



Response to Invitation to the Secretary-General: 2013 WISE Prize for Education

Amy Kyaw to: wise

02/05/2013 04:17 PM

Cc: Kaori Minami, Jackilyn Punsal, Rommel Maranan

From: Amy Kyaw/NY/UNO
To: wise@qf.org.qa,
Cc: Kaori Minami/NY/UNO@UNHQ, Jackilyn Punsal/NY/UNO@UNHQ, Rommel Maranan/NY/UNO@UNHQ

Dear Dr. Al-Thani,

Please find the attached scan of formal communication from the Executive Office of the Secretary-General in regard to the aforementioned subject matter.

The original letter has been mailed to Qatar Foundation, Doha. We'd greatly appreciate if you can confirm your receipt of this email.



Response to invitation_2013 WISE Prize for Education.pdf

Many thanks.

Kind regards,

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REFERENCE:

29 April 2013

Dear Dr. Al-Thani,

On behalf of the Secretary-General, I would like to thank you for your letter dated 25 February 2013, requesting him to take part in the nomination process of the 2013 WISE Prize for Education.

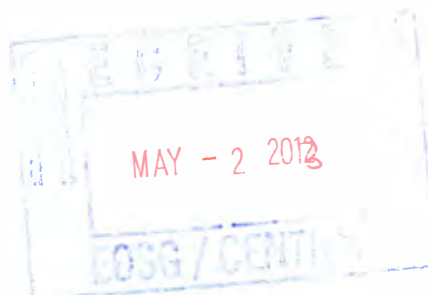
Unfortunately, in keeping with United Nations rules and practices, the Secretary-General will be unable to submit his nomination. Nevertheless, allow me to take this opportunity to convey his best wishes for success to your institution.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, consisting of several loops and a long horizontal stroke.

Susana Malcorra
Chef de Cabinet

Dr. Abdulla bin Ali Al-Thani, Ph.D.
Chairman of WISE
Qatar Foundation
Doha



Re: For advice please -- Request from Wise Prize for Education to take part in the nomination process of the WISE Prize for Education

Josiane Ambiehl to: Kaori Minami

23/04/2013 09:32 AM

Cc: Rommel Maranan

Yes, please, with letter for approval by CdC.

Thank you, Josiane

Kaori Minami

Shall we decline -- as per OLA and ODSG's a...

04/23/2013 09:16 AM EDT

From: Kaori Minami
To: Josiane Ambiehl
Cc: Rommel Maranan
Date: 04/23/2013 09:16 AM EDT
Subject: Fw: For advice please -- Request from Wise Prize for Education to take part in the nomination process of the WISE Prize for Education

Shall we decline -- as per OLA and ODSG's advice? thanks

Kaori Minami
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----- Forwarded by Kaori Minami/NY/UNO on 23/04/2013 09:16 AM -----

From: Lenni Montiel/NY/UNO
To: Kaori Minami/NY/UNO@UNHQ, Jackilyn Punsal/NY/UNO@UNHQ, Josiane Ambiehl/NY/UNO@UNHQ, Mary Sack/NY/UNO@UNHQ, Pim Valdre/NY/UNO@UNHQ, Rommel Maranan/NY/UNO@UNHQ, Sanghwa Lee/NY/UNO@UNHQ, Sebastien Lawson/NY/UNO@UNHQ,
Date: 23/04/2013 08:21 AM
Subject: Re: For advice please -- Request from Wise Prize for Education to take part in the nomination process of the WISE Prize for Education

Dear Kaori - we do not have objections to the suggestion made below by OLA. This is very relevant information for us as well. Best, Lenni

Markus Pallek

Dear Kaori, Thank you for your e-mail of 19 April...

23/04/2013 12:07:01 AM

From: Markus Pallek/NY/UNO
To: Kaori Minami/NY/UNO@UNHQ,
Cc: Jackilyn Punsal/NY/UNO@UNHQ, Josiane Ambiehl/NY/UNO@UNHQ, Lenni Montiel/NY/UNO@UNHQ, Mary Sack/NY/UNO@UNHQ, Pim Valdre/NY/UNO@UNHQ, Rommel Maranan/NY/UNO@UNHQ, Sanghwa Lee/NY/UNO@UNHQ, Sebastien Lawson/NY/UNO@UNHQ, Antigonis Axiadopoulos/NY/UNO@UNHQ, Phyllis Hwang/NY/UNO@UNHQ, Stephanie Cartier/NY/UNO@UNHQ, Cathy Capone/NY/UNO@UNHQ, Frank Smyth/NY/UNO@UNHQ, Mae Arkoncel/NY/UNO@UNHQ, Anna Litvaka/NY/UNO@UNHQ, Azrael A Quinonez/NY/UNO@UNHQ
Date: 23/04/2013 12:07 AM
Subject: Re: For advice please -- Request from Wise Prize for Education to take part in the nomination process of the WISE Prize for Education

Dear Kaori,

Thank you for your e-mail of 19 April 2013, requesting OLA's advice on a letter inviting the Secretary-General to nominate candidates for an award honouring education, the WISE Prize for Education, which consists of USD 500,000 and a gold medal, and which was established by Her Highness Sheikha Moza bint Nasser, Chairperson of the Qatar Foundation.

