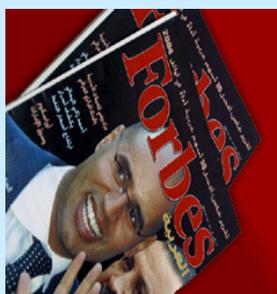


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"ZAYED AWARD" TO DISCUSS COMMITTEE FORMATION ON 5TH SEPTEMBER DEADLINE FOR PARTICIPATION IS END OF SEPTEMBER



Award Logo

The Secretary General of Sheikh Zayed Book Award "Rashed Al A'reamy" announced that the Consultative Council will meet for the new session 2007-2008 in the 5th and 6th of September. This will be to finalize the persistent efforts of the Secretariat General, to follow up all tasks related to the award, and also to review the proposed names of the members of jury's committee. This will remain confidential until the date of results' announcement, following an accurate mechanism governed by several criteria – foremost are the complete confidentiality and non-existence of any kind of relationship between the members of the jury and the candidate.



Rashed AL Areamy

Al A'reamy explained that the functions of the Consultative Council lies mainly in forming the jury's committees specialized for the different 9 award categories, receiving results from the jury's committees, approving these results before having it authenticated by the higher Committee, and finally the consultative Council is responsible for announcing the results and winners in the different categories.

The meeting will take place in Abu Dhabi Authority for Culture and Heritage in the presence of all the members of the Consultative Council of the Award in its new structure comprising the Emarati narrator, Mohammed Al Mor; the Algerian novelist, Waseny Al Aa'rag; Dr. Ali Rashed Al Nea'emy from Emirates; Dr. Abdullah Al Ghetami from Saudi Arabia; Dr. Salah Fadl from Egypt; Dr. Radwan Al Sayed from Lebanon; Al Shaykha May Al Khalyfa from Bahrain; Dr Saa'ed ben Saa'ed Al A'elwy from Morocco, And Mr. Alsayed Rashed Al A'reamy, as member and Secretary General.

The Secretary General of the reward reported that the secretariat has received hundreds of participations in many categories of the Award, noting that the deadline of receiving the candidates' works will be the end of September. This deadline which has been announced for months ago in the Arab and international media will not be extended. The great demand

for the participation at the award is expected to increase with significant pace in the coming weeks from various literature and cultural levels of the Arab region and the world, especially after the big success achieved by the award in its first session, and the wide interest it has gained in the literature, cultural, Arabic and international media environments. Daily, the Administrative Office of the Award receives many participations, that take a lot of time to classify and sort by the concerned, and which will be then passed on to the specialized jury's committees to be formed by the Consultative Council of the Award.

Application forms are available at the Administrative Office of the Award – Abu Dhabi, or at the website of the award www.zayedaward.com in both Arabic and English language, providing the artists and intellectuals with different information related to the award, and enabling them to contact and participate.

The Secretary General emphasized that Sheikh Zayed Book Award is an independent and neutral award, depending on scientific and objective parameters, based on creativity and Excellency. He added that this Award is the most comprehensiveness comparing with the other Arabic and international awards, as it includes: Sheikh Zayed Award for Best Contribution to the Development of the Country - Sheikh Zayed Award for Children's Literature- Sheikh Zayed Award for the Young Author- Sheikh Zayed Award for Translation- Sheikh Zayed Award for Literature- Sheikh Zayed Award for Fine Arts- Sheikh Zayed Award for Best technology in the Cultural Field- Sheikh Zayed Award for Publishing and Distribution- and Sheikh Zayed Award for Cultural Personality of the Year.

Nomination for the first eight awards could be done through: The candidate, Literary Associations, cultural institutions and universities, three prominent cultural figures. As for the Cultural Personality of the Year in the field of culture, he / she must be nominated by academic, research cultural centers, associations or institutions.

The Secretary General of the Award –that gains endless support from His Highness Sheikh Khalifa bin Zayed Al Nahyan, Ruler of Abu Dhabi, "May God protect him", and General Sheikh Mohammed bin Zayed Al Nahyan, Abu Dhabi Crown Prince and Deputy Supreme Commander of the UAE Armed Forces - confirmed that the award became one of the important incentives supporting, encouraging and expanding the Arabic cultural, also it representing an real additive value to the cultural Arabic scene and to the humanitarian knowledge, in spite of its short history.

1224 candidate in the last session

Sheikh Zayed Book Award, lunched by Abu Dhabi Authority for Culture and Heritage in October last year, attracted in its first term a lot of artists and intellectuals from 25 Arabic and Foreign countries. The number of participations submitted to the 9 award categories was 1224. Dr. Basheer Mohammad Al Kadra received the Award for Best Contribution to the Development of the Country for his book "The Prophetic and Caliphatic method in the Arabic Political Leadership and Democracy", Dr Mohammad Ali Ahmad received the Award for Children's Literature for his series "Journey on the Paper", Mahmoud Zeen Al Abideen received the Award for Young Author for his book "Architecture of the Othmane mosques", the Translation Award was won by George Zinati for his translation of the book "Al zat A'aynoha Ka akhar" (his original author is the French philosopher "Paul Ricoeur") from French language, Wassim Al Araj received the Award for Literature for his book "The Prince and the ways of the Iron Doors", Dr Tharwat Ukasha received the Award for Art for his book "The Indian Art", and Dr. Dennis Johnson Davis was selected Cultural Personality of the Year for his contribution in enriching the Arab culture by translating the essential works of the modern Arabic literatures into English language.

Publishing Award withheld

The Consultative Council of the Award withheld the award of Publishing and Distribution because the candidate publishing houses failed to achieve the expected conditions for this award in developing the technical and intellectual standards of publishing industry in the Arabic world. The Council also withheld the award of the best technology in the cultural field, because the candidate works submitted don't contribute in cultural production or subjection of the Arabic language to accommodate digital information.

Total Awards Value: 7 millions Dirham

The total award value is seven millions Dirham, as every winner in each category will be granted a cash award amount of 750,000 Dirham and a golden medal bearing the authorized award logo, in addition to Certificate of appreciation, while the value of the Award of Cultural Personality of the Year amounts to a million Dirham.

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