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The 2012 WISE Prize for Education

Established by Her Highness Sheikha Moza bint Nasser, Chairperson of Qatar Foundation, the WISE Prize for Education recognizes an individual or team of up to six people for an outstanding, world-class contribution to education.

The WISE Prize is enhancing the status of education by giving it similar prestige to other areas for which major international awards exist such as science, literature, peace and economics. The Laureate receives an award of \$500,000 (US) and a gold medal.

“*It is our aim that this Prize should raise global awareness of the crucial role of education in all societies, and create a platform for innovative and practical solutions that might help alleviate some of the challenges which education faces around the world.*”

Her Highness Sheikha Moza bint Nasser,
Chairperson of Qatar Foundation

The Call for Nominations

Nominations for the 2012 WISE Prize are invited from individuals and institutions with a demonstrable commitment to education such as universities, schools, colleges, teachers' organizations, research facilities, international organizations, governments, the media and private corporations.

The achievements of the nominated individual or team should have had a significant and lasting impact upon education at any level, and should demonstrate an inspiring and visionary approach.

Nominations will be accepted
from February 1 to March 31, 2012.

Nominations should be made using the 2012 WISE Prize form and should be submitted online at **www.wiseprizeforeducation.org**

The nomination process should be conducted with the highest degree of confidentiality: the subject should not be aware of the nomination. Self-nominations will not be accepted and only the Laureate's name will be made public.

The Selection Process

Nominations will be screened by the WISE Prize Committee which will make a pre-selection. An international Jury of distinguished individuals will make the final selection of the Laureate whose name will be announced at the WISE Summit, to be held November 13-15, 2012, in Doha, Qatar.



Sir Fazle Hasan Abed, World's First WISE Prize for Education Laureate

"I am guided by an ideal of a world free from all forms of exploitation and discrimination. Education is the answer to this quest."

Sir Fazle Hasan Abed

The inaugural WISE Prize for Education was awarded on November 1, 2011, by His Highness Sheikh Hamad bin Khalifa Al-Thani, Amir of the State of Qatar, to Sir Fazle Hasan Abed, Founder and Chairman of BRAC, at the 2011 WISE Summit.

Sir Fazle Hasan Abed has spent over 40 years developing the Bangladesh-based BRAC into a broad initiative dedicated to assisting the neediest to gain skills and empowerment through education. BRAC has contributed directly to the education of more than 10 million students, from pre-primary through secondary levels. Now active in nine other countries in Asia, Africa, and Latin America, BRAC stands among the largest non-governmental organizations worldwide providing a wide range of education programs, which have benefited nearly 140 million individuals.

In accepting the first WISE Prize for Education, Sir Fazle Hasan Abed said:

"I should like to thank Qatar Foundation for instituting this magnificent Prize and for honoring me and BRAC with its first installment. I have discovered time and again in my four decades of work with BRAC that education is the fundamental catalyst for change."

The WISE initiative is proud to have recognized Sir Fazle Hasan Abed for his groundbreaking achievements and inspiring legacy in the field of education.



▲ Ms. Irina Bokova,
Director-General,
UNESCO

Her Excellency
Naledi Pandor,
MP, Minister of
Science and
Technology,
South Africa



Prof. Dr. Fasli Jalal, ▲
former Vice Minister
of National Education,
Indonesia

Mr. Jimmy Wales,
Founder, Wikipedia,
USA ▼



About the World Innovation Summit for Education

The World Innovation Summit for Education (WISE) was launched by Qatar Foundation for Education, Science and Community Development in 2009 upon the initiative of Qatar Foundation Chairperson, Her Highness Sheikha Moza bint Nasser.

WISE aims to build the future of education by highlighting its leading role in global development and by fostering creative thinking and purposeful action.

The annual **WISE Summit** is an international, multi-sectoral platform.

