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An Agreement for cooperation between Abdullatif Al Fozan Award for Mosque Architecture and Saudi “Umran” Society



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The Abdullatif Al-Fozan Award for Mosque Architecture signed on Monday, September 30, 2018, a cooperation agreement with the Saudi Umran Society. The agreement contains various provisions for cooperation in the field of community service for mosque architecture and jointly organizing events and conferences inside and outside Saudi Arabia. The agreement was signed on behalf of the award by HE Dr. Mashary bin Abdullah Al Naim, Secretary General of the Award, while HE Dr. Abdul Aziz bin Nasser Al Dosari, President of the Saudi Umran Society, signed on behalf of the society at the award headquarters in Al Fozan Tower at Al Khobar.

During this gathering, Dr. Al-Naim gave a presentation about the process of mosque nominations during the current cycle of the award, he also presented the other digital programs supported by the award like “Mosqpedia”, the Encyclopedia of Mosques, “Asfaar” the Digital Library of Mosques and finally “Manaber”, the professional and scientific platform for the communication of those interested in mosque architecture at the national and international levels. The ceremony was attended by Eng. Hamad Al-Shagawi, chairman of the Saudi Omran Society branch at the Eastern Region, and a number of the Awards employees.



Architect Shoaibi Lectured about 40 years of experience in mosque's architectural design



26 September 2018,

Throughout the scientific program of the Abdullatif Al-Fozan Award for Mosque Architecture, the first lecture of the series of monthly lectures for the award, has been lectured by Architect Ali bin Mohammed Al-Shuaibi at the Award's headquarters in Al-Fozan Tower in Al-Khobar. The lecture presented the forty years of Mosque design experience done by the Environment Office – consultants engineers. Architect Shuaibi illustrated different architectural schemes of mosques and analyzed architectural patterns of mosques, where he emphasized the vital role played by the mosque in the urban fabric of the cities.

The scientific discussion moderated by Dr.

Mashary bin Abdullah Al-Naim, Secretary-General of the Abdullatif Al Fozan Award for Mosque Architecture, where the meeting witnessed a distinguished presence and a scientific and professional discussion on various aspects of the course of Engineer Ali Al-Shuaibi in the architectural design of the mosques. It should be noted that Architect Ali Al-Shuaibi had won one of the "Al-Fozan Mosques Architecture Award" award in its first phase in 2014 through their architectural design of Al-Kindi Mosque in Al-Safarat neighborhood in Riyadh, which was executed by Riyadh Development Authority in 1986.



Study about mosques architecture on the Silk Road in cooperation with the UNESCO- International Institute for Central Asian Studies



6 November 2018,

The Abdullatif Al-Fozan Award for Mosque Architecture, and in collaboration with the UNESCO - IICAS (International Institute of Central Asian Studies), organized a seminar on the future architecture of mosques on the sidelines of the Cultural Heritage Conference on Silk Road at Samarkand (Uzbekistan), with the participation of 9 countries in Central Asia. The Secretary-General of the award presented the objectives of Abdullatif Al-Fozan Award for mosques architecture and its methodology of work, and in after Dr. Saleh Al-Hathloul -member of the Executive Committee of the Award-, lectured about mosque as a nucleus of Islamic cities throughout history,

and finally Dr. Hani Al-Huneidi, the Award's advisor, presented some visionaries on mosques of the future.

At the end of seminar, Dr. Al Naim, the Secretary General of the Award, and Dr. Dimitry Voyakin, Director of the UNESCO-IICAS, signed a memorandum of understanding for cooperation between the award and the Institute, and based on this MoU, UNESCO-IICAS will help in mosque's nomination of the current third cycle and also both parties will conduct an analytical study on the development of architectural forms of mosques on the entire Silk Road.



Continuing work with the Ministry of Islamic Affairs in the draft of the National Building Codes of Mosques



The Abdullatif Al-Fozan Award for Mosque Architecture is working on preparation of the National Code for Mosques Architecture in cooperation with the Ministry of Islamic Affairs and Da'wa and Guidance. The Secretary General of AFAMA Dr. Mashary Al-Naim holds series of periodical meetings with the Ministry's technical and engineering bodies and further with "the Saudi Standards, Metrology and Quality Organization" and "the Ministry of Municipal and Rural Affairs" in process to determine the different chapters of the National Code for the Architecture of Mosques and the formulation of its various contents in accordance with the Saudi

National Building Code.

Dr. Al-Naim confirmed that Saudi Arabia will be one of the leading countries in setting up architectural and construction standards and frameworks for the architecture of mosques, which will reflect positively on the urban, environmental and social aspects. Dr. Al-Naim pointed out that many countries seek to benefit from the Saudi experience in the framing of the methodology of building mosques. He added that the award will share the first draft of the national code for mosque architecture with several of international related institutions to ensure the compatibility of those architectural standards with best international practice.

Nomination has been extended till December 15, 2018

