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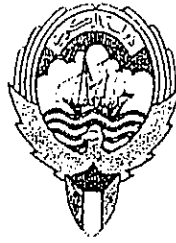
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Kuwait Al-Sumait Prize for African Development in Health Category - 2018

1. Please find attached herewith a copy of Diplomatic note no. MIN/34/2018 dated 07th February 2018, received from the Embassy of the State of Kuwait in Colombo inviting Sri Lanka to participate the Kuwait Foundation for Advancement of Science has conducted the annual award for the advancement of economic, social, human resources and infrastructure development in African continent.
2. Grateful circulate the announcement among the interested parties. Please note that the deadline for submissions is 30th June 2018. **(Ends)**

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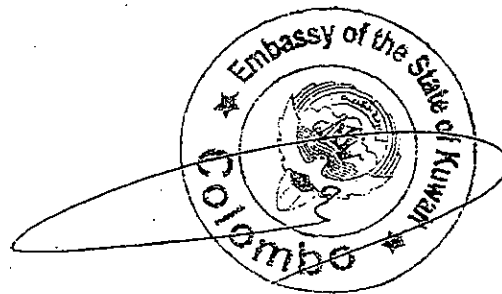
The Embassy of the State of Kuwait presents its compliments to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka and has the honour to inform with pleasure that Kuwait Foundation for Advancement of Sciences has decided to conduct the Annual Award for the advancement of economic, social, human resources and infrastructure development in the African Continent titled the "Dr. Abdulrahman Al-Sumait Prize". The topic for the 2018 prize is "Health".

The prize is to be awarded to individuals or institutions who through their research projects or initiatives have made significant advancement within the field of Health. The prize has a value of USD 1,000,000 (one million USD). The cash sum is awarded along with a Gold Medal, Shield and Certificate of Recognition. Those who would like to submit their article on the above subject matter, should submit before 30th June, 2018. As such, the Embassy has the honour to request the esteemed Ministry to forward the attached document to the concerned authorities in Sri Lanka.

The Embassy of the State of Kuwait avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka the assurances of its highest consideration.

Colombo, 07th February, 2018

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AL-SUMAIT PRIZE
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Al-Sumait Prize 2018 Invitation for Nominations

The Amir of the State of Kuwait, His Highness Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah, announced an initiative to the third African Arab Summit hosted by the State of Kuwait. The initiative described an annual award by the State of Kuwait for the advancement of economic, social, human resources, and infrastructure development in the African continent titled the "Dr. Abdulrahman Al-Sumait Prize", after a Kuwaiti physician who dedicated his lifetime towards helping the poor in Africa in the field of health and education.

The objective of the prize is the appreciation and recognition of the best studies, scientific projects, applied research, and innovative initiatives, which have made significant impact and lasting influence in advancing progress to economic and social development in Africa, in particular for the underprivileged. The awarded projects should help African nations to overcome poverty, hunger, lack of potable water, injustice or to improve health care systems, literacy and the allocation of economic resources. The Prize should also highlight successes within the following subjects: Food security, Health and Education.

The subject for the 2018 prize is Health:

- Combating diseases prevalent in Africa.
- Provision of medical staff for the national health care systems (physicians, paramedics and nursing), medicine, pharmaceutical, and medical equipment.
- National capacity building, in medical research, national medical education and medical staff.
- Upgrading and maintenance of national medical facilities.
- Developing national health policies and successful implementation of the outcomes.

The prize is to be awarded to individuals or institutions who through their research projects or initiatives have made significant advancement within the field of Health that produced seminal impact and tangible results on the public health care system, especially for the underprivileged. The prize has a value of \$1,000,000 (one million US Dollars). The cash sum is awarded along with a gold medal, shield and certificate of recognition.

Conditions and requirements:

1. The nominated candidates' research work or projects and initiatives must be innovative and must have achieved high-impact in line with international standards for the prize.
2. The submitted work must be of paramount importance in promoting significant economic, social, human resources and infrastructure development in the African continent within the announced field of the prize.
3. Submitted research work of a nominated candidate should be composed of studies and applied research, published in referred journals and recognized at a global level within the announced field. The research outcomes need to have been applied after publication in African countries within the past ten years. Adequate supporting evidence needs to be provided.
4. Nominations are to be accepted from institutions and scientific centers (universities, institutes and centers of scientific research), as well as from competent regional or international and UN organizations and awards and former winners in the field of the prize or former evaluation members. Nominations will only be accepted through institutions or other possible nominators mentioned above.
5. All submissions must be submitted in English. If the work is carried out in other working UN languages, a comprehensive summary of the nominated work in English must be submitted.
6. Fill in the prize nomination form and send it along with the scientific production works electronically in PDF format via CD, DVD, and Flash Memory or via the Kuwait Foundation for the Advancement of Sciences (KFAS) Prizes Office email alsumaitprize@kfas.org.kw. The nomination form can be obtained from the KFAS website <http://oe.kfas.org.kw/alsumait>. Applications are addressed to the Director General of the foundation.
7. The nomination form and submitted works must be received before 30/06/2018

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PRESS RELEASE

Al-Sumait Prize for African Development Announces Opening of Nominations in Health Category for 2018

Kuwait City, Kuwait, January 15, 2018 – Kuwait's Al-Sumait Prize for African Development today called for nominations for its 2018 award in the Health category. Nomination forms for the prize need to be received by Al-Sumait's Prize office no later than June 30, 2018.



"Al-Sumait's 2018 Prize in the Health Category is open to individuals and organizations delivering pioneering contributions to solving Health challenges in Africa," said Dr. Adnan Shihab-Eldin, Director General of the Kuwait Foundation for the Advancement of Sciences (KFAS), which administers the prestigious prize.

Dr. Adnan Shihab-Eldin said the aim of the 2018 prize is to recognize individuals or institutions who through their research, projects or initiatives have made significant advancement within the field of Health that have produced seminal impact and tangible results in health-care system for the continent, especially for the underprivileged

Key conditions for the prize include being able to demonstrate research work or projects that are innovative and have achieved high-impact in line with the International standards established for the prize. The nomination form can be found at <http://oe.kfas.org.kw/alsumait> or requested from KFAS Prize office by sending an email to alsumaitprize@kfas.org.kw

Dr. Shihab-Eldin said the 2018 Al-Sumait's Health award will build on the success of the Al-Sumait 2015 Health, 2016 Food Security and recently awarded 2017 Education award in creating a legacy of solid transformation in the lives of countless underprivileged individuals and societies.



"The winning Al-Sumait Prize Laureates of the last three years have demonstrated initiatives of paramount importance in promoting significant economic, social, human resources and infrastructure development in the African continent. We return to Health for 2018 and invite the Health and African Development community to nominate individuals or organizations who are furthering development in Health in Africa," said Dr. Shihab-Eldin.

Initiated in 2013 by the Amir of the State of Kuwait, His Highness Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah, the Al-Sumait Prize for African Development is designed to reward innovative and inspiring initiatives and research by individuals and organizations that address the challenges facing the African continent. The award commemorates the legacy of Dr. Abdulrahman Al-Sumait, a Kuwait physician who dedicated his life to helping less fortunate individuals and communities in Africa to face the challenges of development in the continent.

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