King Faisal Foundation Establishes Official Relations with UNESCO

King Faisal Foundation announced that it has recently established official relations with the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) for a renewable period of six years.

“This step is a testimony to the Foundation’s international presence and a recognition of its role and accomplishments towards achieving its vision of serving Islam and all humanity”, said Prince Bandar bin Saud bin Khalid, Secretary General of the King Faisal Foundation. He added that “we are also keen to continually benchmark the Foundation’s activities and social impact with leading international NGOs and non-profit organizations particularly those which focus on education and research.”

In his letter to H.R.H. Prince Khalid Al-Faisal, Chief Executive Officer of King Faisal Foundation, the Director-General of the UNESCO stated that “KFF’s work is clearly relevant to the current programmes and priorities of UNESCO and this official relationship will undoubtedly offer new opportunities to increase the impact of our respective actions, particularly in the fields of education, science and youth.”

The King Faisal Foundation is an international philanthropic organization established in 1976 with the mission of preserving and perpetuating King Faisal’s legacy. It has invested heavily in the advancement of education, has contributed to nurturing cultural affairs, and has supported science, scientists and scholars through its different programs and initiatives, which have benefitted millions of people over the years. By raising the bar and adopting higher standards, the Foundation has served as a role model for other non-profit organizations in the domains of education and academic research, although several of its initiatives remain unmatched in terms of scope and impact on society and the greater human community. Such pioneering projects include King Faisal Prize, King Faisal Center for Research and Islamic Studies, Alfaisal University, Effat University and King Faisal School.

The newly established relations mark as extension of an earlier collaboration between King Faisal Foundation and the UNESCO on the formation of King Faisal Center for Research and Islamic Studies. The center was inaugurated in 1983 and has since served many causes and tens of thousands of students, researchers, employees and many other beneficiaries.

It is anticipated that the official relations established with the UNESCO will provide further impetus to King Faisal Foundation to expand its geographical presence and impact which is
already huge thanks to the affiliate programs and initiatives it has established over the past forty-four years.

King Faisal Foundation's new relationship reflects the Kingdom's efforts to support and encourage local non-governmental organizations to participate in activities organized by foreign, regional and international NGOs, and to seek affiliations and partnerships with them.