GCC prize for the Best Environmental Activities

2003-2004

Introduction :

Based on the resolution of the fourth meeting of the Ministers in charge of environment affairs in GCC states (Abu Dhabi 1994) which states: "GCC Secretariat General shall prepare a study about constituting a periodic prize for environment, how it should be sponsored and conditions and rules to be presented to the next meeting," and also based on the recommendation of the 10th meeting of the environment coordination committee, a prize board has been formed consisting six members representing the GCC member states selected according to their distinguished scientific status and their contribution in the field of their specialization. This board has studies and formulated the regulations in its final form.

The GCC member states being fully aware of the importance of environmental awareness in conserving and sustaining environmental resources, consider the environment prize as a way to recognize and encourage those who endeavour for a better regional environment.

The prize awarding rules have been approved by the Ministers in charge of environment affairs in their meeting held in Bahrain in 1997.

The Secretariat General is pleased to present these conditions and regulations of awarding the environment prize, and seek the help of Allah, the Almighty, in achieving the desired goals that aim to encourage and further the enhancement of environment awareness and quality in member states through scientific research, innovation, and adherence to environmental regulations, standards and specifications.

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GCC Prize RegulationsFor the Best Environmental Activities

Article (1)

Terms :

The terms used in these regulations mean as follows:

Council States :
The member states of Cooperation Council for the Arab States of the Gulf.

Cooperation Council:
The Cooperation Council for the Arab States of the Gulf.

Secretariat General :
Secretariat General of the Cooperation Council for the Arab States of the Gulf.

Secretary General :
Cooperation Council Secretary General.

Environmental Authorities :
Authorities in charge of the Protection of Environment in Cooperation Council States.

Prize:
Cooperation Council Prize for the best environmental Activities.

Board:
The Prize Board

Duration:
The period commencing after awarding the prize and ending at awarding the next prize.

Article (2)

Prize Title : Cooperation Council Prize for the Best Environmental Activities.

Article (3)

The objectives of the Prize: The Prize aims at achieving the following;

1- Encouraging environmental Activities as well as individual and collective initiatives which contribute to the protection of the environment and sustainable development.

2- Inspiring individuals and establishments to innovate research, create, to achieve goals related to current achievement issues.

3- Contributing to the spread of environmental awareness and knowledge among citizen and residents.

4- Emphasizing the efforts of industrial establishments committed to environmental standards and specifications.

Article(4)

Prize Categories:

1- A prize for the best research in the field of environment.
2- A prize for environmental awareness.
3- A prize for "Environment Personality"
4- A prize for the best educational and research institution which serves environment in each member state.
5- A prize for an industrial establishment , in each state, which comply with the environmental standards and specifications for the best environmental practices.

Article (5)

There are specific conditions, to be met for each of the above mentioned prize categories, listed at the end of these regulations.

Article (6)

Prize Value:

1- Best Research : S.R. 50,000 + a special plaque for the prize + a certificate of merit.
2- Environmental Awareness: a special plaque for the prize + a certificate of merit.
3- Environment Personality: a special plaque for the Prize + a certificate of merit.
4- Best educational and research institution + a special plaque + a certificate of merit.
5- Best Industrial Establishment: a special plaque for the prize + a certificate of merit.

Article (7)

Prize Award:

The prize shall be awarded for research activities, awareness, individuals, scientific and industrial establishments working in the Council States which comply with the stated conditions. The Prize can be excluded in any field whenever the required conditions are not fulfilled.

Article (8)

Time Schedule for the Prize.

1- The prize shall be advertised in April 2003, through the proper media of the council states.
2- Deadline for receiving nominations shall be 1st September 2003.
3- Prize laureates shall be announced in March, 2005.
4- Laureates shall receive their prizes during a celebration coinciding with the meeting of ministers in charge of Environment Affairs during 2005.

Article (9)

Prize Financing:

The Prize is to be financed through contributions from companies, establishments or individuals in addition to contribution from environmental organizations.