This three-day event in Doha, Qatar, brings together over 1,000 education stakeholders and practitioners, including top decision-makers and thought-leaders, from a wide variety of sectors and more than 100 countries to seek innovative solutions to today's educational challenges and to share best practices.

The WISE initiative is supported by six distinguished international educational partners:



▲ Mr. Gordon Brown,
Member of Parliament,
former Prime Minister,
UK

▲ Mr. Ban Ki-moon,
Secretary-General,
United Nations



WISE Programs

WISE has established a number of programs in addition to the WISE Prize for Education.

- [The annual WISE Awards](#) recognize and spotlight six of the most innovative projects in education from around the world. To date, 18 projects have received WISE Awards and approximately 100 finalists have benefited from enhanced visibility.

- [The first WISE Book](#), *Innovation in Education: Lessons from Pioneers around the World* (released in January 2012), raises awareness of successful high-impact projects and encourages replication and expansion.

- [Learners' Voice](#) encourages students (aged 18 to 25) to make their voices heard. A select group of young learners plays an active role in the Summit and is involved in WISE activities throughout the year.

- [The Online Collaborative Web Platform](#) is an interactive knowledge base that offers a wide range of tools for people working in education-related sectors.

- [MyWISE](#) is a social networking feature of the WISE web platform that enables the WISE community to connect, and to share knowledge and best practices.

- [Learning World](#) is a weekly TV magazine program on education developed in partnership with Euronews. It broadcasts 16 times a week to 155 countries in 11 languages.

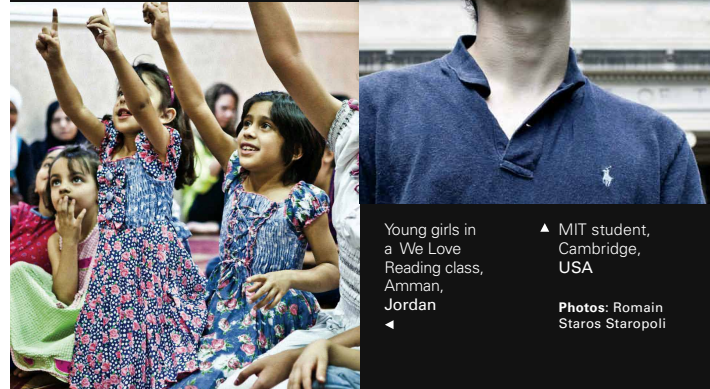
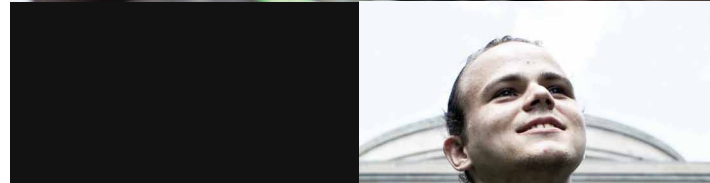
- [The WISE Haiti Task Force](#) brings together innovators and successful projects that can contribute to rebuilding Haiti's educational system which was devastated in the earthquake of January 2010.

- [The WISE Program for Education Leadership](#) helps prepare newly appointed education leaders for their future challenges and responsibilities.



Mother in a MOCEP class, Istanbul, Turkey

Teacher and his pupils, Kinyateke Primary School near Kasese, Uganda (which has benefited from Rewrite the Future, Save the Children)



Young girls in a We Love Reading class, Amman, Jordan

MIT student, Cambridge, USA

Photos: Romain Staros Staropoli

“The highlight of the Summit was the announcement of the winner of the inaugural WISE Prize for Education - the first such accolade in the field of education.”

New African

“There was no Nobel Prize for Education? Qatar has just invented it.”

Le Monde

“The WISE Prize aims to place education on the same level as other disciplines such as medicine, the sciences, economics and the arts.”

Press Trust of India

“Philanthropist Sir Fazle Hasan Abed has won the largest ever prize for education.”

The Huffington Post