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Subject: 20th edition of the UNESCO Sharjah Prize for Arab Culture.

Respected Madam/Sir,

The UNESCO has invited nominations for the 20th edition of the UNESCO- Sharjah Prize for Arab Culture. UNESCO honors and recognizes the significant contributions of individual, groups or institutions, one from the Arab States and the other from the rest of the world to the development, better understanding and dissemination of Arab culture through artistic, intellectual or promotional expression.

The prize is endowed with a sum of US \$60,000 divided equally between the two prize winners selected on the recommendation of an international jury of experts. The Statutes of the prize and brochure are also attached for reference.

The Higher Educational Institutions (HEIs) where Arabic Art, Language or Culture are being taught are encouraged to apply for the UNESCO- Sharjah Prize and forward their nominations to the Indian National Commission to UNSECO (INCCU) by 15th February, 2024.

Contact details of nodal officer in INCCU, Ms. Madhu Bala Soni, Under Secretary, Ministry of Education, Department of Higher Education, Room No. 203-A 'C' Wing, Dr. Rajendra Prasad Road, Shastri Bhavan, New Delhi- 110001 (Contact No.: 011- 2338 4442; Email: inc.edu@nic.in) may be contacted.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,


(Manish Joshi)

Encl: As stated above.

To
The Vice-Chancellors of all Universities
The Principals of all Colleges/Institutes

STATUTES OF THE UNESCO SHARJAH PRIZE FOR ARAB CULTURE

Article 1 – Purpose

The purpose of the UNESCO-Sharjah Prize for Arab Culture is to reward the efforts of a national of an Arab country and a national of any other country who have contributed through their artistic, intellectual or promotional work, to the development and diffusion of Arab Culture in the world. The objective of the Prize is in conformity with the second and sixth preambular paragraphs and with Article I paragraph 2 (c) of the Constitution of UNESCO according to which the Organization is assigned the task of promoting the mutual understanding of peoples through activities that encourage greater knowledge of the cultures of different peoples and international exchange between the different peoples and between the different cultures. The objectives of the Prize are in conformity with UNESCO's policies/priorities related to the Major Programme IV, Cultural Diversity and Intercultural Dialogue and Major Programme III as regards intercultural dialogue and the Rapprochement of Cultures.

Article 2 – Designation, Amount and Periodicity of the Prize

2.1 The Prize shall be entitled "The UNESCO-Sharjah Prize for Arab Culture".

2.2 (b) The Prize shall be funded by the Government of Sharjah (United Arab Emirates) and shall consist of a recurrent payment of US \$268,426 annually. The amount of the recurrent payment will be reviewed every two years. The contribution from the donor shall be received at the beginning of each year, no later than 15 January, in order to ensure that funds are available well in time before incurring expenditure for the administration of the Prize and for the Prize itself. The amount of the Prize is US \$60,000, which will be divided into equal parts between two prize-winners (US \$30,000 each).

2.3 All funds received and the interest accrued thereon shall be kept in a special interest bearing account for the Prize. (See Financial Regulations in Annex II).

2.4 The full staff support and operating/management costs of the Prize, including all costs related to the award ceremony and public information activities, estimated at US \$ 208,426 shall be fully covered by the Government of Sharjah (United Arab Emirates). To this end, the Director-General will determine a mandatory overhead cost amount to be applied and charged against the funds in the special account, which is to be established under the financial regulations for the prize.

2.5 The Prize shall be awarded once a year, on an initial basis of US \$60,000 per year, and shall be shared between two prize-winners in equal parts, (US \$30,000 each).

Article 3 – Conditions/Qualifications of candidates

Candidates shall be individual, institutions, other entities or non-governmental organizations that have made a significant contribution to the development, the diffusion and the promotion of Arab culture throughout the world. They should have acquired an international reputation in this field and distinguished themselves by meritorious actions extending over several years. Also, they should have contributed to promoting cultural dialogue and revitalization of the Arab culture.

Article 4 – Designation/Selection of the prize-winners

The prize-winners shall be selected by the Director-General of UNESCO on the basis of the assessments and recommendations made to him/her by a jury.