AUB President, trustee, and alumni awarded by TAKREEM
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AUB President Fadlo R. Khuri has been awarded the Scientific and Technological Achievement Award at TAKREEM’s 6th Award Ceremony on Saturday, November 14. The ceremony was held in Dubai in the presence of Sheikh Nahayan Mabarak Al-Nahayan and 800 guests that combined royal, political, cultural, academic, intellectual, and media figures from the region.

Thirteen laureates were recognized for their excellence over 10 categories. The award categories were: Young Entrepreneur, Scientific and Technological Achievement, Cultural Excellence, Environmental Development and Sustainability, Outstanding Arab Women, Innovation in Education, Humanitarian and Civic Services, Corporate Leadership, International Contribution to Arab Society, and Lifetime Achievement.

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The ceremony also presented AUB trustee, Mr. Nabil Habayeb, with the Corporate Leadership Award. The award recognized Mr. Habayeb for “his three decades of support of the region’s developmental goals through his work at General Electric (GE). Mr. Nabil Habayeb leads GE’s operations in MENAT.”
Two out of three Lifetime Achievement Awards were also conferred upon AUB graduates and avid supporters: Mr. Riad Al-Sadik (BE ’64), co-founder of Al Habtoor Engineering Enterprises which today operates with over 25,000 employees and a billion dollar turnover; and the late Mamdouha El-Sayed Bobst (BA ’47), founder of the Elmer and Mamdouha Bobst Foundation, philanthropist, and supporter of education, medical care, and social justice.

TAKREEM is a platform that was established in 2010 to identify and honor Arab men and women who are seen by TAKREEM founder, Ricardo Karam, as ‘making history in their own way’ and who have excelled in their fields across the globe and inspired others in their quest for cultural, educational, scientific, environmental, humanitarian, social, and economic excellence. “For six years, we have been fortunate to identify inspirational but unsung heroes, and to put them through a highly competitive process that made the selection of laureates very difficult,” added Karam.

In an award ceremony that is held in a different city each year, TAKREEM recognizes outstanding laureates in different fields following an objective, two-stage selection process by a Jury Board for which TAKREEM is an advisor. The Jury Board for this year included HM Queen Noor Al-Hussein, HRH Prince Mansour Bin Nasser, HRH Princess Banderi AlFaisal, Mr. Issa Abu-Issa, HE Sheikha Mai Al Khalifa, Mr. Thomas Abraham, Sheikh Saleh Al-Turki, Dr. Farida Allaghi, Mr. Samir Assaf, HE Lakhdar Brahimi, HE Shaikha Paula Al Sabah, Mr. Samir Brikho, Mr. Carlos Ghosn, Mrs. Nora Joumblatt, Dr. Ahmed Heikal, Dr. Samer Khoury, Mr. Marc Levy, Lady Hayat Mroue Palumbo, Mrs. Asma Al Mutawa, and Mr. Raja Sidawi.

Since its inception, the TAKREEM Award Ceremony has been held in Beirut, Doha, Manama, Paris, Marrakesh, and now Dubai. The ceremony was followed the next day by a press conference and panel discussions.