Article (10)

Supreme Chairman of the Board of the Prize:

The Secretary general shall chair the Prize board and shall have the following authorities,

1- Appointment of the Prize board.
2- Approval of the Prize board recommendations.
3- All financial and administrative affairs of the Prize.
4- Fixing the rewards granted to the members of the board and the staff working for its committees.
5- Final approval of the names of laureates and signing the certificates of merit.

Article (11)

The Prize Board:

1- The Prize shall have a board of six members one each from all of the council states and nominated by the environmental authorities in their countries, according to their distinguished scientific positions and contributions in the field of their specialization. Selection of members shall take place in consultation with the Secretariat General.
2- The duration of the membership of the board shall be four years, and can be renewed for only one additional duration.
3- Each term of the board shall have a chairman deputized by the board members from the country which comes next according to the alphabetical order of the GCC States.
4- The council states environment authorities shall nominate a substitute for any vacant post within three months of the vacancy, according to item (1) of this article.

5- Board decisions are issued by absolute majority of the attending members, and the meetings are considered legal when attended by two thirds of the members.
6- The board shall regularly convene twice a year and shall decide the date of the meeting to follow, whereas an extraordinary meeting may be held upon the request of the Secretaries General or two thirds of board members.
7- The board may, by the consent of the Secretary General, request the assistance of any of the concerned personnel to run its work.

Article (12)

Prize Board Duties:

1- Propose amendments concerning the Prize Regulations.
2- Supervise the processing of awarding the Prize.
3- Recommend the appointment of the specialized technical committee members in each field and propose their rewards.
4- Approve the list of nominations received for the Prize.
5- Approve the technical committee recommendations concerning the names of Prize laureates.
6- Propose the proper ways and means for increasing the resources required for the Prize.

Article (13)

Technical Committees:

1- Technical committees of experts shall be set up in conformity with Prize Categories and the board shall nominate the experts according to their eminent scientific positions and specializations.
2- The board shall propose the number of members of each committee and the period of membership.
3- The Technical Committees shall develop criteria for awarding the prize in the light of the standards applied in the field so as to achieve the prize goals.
4- The Technical Committees shall submit their reports and recommendations concerning the successful works to the board.
5- Each Committee can, by the consent of the board, request the assistance of any of the specialized personnel to run its work.

Article (14)

Nomination:

1- Nomination for the prize can take place in any of the categories mentioned in "Article(4)" of these Regulations according to the following conditions.
2- Nominations shall be accepted from the Council States environmental authorities, educational and research institutions, industries, companies and individuals.
3- As for the Environment Personality one person shall be honored from GCC States. The Environmental Authorities shall nominate the person who meets the

prize conditions and send the names of nominees to the prize board to select the winner. The same person shall not be re-honored in the same field unless Ten years have elapsed from the date he was honored.

4- The environmental authorities in the GCC state members shall nominate the best industrial establishment, educational and research institution and environmental awareness programme for the best environmental work prize at each state level.
5- Each member state shall nominate the best three researches to the prize board for selection of the wining research at GCC level.
6- Upon advertising the prize nominations shall be sent to the secretariat of the Prize boards for the best environmental activities GCC Secretariat General.

Article (15)

Prize Secretariat.

Environment Conservation Department of the Secretariat General of GCC is the agency in-charge of the Prize board secretariat who is responsible for the following:-

1- Carry out contacts with the bodies related to the Prize.
2- Follow up the administrative and financial matters related to coordination of meetings, preparation of the minutes, annual advertisement on the prize and receiving and presenting nominations to the Prize Board and technical committees.
3- Organize the works of the Prize Board and its Committees, prepare the meetings, draft agenda and send them to the members before the meeting date.
4- Arrange for the celebration for the announcement of the names of laureates and the awarding of Prizes.

Article (16)

Donors

The Donors are classified as follow:

Sponsor : The one who contribute SR 200.000 or more. It is possible to have more than one sponsor.

