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TAKREEM 2022 AWARDS CEREMONY RECOGNIZES NUMBER OF LAUREATES FOR THEIR ACHIEVEMENTS

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For nine consecutive years, TAKREEM Awards Ceremony was held in nine different cities,within the Arab World and beyond, to celebrate Arab men and women who are each making history in their own way. Beirut, Doha, Manama, Paris, Marrakesh, Dubai, Cairo, Amman, and Kuwait, each of these nine cities witnessed and applauded Arab excellence and achievements until 2019 arrived, until the dynamic was defied, and change forced its way into our lives. In 2019, change flooded the streets of Lebanon, as the people reclaimed their country, asserting their right to control their own destinies. It was a change inspired by the years of brave work by Arab and International compatriots. It was a change that deserved our attention and required us to put off the Awards Ceremony for a year. But the year 2020 was not gentler, nor on the Lebanese, nor on the region and the world. As COVID-19 started to rapidly spread, we understood that change was far from being over, it had just begun. And as the world was adapting to a new reality, a parallel reality hit the city of Beirut at its core. Our beloved city became a shadow of itself. And even though, this is not the change we yearned for, we understood it was a wave of change we needed to ride to reveal a new shore of hope. The year 2020, marked TAKREEM's first and only Online Awards Ceremony, a ceremony that asserted: "we shall not give up". In 2021, we were still fighting, but this time, we were fighting for Beirut "against all odds", and despite all the upheaval that surrounded it, we chose Beirut to host the 11th edition of our Awards Ceremony. This year, we have decided to set the cornerstone to a new and bolder way of doing things. The year 2022 marks a turning point in TAKREEM's journey. The foundation looks forward to working closely with new partners to set together a new standard in how the Arab World celebrates its success stories, connects its trailblazers, gives back to its community, and strives to support its hope for a brighter future. To celebrate and mark this new beginning, TAKREEM held its 2022 Award Ceremony in a vibrating Arab city known for its thriving, daring youth and its creative drive. The TAKREEM 2022 Awards Ceremony was held at The Cultural Foundation in Abu-Dhabi under the patronage of His Excellency Sheikh Nahayan Mabarak Al Nahayan.

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

• Prof. Hala Zreiqat – Jordan for the Scientific and Technological Achievement Award

• Mr. Ahmad AlZaini – KSA for the Young Entrepreneur Award

• Assameh – Birth & Beyond – Lebanon for the Humanitarian and Civic Services Award

• Atfalouna Society for Deaf Children – Palestine for the Humanitarian and Civic Services Award

• Mr. Samer Khoury – Palestine for the Corporate Leadership Award

• Mrs. Razan Al Mubarak - UAE for the Environmental Development and Sustainability Award

• Environment Arabia Consultancy Services – Bahrain for the Environmental Development and Sustainability Award

• Mrs. Ghada Feghali – Lebanon for the Excellence in Education Award

• Dr. Naseer Shamma – Iraq for the Cultural Excellence Award

• Prof. Manahel Thabet – KSA for the Outstanding Arab Woman Award

• Leonard Education Organization – USA for the International Contribution to Arab Society Award

TAKREEM 2022 Jury Board is composed of Mr. Fares Akkad, Mrs. Paula Al Askari, HE Sheikha Paula Al Sabah, Mr. Jassim Al-Mansoori, HE Dr. Farida Allaghi, Mr. Samir Brikho, Mrs. Fadumo Dayib, Dr. Ahmed Heikal, Mr. Shwan Taha, Mr. Khaled Janahi, Mrs. Maha Kaddoura, Prof. Jala Makhzoumi, Lady Hayat Palumbo, Mr. Abdul Hamied Ahmed Seddiqi, Mrs. Nadia Sehnaoui Boulifa, Mr. Ramez Shehadi and HRH Princess Alia Tabbaa.

TAKREEM 2022 Honorary Board, includes HM Queen Noor Al-Hussein, HE Dr. Hilal Al Sayer, HE Sheikha Mai Al Khalifa, Mr. Riad Al-Sadik, HE Sheikh Saleh Al-Turki, Dr. Nouha Alhegelan, HE Dr. Hanan Ashrawi, Dr. Akef El Maghraby, Mrs. Nora Joumblatt, Dr. Suad Juffali, and Mr. Raja Sidawi.

The renowned TV presenter Laila Al-Shaikhli has presented the Awards Night which was followed by a gala dinner gathering laureates, board members, sponsors, and patrons.

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