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TAKREEM was founded to celebrate such Arab men and women who are each making history in their own way. Following Beirut, Doha, Manama, Paris, Marrakesh, Cairo, and Amman, the 2018 TAKREEM Award Ceremony was held, under the Patronage of the Emir of Kuwait HH Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah. The ceremony took place at the Sheikh Jaber Al Ahmad Cultural Center and was attended by more than 1000 invitees from different parts of the world.

This year, the following laureates were recognized for their achievements:

- Dr. Ahmed Mater – KSA for the Cultural Excellence Award
- Dr. Sami Hourani – Jordan for the Young Entrepreneur Award
- Dr. Nadine Hachach Haram – Lebanon for the Young Entrepreneur Award
- Mrs. Magda Gobran – Egypt for the Humanitarian and Civic Services Award
- Mrs. Fareah Al Saqqaf – Kuwait for the Outstanding Arab Woman Award
- Prof. Tahar Ben Lakhdar – Tunisia for the Excellence in Education Award
- Dr. Majdah Aburas – KSA for the Environmental Development and Sustainability Award
• **Prof. Rachid Yazami – Morocco** for the Scientific and Technological Achievement Award

• **American Near East Refugee Aid; ANERA – USA** for the International Contribution to Arab Society Award

• **Mr. Emile Haddad – Lebanon** for the Corporate Leadership Award

Dr. Nadia Sakati from KSA received the Special Distinction Award. **HH The Amir Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah** was bestowed a Lifetime Achievement Award. The “Legacy Award” was given to the memory of **HH The Late Amir Sheikh Jaber Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah**.

**TAKREEM 2018 Jury Board** is composed of HE Sheikha Paula Al Sabah, Dr. Nouha Alhegelan, HE Mr. Aziz Mekouar, Mr. Carlos Ghosn, Dr. Akef Maghraby, Lady Hayat Palumbo, HE Dr. Farida Allaghi, Dr. Ahmed Heikal, Mr. Khaled Janahi, Mrs. Nora Joumlatt, HE Shaikha Hala Al Khalifa, Mr. Riad Al-Sadik, Mr. Raja Sidawi, Dr. Elyès Jouini, HRH Princess Alia Tabbaa and Sheikh Saleh Al-Turki.

**TAKREEM 2018 Honorary Board**, presided by HM Queen Noor Al-Hussein, includes HE Dr. Hilal Al Sayer, HE Dr. Barham Salih, HE Dr. Lakhdar Brahimi, HE Mr. Farouk Hosny, Dr. Suad Juffali, HE Sheikha Mai Al Khalifa, HRH Princess Banderi AlFaisal, Mr. Samer Khoury, HE Mr. Amre Moussa, and Mr. Marc Levy.

Mrs. Laila AlShaikhli hosted the Award Ceremony that was followed by a gala dinner.

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