Co-sponsor : One who contribute SR 100.000 to 199.000.

Contributor : One who contribute SR 50.000 to 99.000.

Donor : One who contribute up to SR 50.000.

Benefits for Donors :-

1. Donors will be publicized in official conference programs, posters, and media releases.

2. A film about the donors activities will be shown during the prize ceremony. The time will be distributed among donors according to their contribution.
3. Each donor will receive a certificate of merit from GCC General Secretary.
4. Each donor will receive an invitation to attend the ceremony.
5. Sponsor will give a speech on behalf of all contributors in the prize ceremony.

Note:

The donation should be deposited at GCC Account No. 0101300040000 Arab National Bank Head Office, Riyadh Investor Code 100/3417 by the name of GCC Prize for best environmental activities.

Article (17)

General Rules:

The Prize Board has the right to interpret the articles of these regulations.

Conditions of the Prizes

GCC Prize for Best

Environmental Research

Research Topic: Water in GCC

Introduction:

The Countries Of The Gulf Cooperation Council have experienced high population growth rates, along with expanded urbanization. The fast pace of development has resulted in a substantial increase in fresh water demands. Within the last two decades there were considerable research and experiences have been developed on water resources assessment and development, water supply augmentation and maximization, and water facilities management in the GCC countries. The increasing of water dlemand in these countries become the main problem and expected to continue in the future, as water is becoming the major constraint for sustainable development.

The objectives of this research project are:

(a) Drinking water:

- Research on energy reduction and conservation methods for Water Desalination of seawater and underground water, and alternate energy sources for Desalination of seawater and groundwater.
- Research on Simple and Effective alternative methods of sterilization of drinking water.
- Research in the field of reducing water consumption rates.
- Research in the filed of identification of water network leaks and development enabling methodologies for leak reduction, best distribution, collection and storage.

(b) Wastewater :

- Simple and Effective inexpensive methods of domestic and Industrial wastewater treatment including physical, chemical and biological methods.
- Research in the field of increasing reuse of treated domestic and industrial wastewater.
- Research in the field of increasing recycling of industrial wastewater including cooling and process water.

Conditions of Prize:

1- The nominee shall present an applied recognized research in the above mentioned fields.
2- The research subject shall be original with no previous Prize awarded or any degree, obtained for the same research.
3- The entrant shall be a GCC citizen or resident and the nominated work shall be from GCC.
4- No member of the Arbitration Committee is allowed to participate in the prize.
5- It is not allowed to participate with more than one research work.
6- The contribution shall be typed in Arabic or English and supported, as far as possible, with photographs, diagrams and tables. The list of references shall be mentioned.
7- The Board has the right to keep the submitted research.
8- The Board decision with regard to the winning research shall be final after being approved.

The required papers:

1- The applicant curriculum vitae, (individuals or establishments).
2- A research summary in Arabic with regard to the research written in English.
3- Three copies of the research.

Prize Value:

1- The value of the Prize shall be SR50,000 in addition to a certificate of merit and the prize plaque.
2- In case more than one person participated in the winning research work, the value of the Prize shall be equally divided among them and a plaque and a certificate of merit are to be awarded to every participant.
3- The Prize shall not be awarded if there is no proper research work.

GCC Prize for Environmental Awareness Programme

Prize Subject: The Prize subject shall include one or more of the following fields:-

- Field Program for environmental awareness.

- Radio Program for environmental awareness.

- TV Program for environmental awareness.

- Press Program for environmental awareness.

Prize awarding Bases:

1- Average presentation of the programme and its duration.(daily, weekly, monthly, seasonal…..etc)
2- Popularity of the programme.
3- Percentage of field and practical applications for environmental problems.
4- Citizens and residents responses interactions, and participation in the programme.
5- Educational, scientific and technical level of the programme.
6- Diversity of environmental fields directed to various levels.
7- Results and Feedback reactions of citizens towards the programme.

