Press Release

The King Faisal International Prize for Service to Islam for 1990

**Riyadh, 18 Jan. 1990**: The Selection Committee of the 1990 King Faisal International Prize for Service to Islam has announced today that it has awarded the Prize to: Sheikh Ali At-Tantawi (Saudi Arabia); and Dr. Khurshid Ahmed, Chairman of the International Foundation for Islamic Economic Studies at the Islamic University in Islamabad.

Sheikh At-Tantawi, a reputable Islamic press icon, has been known for the following:

1. Continuous work for over 60 years in various fields of education, culture, justice and social life.
2. Strong stance in the area of Islamic awareness and dissemination of Islamic call as well as contribution to reconciliatory efforts among Muslims through his travel missions, lectures, writings, mass-media presentations and publications.
3. He spared no effort in refuting suspicions, and disputing falsities through dialogue and peaceful argumentation, while calling people to truth by advocating reasonable Fatwa and the faithful call to Islam.
4. His unique oration and original and simple writings that touched the hearts of his audience, male and female alike, from the East or the West.

Dr. Khurshid’s achievements included:

1. Establishing the Islamic Foundation at Leicester, UK, as an educational institute and an Islamic research center dedicated to advancing better understanding of Islam.
2. Heading the International Foundation for Economic Studies in Pakistan and exerting tangible activities through the Islamic International Advisory Board at Georgetown University.
3. Being one of the leaders of the Islamic community in Pakistan and a founder of the Muslim youth movement.
4. Participating widely by delivering lectures, giving presentations and staging dialogues at Islamic centers throughout the world, calling for Islam and disputing its opponents.
5. Making distinguish contributions to Islamic economic seminars, at the regional and international levels, to the extent that he became an authority and advisor for universities on matters relevant to Islamic economics.