

**Kuwait Foundation for the Advancement of Science
The Founding Panel of Sabah Al-Ahmad Center for Sponsoring
the Distinguished, the Talented, and the Creative**

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the Distinguished, the Talented, and the Creative
“The Foundation Stage”**

Introduction

Every bit of progress and advancement seen today is the result of investing in human intellectual activity by transforming it into a productive practice. Current scientific and technological knowledge is extensive and expansive, and has become a tool for generating more knowledge. Likewise, technology has become a means to obtain more advanced technologies, and the common denominator in all this progress is wise investment in human resources, since human beings are the real capital of societies that seek progress and advancement. Many countries have realized the importance of the human element and its role in bringing about remarkable transitions in society in general and in technology in particular; hence, those countries have been highly concerned with providing special programs for fostering and sponsoring these distinguished individuals.

The State of Kuwait is no exception in this regard, and its efforts have culminated in a farsighted vision of His Highness the Amir of Kuwait, Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah. The Amir's idea highlights the importance of caring for and sponsoring talented Kuwaiti citizens who have outstanding capabilities through the establishment of a center that would undertake this mission. The Amir's vision has been realized by a document sent from His Highness' Amiri Diwan to the Kuwait Foundation for the Advancement of Sciences (KFAS). At its 102nd meeting, the board of directors of KFAS has put forth a resolution regarding the foundation of Sabah Al-Ahmad's center for sponsoring the talented, the distinguished, and the creative. In a separate resolution, a founding panel was established and commissioned to prepare and set up the preliminary steps necessary for the establishment of the center.

In accordance with these resolutions, the General Director of KFAS issued resolution no. 2/2009 on May 3, 2009, establishing a founding committee for the creation of Sabah Al-Ahmad's Center for Giftedness & Creativity in the State of Kuwait.

Vision

“The centre should become an internationally recognized institution of excellence, taking care of the distinguished, talented and creative Kuwaiti youth, and investing their innovations in the process of development, and promoting them to achieve global recognition”

In accordance with the above mentioned vision, it is apparent that:

1. International standards are adopted when determining the concept of excellence.
2. Sponsorship should be given to the targeted group of Kuwaiti youths.
3. The youth activities should be linked with development.

Mission

“The center adopts distinguished, talented and creative Kuwaiti youth and sponsors them through creating an appropriate atmosphere to help them reveal their excellence, talents, and innovations and develop them, and it would also offer them the suitable opportunities to transform their abilities into valuable assets”

The center reaches out to the targeted groups and focuses on the following features:

1. The importance of efforts to discover individuals from the targeted groups.
2. The importance of fostering and sponsoring these individuals.
3. The importance of creating a suitable atmosphere for these individuals at home, school, etc.
4. Translating the ideas of innovators into innovative practice.

Presentation

The presentation will introduce the strategic plan of the center.