Winners Announced
2015 King Faisal International Prize for Service to Islam

Riyadh, 3 February 2015G - 14 Rabi' II 1436H, HRH Prince Khalid Al-Faisal, Executive President of King Faisal Foundation, tonight announced the winners of the King Faisal International Prize.

The King Faisal International Prize for Service to Islam for this year 2015G (1436H), has been awarded to:

Dr. Zakir A. Naik (India)
President of the Islamic Research Foundation in India

In recognition of his outstanding services to Islam, including the following:

1- As one of the most renowned non-Arabic speaking promulgators of Islam, Dr. Zakir Naik has presented hundreds of public lectures and debates which explain the Islamic creed, defend its teachings and propagate its principles on the basis of the Holy Quran and authentic Sunna (sayings and deeds of the Prophet Muhammad).

2- He has also paid considerable attention to comparative religion, and became a renowned authority on this subject throughout the Islamic nation. His vast religious knowledge is not limited to one faith but to several other religions including Christianity, Hindu, Judaism, Buddhism and Sikhism. He has even established a specialized organization for comparative religious studies and organized several training courses for scholars of this field worldwide.

3- He has founded a television channel, Assalam (Peace Channel), which remains the only television channel in the world specializing in comparative religion. Its programs are broadcast in English, Urdu and Bangali languages and viewers of the English channel are estimated to exceed 100 millions.
He has also established a series of schools, initially in India and subsequently in a number of Arabic and Islamic countries. These schools train non-Arab students from an early age on Arabic language and Quranic studies, in addition to regular classes of other curricula in English.

**Note to Editor:**

Over the past 37 years, a total of 43 scholars from 21 countries have been awarded the King Faisal International Prize for Service to Islam.