR
SERVICE TO ISLAM

Riyadh, 7 January 2008. HRH Crown Prince Sultan bin Abdul Aziz, Crown Prince, Deputy Premier, Minister of Defense and Aviation and Inspector General and President of the High Committee for Islamic Da'wa announced the winner of the King Faisal International Prize for Service to Islam. The Prize has been awarded to:

The Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques
King Abd Allah bin Abd Al-Aziz

in recognition of his outstanding services to Islam and Muslims, both within the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and abroad. King Abd Allah's domestic accomplishments include: (i) establishment of major economic enterprises, namely: King Abd Allah's Economic City, Financial Center and Investment Fund to assist persons of limited income (ii) establishment of King Abd Allah's University for Science and Technology, and ten other universities (iii) establishment of Saudi Human Rights Commission and Center for National Dialogue (iv) provision of funds for improvement, expansion and services of the two Holy mosques through the allocation of more than ten billion Riyals (more than 2.6 billion USD) and the establishment of King Abd Al Aziz Endowment, and (v) launching of major housing projects for families with limited incomes.

The Custodian's accomplishments overseas include his firm support of Arab and Muslim rights, particularly with regards to the Palestinian problem, persistent efforts to resolve differences among Arabs and Muslims countries, generous support to Arabs, Muslims and other communities at the times of need, and continuous pledge to support just peace and rapport among all nations and religions, and to fight terrorism, whatever its source.

Note to Editor:
- Over the past 30 years; a total of 36 individuals or institutions from 19 different countries have been recognized by the King Faisal International Prize for Service to Islam.