Riyadh, 12 Jan. 1983: The Selection Committee of the 1983 King Faisal International Prize for Service to Islam has announced today that it has awarded two winners: Shaikh Hasanein Mohammad Makhlouf (Egypt); and Prince Tunku Abd Al-Rahman (Malaysia).

The Committee indicated that Shaikh Makhlouf is known for his prominent contributions to the teaching and nurturing of young generations and protecting the public from heresies and superstitions through his Fatwas and dissemination of knowledge. His contributions extended to the exposition of the Holy Quran and the Prophet’s Sayings, as well as his participation in several Islamic conferences and the foundation of leading Islamic agencies whilst maintaining his Islamic educational efforts in numerous institutions in the Islamic World and through the mass media.

Mr. Tunku Abd Al-Rahman, on the other hand, is renowned for his efforts in leading the Malaysian liberation movement in the era of the British colonization. Mr. Abd Al-Rahman has established the Birkim Islamic Society that implemented a number of Islamic activities in South-East Asia. Further, he has exerted great efforts as the first Secretary General for the Organization of the Islamic Conference (OIC). He provides assistance to disaster-stricken Muslim communities by protecting their lives as well as their various activities. All these activities have led Mr. Tunku Abd Al-Rahman to acquire an in-depth Islamic feeling and honest religious zeal.