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BRAC chief gets WISE prize

DHAKA, NOV 1: BRAC chairperson and founder Fazle Hasan Abed has been awarded the inaugural 'WISE Prize for Education', world's largest award in education, at the third World Innovation Summit for Education (WISE) in Qatar. A specially designed gold medal bearing the word 'education' in over 50 languages and a cash award of USD 500,000 was presented to Abed on Tuesday by Sheikh Hamad bin Khalifa Al-Thani, Amir of the State of Qatar, at the opening session of the summit at Qatar National Convention Centre in Doha, said a BRAC press statement.

Quoting WISE chairman Abdulla bin Ali Al-Thani's speech at the summit, the release said, "Fazle Hasan Abed's life and career embody the values of WISE. He recognised that education is a passport to social inclusion and opportunity. He discovered a successful formula and adapted and expanded it first in Bangladesh and then in other countries."

He said, "As a direct consequence, millions of people around the world lead healthier, happier and more productive lives. His vision, resourcefulness and determination are vital ingredients of the innovation process and he stands as an example to all of us who believe that education, more than anything else, determines the destiny of individuals and societies."

At least 1,300 delegates are attending the November 1-3 summit under the theme 'Changing Societies, Changing Education'. bdnews24.com