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## Abed gets first WISE prize for education

### Star Report

Sir Fazle Hasan Abed, founder and chairperson of Brac, has been awarded the first WISE Prize for Education in recognition of his 40-year career dedicated to alleviating poverty through education.

His Highness Sheikh Hamad bin Khalifa Al-Thani, Amir of the State of Qatar, presented Abed with the prize, a major award for education, at the opening session of the third World Innovation Summit for Education (WISE) in Doha.



Qatar Amir Sheikh Hamad bin Khalifa Al-Thani presents a gold medal to Brac founder Sir Fazle Hasan Abed in Doha yesterday. Photo: Courtesy

In his immediate reaction, Abed, who also spoke at the summit, told UNB, “I am very happy getting the WISE prize. I am also happy for all the Brac employees who have been recognised by the award.”

The efforts of all Brac employees will increase with this recognition, he added. With the theme of “Changing Societies, Changing Education”, this year's WISE summit is discussing how education can become more effective in tackling social, economic and political challenges, and promoting sustainable development in a rapidly evolving world.

A total of 1,300 representatives and 48 speakers from 104 countries across the world are taking part in the summit, organised by the Qatar Foundation for Education, Science and Community Development.

Academics, policymakers, private sectors' representatives, heads of NGOs and associations from across the world have assembled for the Doha summit.