We have reviewed this invitation and, based on the information available to us, we understand that the Qatar Foundation is a semi-private chartered, non-profit organization from Qatar, and which was founded in 1995 by decree of His Highness Sheikh Hamad bin Khalifa Al Thani, Emir of Qatar.

We also understand that in 2012, the Secretary-General was invited, but declined, to propose nominees for the WISE Prize for Education "in keeping with the United Nations rules and practices." We are also aware that the Qatar Foundation is reportedly associated with an individual who has made statements that are at odds with the core values of the United Nations. See, for example,

<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/sport/football/article-1340316/Barcelona-pressure-tear-Qatar-Foundation-shirt-sponsorship-deal-claims-trusts-links-Hamas.html>

Accordingly, the Secretary-General's participation in activities of the Qatar Foundation may entail reputational risks for the Organization. There would be an additional reputational damage if the Secretary-General's nominees were to be rejected by the judges. Moreover, as the Qatar Foundation appears to be governmental in part, the Secretary-General may create an unintended perception that the Organization favours a member State. Such a perception would be at odds with the "exclusively international character" of the responsibilities of the Secretary-General.

We further note that by accepting the invitation, the Secretary-General would set a precedent. Such precedent would constrain the Secretary-General's ability to exercise discretion when subsequent invitations to nominate individuals for awards granted by similar entities are extended.

In sum, there is no absolute specific legal impediment to the Secretary-General's participation in the nomination process for the WISE Prize for Education granted by the Qatar Foundation. However, in light of the above considerations, it would seem prudent for the Secretary-General to decline the invitation on the basis of the same reasons provided in his response to last year's request.

We hope that this will assist you and we are available if you wish to discuss.

With best regards,
Markus

Kaori Minami

Dear Markus - Please find attached a letter from...

19/04/2013 05:03:39 PM



For advice please -- Request from Wise Prize for Education to take part in the nomination process of the WISE Prize for Education

Kaori Minami to: Markus Pallek

19/04/2013 05:03 PM

CC: Lenni Montiel, Pim Valdre, Josiane Ambiehl, Sanghwa Lee,
Sebastien Lawson, Mary Sack, Rommel Maranan, Jackilyn Punsal

Dear Markus -

Please find attached a letter from the Wise Prize for Education inviting the SG to nominate an individual or a team for the 2013 WISE Prize for Education. I have also attached a brochure that was sent together with their letter.



wise prize 2 April.pdf WISE PRIZE Brochure.pdf

Would OLA advise that he accept please? I am also copying our Development Unit to seek their views too.

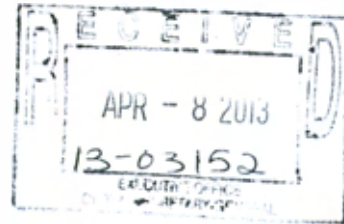
Thank you -
Kaori

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Date: April 2, 2013

Subject: Invitation to submit a nomination for the 2013 WISE Prize for Education

Your Excellency Mr Ban Ki-Moon,

I am writing to ask you once again to take part in the nomination process of the WISE Prize for Education.

As you may know, the WISE Prize, established by Her Highness Sheikha Moza bint Nasser, Chairperson of Qatar Foundation, is the first major global award to recognize an outstanding, world-class contribution to education. The Prize is rising international awareness of the pivotal role of education in human development. The WISE Prize for Education Laureate receives an award of \$500,000 (US) and a gold medal.

The inaugural WISE Prize for Education was awarded to Sir Fazle Hasan Abed, Founder and Chairman of BRAC in 2011. In 2012, Dr. Madhav Chavan, Co-Founder and CEO of Pratham became the second WISE Prize for Education Laureate.

I invite you to nominate an individual, or a team of up to six people, whose achievements may qualify them for the 2013 WISE Prize for Education. I also request that you respect the confidential nature of this process by ensuring that candidates are not informed of their nomination. Only the Laureate's name will be made public.

Please find enclosed a brochure about the WISE Prize. Nominations should be submitted online at www.wiseprizeforeducation.org before April 30, 2013.

The selection of a deserving Laureate depends, to a large extent, on the quality of nominations. I would be grateful if you would communicate key information about the WISE Prize to your networks as widely as possible to ensure that we identify a correspondingly broad range of suitable candidates.

I hope you will accept my invitation to join the 2013 nomination process. I believe that, with your continuing support, the WISE Prize for Education is inspiring leaders and educators worldwide and making a major contribution to building the future of education.

Yours sincerely,

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