Prize Conditions:

1- The competition is open for all governmental, national and private establishments.
2- The establishment concerned should be working in one of member states.
3- The programme should not have been awarded a prize in the field of environmental awareness.
4- Nominations supported by required documents shall be sent to the environment bodies of GCC States.
5- Each Member State shall nominate its best programme, and send it to GCC prize committee.
6- The committee shall have the right to keep the submitted programmes.
7- The board's decision for the winning programme shall be final after approval.

Prize Value:

1- A plaque and certificate of merit.
2- The prize shall not be awarded if there is no proper programme.

GCC Prize for the Environment Personality

Terms and Conditions of the Prize:

1- The nominee shall be a GCC citizen.
2- The nominee shall have at least ten years experience in the field of Environment.
3- The nominee shall have distinguished contributions in the service and conservation of the environment in one of the GCC States.
4- The nominee shall have a notable role serving and conserving the environment in one of the Council States.
5- The nominee must have regional and international contributions in the field of environment.
6- The nominee should be a member of local, regional and international committee concerned with conservation of the environment.

The required papers:

1- Nominees curriculum vitae with regard to scientific studies, experience and the outstanding contrib-utions in the field of environment.
2- Two personal photographs.

Prize Value:

1- A prize plaque and a certificate of merit.
2- The prize shall not be awarded if there is no suitable personality.

GCC Prize for the Best Industrial Establishment that Complies with Environment Standards and Specifications.

Conditions of the Prize:

1- The industrial establishment should be operating in one of the Member States.
2- It shall have been in operation for at least five years.
3- It should be in compliance with the environmental standards and specification for at least 5 successive years.
4- The industrial establishment should have effectively contributed to the conservation of the environment.
5- Preference shall be given to the establishments with outstanding contribution in the field of research, inventions and dissemination of environmental public awareness.
6- Nominations shall be supported with environmental certificates, reports and the required documents.

The required papers:

1- General background on the establishment supported with documents and certificates.

Prize Value:

1- A prize plaque and a certificate of merit
2- The prize shall not be awarded if there is no proper industrial establishment.

GCC Prize for the best Educational or research institution.

Conditions of the Prize.

1- The scientific or research institution should be operating in one of the Member States.
2- It shall have been in operation for at least 10 years.
3- One of its declared main objectives should be conservation of the environment.
4- Should have presented several consultations and researches in the field of environment.
5- The researches must have dealt with GCC Member States environment problems.
6- Should have contributed to solving contemporary environmental problems, dissemination of environ-mental awareness and propose precautionary measures to avoid expected problems due to industrial progress.
7- Their research and scientific programs are subjected to assessment and development.
8- The Authorities in charge of environment in the Member States shall not be nominated for this Prize.

The required papers :

General background on the establishment supported with proper documents and certificates.

Prize Value:

1- Special Prize plaque and a certificate of merit.
2- The prize shall not be awarded if there is no suitable educational or research institution.

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Individuals Nomination Form

Name : …….

Date of Birth.: .....

Nationality : .....

Place of Work : .....

Position : .....

Mailing Address: .....

Tel: ..... Fax: .....

Fields of interest in environment :

1. GCC Prize for best Environment Research.
2. GCC Prize for Environment Awareness Programme.
3. GCC Prize for the Environmental Personality.

The nominations shall be sent to the bodies in charge of environment in the member states through which shall be submitted to the prize board secretariat, GCC Secretariat General.

GCC Prize for the Best

Environmental Activities

Establishments Nomination Form

Name : …….

Date of Establishment: ……

Type of Activity: ……..

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Name of the Manager: ……..

Mailing Address: ……

Tel: …….. Fax: ……

Fields of interest in environment :

1. GCC Prize for the best Environmental Research.
2. GCC Prize for Environmental Awareness Programme.
3. GCC Prize for the best Industrial Establishment that complies with Environmental Standards and specifications.
4. GCC Prize for the best Educational or research institution.

The nominations shall be sent to the bodies in charge of environment through which shall be submitted to the prize board secretariat, GCC Secretariat General.