King Faisal Prize in final preparations to announce names of its 2021 Laureates

- Specialized committees to meet at KFP headquarters to select recipients of awards in Islamic Studies, Arabic Language & Literature, Medicine, and Science
- HRH Khalid Al-Faisal to chair committee meeting to select winner in Service to Islam
- Announcement of names will be on 10 February 2021

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The selection of the recipients of the King Faisal Prize 2021 has entered the final stages with specialized selection committees for each category of the prize set to meet in the coming days. According to the General Secretariat of the King Faisal Prize, the selection committees for all five categories of the award – Islamic Studies, Arabic Language & Literature, Medicine, and Science – meetings will take place on the 6th of February and will continue for five days. On the 10th of February, His Royal Highness Prince Khalid Al-Faisal, Chairman of King Faisal Prize Board, will preside over the committee meeting to select the laureate of the Service to Islam prize.

The General Secretariat had announced earlier the topics of the 43rd session of the King Faisal Prize as follows: “Endowment in Islam” for the Islamic Studies prize, “The New Rhetoric” for the Arabic Language & Literature prize, “Regenerative Medicine in Neurological Conditions” for the Medicine Prize, and “Physics” for the Science Prize category.

The General Secretariat also pointed out that nominations for the prize are not accepted from individuals or political parties. The selection process is based on nominations made by scientific institutions, universities, research centers as well as scientific and language councils. The General Secretariat stipulates that the nominated individual is alive and their nominated work is already published; the nominated work should also be informative and enriches knowledge for the development of humanity.

The selection committees include scholars and scientists from all over the world, who examine the nominated works to select the laureates in an objective and a transparent manner, in accordance with the rules and regulations developed by the General Secretariat of the prize.

Each selection committee will consist of 10 members, who will be attending either in person or virtually, due to the current circumstances.
HRH Prince Khalid Al-Faisal will announce the names of the chosen laureates for the five categories of the award at a function to be held on Wednesday the 10th of February in Riyadh.

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About King Faisal Prize:

King Faisal Prize was established in 1977 by the King Faisal Foundation, a philanthropic organization founded in 1976 by the sons and daughters of the late King Faisal bin Abdulaziz, as a tribute to their father. The Prize was granted for the first time in 1979 in three categories: Service to Islam, Islamic Studies and Arabic Language & Literature. In 1981, two additional categories were introduced: one in Medicine and another in Science. The first prize in Medicine was awarded in 1982, and in Science two years later, in 1984. The main objectives of King Faisal Prize are to recognize distinguished initiatives that instil Islamic and humanitarian values in the society and contribute to the development of Muslim communities as well as the overall progress of mankind.