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2009/1430H KING FAISAL INTERNATIONAL PRIZE
FOR
SERVICE TO ISLAM

Riyadh, 26 January 2009, HRH Prince Khalid Al-Faisal, Director of King Faisal Foundation announced tonight the winner of the King Faisal International Prize for Service to Islam. The Prize has been awarded to:

**Principal Shari’ah Society for Quran and Sunnah Scholars - Egypt**

In recognition of its outstanding services to Islam and Muslims which include:

1. Perseverant efforts, spanning almost 100 years, to assert the purity of the Islamic *Daawa* (Call), its total dedication to the cause of Islam, and its remoteness from any political ambitions.

2. Reliance on the Holy Quran and the Prophet's Sunnah in extending real Islamic teachings and revealing the evils of innovations and superstition.

3. Contribution to Islamic conferences and symposia calling for unity and progress of the Islamic world.

4. Countless other services both in Egypt and in other parts of the Islamic world. The Society's services in Egypt include: holding religious classes and symposia, extending true Islamic teachings and thought through its internet site, establishing more than fifty institutes for training Muslim preachers, sponsoring students, especially poor students from Egypt and other countries pursuing their education at Al-Azhar and vigorously contesting anti-Islamic propaganda. Furthermore, the Society has been carrying out a range of social services such as sponsoring orphans, Procuring income-generating work for widowed women, in addition to building more than 5000 mosques and numerous, well equipped medical centers that provide free medical services. The
Society's achievements abroad are primarily focused on helping underprivileged Muslims, especially in Palestine and impoverished Muslim countries in Africa and Asia.

**Note to Editor:**

- Over the past 31 years, a total of 37 individuals or institutions from 19 different countries have been recognized by the King Faisal International Prize for Service to Islam.