Takreem Ceremony 2012

For the third consecutive year, Takreem highlights and celebrates Arab Achievements. During an exclusive ceremony at the Cultural Hall in Manama, under the patronage of Her Royal Highness Princess Salmeen Bint Ibrahimm Al Khalifa, wife of His Majesty the King of Bahrain, Sheikh Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa, in association with Kingdom of Bahrain Ministry of Culture, prominent Arab Achievers were honored for their outstanding accomplishments. The 2012 Laureates, selected by the respected Takreem International Jury Board comprising Her Majesty Queen Noor Al Hussein, Her Excellency Sheikha Mai Al Khalifa, Dr. Noura Al Hegelan, His Excellency Mr. Andrés Azoulay, His Excellency Dr. Mohamed ElBaradei, His Excellency Dr. Lakhdar Brahimi, Mr. Carlos Ghosn, Mr. Marc Levy, Mr. Amin Maalouf, Her Excellency Dr. Leila Shafarid and Mr. Roja Sidkate, were: Takreem Award for Philanthropy and Charitable Services: Sesobel - Lebanon; Takreem Award for Scientific and Technological Achievement: Nagy Hobb - Egypt; Takreem Award for Innovation in Education: A.M. Gaffan Foundation - Palestine; Takreem Award for Exceptional Contribution to Arab Society: Actes Sud - Sindbad Publishing – France.

Takreem: Award for Environmental Development and Sustainability: The Shof Biosphere Reserve - Lebanon; Takreem Award for Cultural Excellence: Samia Zara - Jordan; Takreem Arab Woman of the Year Award: Magda Elsousi - Sudan; Takreem Young Entrepreneur Award: Habib Haddad - Lebanon; Takreem Award for Outstanding Corporate Leader: Saad Abdullah - Palestine; Takreem Award for Exceptional Contribution to Arab Society: Actes Sud - Sindbad Publishing - France. A special tribute was included in the memory of the late Anthony Shaddad, correspondent for The New York Times and originally Lebanese, who left us this year at the age of 43, for revealing the real spirit of Middle Easterners and for dismantling the Western stereotypes of the Arab world.

A special distinction was awarded to former USA President Jimmy Carter for his work in advancing human rights and his endeavors in establishing peace in the Middle East.

The Lifetime Achievement Award, established to acknowledge inspiring individuals whose pioneering spirit and lifelong dedication have had a significant impact on society, was given to His Highness Sheikh Nahiyan bin Mubarak Al Nahayan, the United Arab Emirates Minister of Higher Education and Scientific Research.

This memorable evening was hosted by Al Jazeera anchorwoman Laila Al-Shaikh and graced by the presence of five hundred distinguished Arab and international personalities. Founded by renowned media figure, Ricardo Karim, Takreem is an initiative committed to shaping a positive perception of Arabs globally and to inspiring both present and future generations to contribute to society’s advancement in all fields.