

Paris celebrates Arab excellence

For the fourth consecutive year, TAKREEM continues to identify Arabs who have excelled in their fields and that can inspire others in their quest for cultural, educational, scientific, environmental, humanitarian, social and economic developments. After Beirut, Doha and Manama, TAKREEM ceremony was held at the Arab World Institute, Paris.

The following Achievers were honored for their outstanding accomplishments:

Nadwa Qaragholi - Iraq for the Humanitarian and Civic Services Award

Amin Kassis - Syria for the Scientific and Technological Achievement Award

Jihad Shoja'eyeh - Palestine for Innovation in Education Award

George Tarabichi - Syria for Cultural Excellence Award

Sameh Seif Ghali - Egypt for the Environmental Development and Sustainability Award

Hanaa Edwar - Iraq for the Arab Woman of the Year Award

Khaled Al Sabawi - Palestine for the Young Entrepreneur Award

George Altirs - Lebanon for the Outstanding Corporate Leadership Award
Education for Employment - USA for the Exceptional Contribution to Arab Society Award

The Lifetime Achievement Award was given posthumously in memory of the late Alia El-Solh, also known as "the Daughter of



Independence", who struggled and fought for the freedom in the Arab world. In his opening remarks, Ricardo Karam, Founder of TAKREEM, stated: " Within this atmosphere of turmoil and pain, we are gathering to celebrate. How can that be? We are here to embrace the successes among Arabs and in the Arab world that can be summed in the word renaissance. Our aim is to ensure that people, when they focus on the Arab world, see examples of excellence in virtually every arena of human endeavor. And thus Takreem was born".

The evening attended by 400 guests, was hosted by Al Jazeera anchor woman

Laila Al-Shaikhli.

A press conference took place the following day, at the Four Seasons Hotel - George V.

TAKREEM 2013 Jury Board included Sheikha Mai Al-Khalifa, Shaikha Paula Al-Sabah, Dr Hanan Ashrawi, Dr Nouha AlHegelan, Mr André Azoulay, Dr Lakhdar Brahimi, Prof Alain Carpentier, Dr Mohamed Mansour, Carlos Ghosn, Marc Levy, Dr Leila Sharaf, and Mr Raja Sidawi.

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