

Royal Order No. (9) of 2009

With respect to establishing the Isa Award

For Service to Humanity (¹)

We Hamad Bin Isa Al Khalifa, King of the Kingdom of Bahrain

Having reviewed the Constitution,

Royal Order No. (18) of 2008 with respect to establishing the Isa Cultural Centre, amended by Royal Order No. (32) of 2008,

And in commemoration of **His Highness the late Sheikh Isa Bin Salman Al Khalifa** may God rest his soul, and in acknowledgement of his historic role in putting in place the components of the modern State of Bahrain, and the distinctive features of his reign that witnessed an unprecedented bond with the citizens of Bahrain, Gulf, Arab and friendly countries, in light of the distinctive features of moderation, tolerance and interconnection, of Bahrain and its citizens,

Hereby Order the following:

Article One

An Award entitled “*Isa Award For Service to Humanity*” shall be established and his Majesty the King shall be its honorary president.

Article Two

The Award shall have an universal perspective, and shall be granted every two years for the best achievement in servicing humanity.

¹ As amended by Royal Order No. (14) of 2010 Issued on the 22nd of April 2010, and published in the Official Gazette issue No. (2945) on the 29th of April 2010.

Article Three

The Award shall have a Board of Trustees consisting of a president, two vice presidents and at least four members, all of whom shall be appointed by Royal Order for a renewable four year term.

Article Four

The remuneration of the president, both vice presidents and members of the Board of Trustees shall be determined by Royal Order.

Article Five

The Board of Trustees is mandated with setting up the general policy of the Award and other policies related thereto, in particular the following:

1. Stipulating the rules and regulations of the Award, including the conduct of its work.
2. Planning, following-up and assessing achievements in order to develop the Award and to meet the required objectives.
3. Suspending the Award for any given term should the submitted achievements not meet the standards of the Award.
4. Approving and declaring decisions related to the granting of the Award.
5. Nominating the General Secretary and Assistant General Secretary of the Award.
6. Determining the remuneration of both the Selection Committee and the Evaluation Committee in each term of the Award.
7. Determining the wages of employees working in the General Secretariat of the Award as well as all allowances and other financial benefits.

8. Issuing the Bylaws of the Award.
9. Issuing the required decisions for any matters arising in future related to the Award.
10. Forming one or more committees from its own members or others. The Board of Trustees shall define its responsibilities.

Article Six

Nominations of achievements shall be made by a selection committee consisting of a sufficient number of specialists and experts, chosen by the Board of Trustees for each term of the Award. The committee shall, for the purpose of nominations, cooperate with scientific, research and cultural institutions and centers; literature societies and others found to be qualified. The committee shall not accept nominations of trade unions, and political societies.

The committee shall submit its recommendations to the Board of Trustees to decide what is appropriate to present to the Evaluation Committee.

Article Seven

The evaluation of nominated humanitarian achievements shall be handled by an Evaluation Committee consisting of at least five members of expertise and worldwide renown, chosen by the Board of Trustees for each term of the Award. The Evaluation Committee shall select the best achievement based on scientific and substantive merits.

Article Eight

The Board of Trustees shall convene upon the invitation of its president; the attendance of the majority of its members is required to endorse the meeting, provided that the president or either vice president shall be in attendance. The Board's decisions shall be issued by virtue of a majority vote; in the case of a tie, the side with the president's vote shall prevail.

Article Nine

A General Secretariat entrusted with the administrative and financial affairs of the Award shall be established, and shall consist of a General Secretary and an Assistant General Secretary, who shall be appointed by Royal Order for a renewable four year term. A number of assisting employees shall be appointed or seconded by the nomination of the General Secretary and approved by the Board of Trustees after obtaining consent from their workplace.

Article Ten

A financial reward, determined by Royal Order, shall be granted to the winner, along with a certificate of merit and a medal, during a ceremony under the patronage of his Majesty the King.

Article Eleven

All provisions that conflict with the provisions of this Order shall be annulled.

Article Twelve

This Order shall come into effect from the date of its issue and shall be published in the Official Gazette.

Hamad Bin Isa Al Khalifa

King of the Kingdom of Bahrain

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