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LATE SAUDI ARABIAN PRINCE RECEIVES IFNGO AWARD

KUALA LUMPUR, Oct 16 (Bernama) -- The late Prince Faisal Bin Fahed ibni Abdul Aziz of Saudi Arabia was presented the International Federation of Non-Government Organisations (IFNGO) Award 2000 from IFNGO honorary secretary Mustapha Ma today.

The award was received on his behalf by Saudi Arabian Ambassador to Malaysia Hamed Ma Yahya at the embassy, here.

The award was presented posthumously to the prince for his significant contributions on fighting the scourge of drug abuse in multi-faceted aspects including laying down the broad strategy for the National Committee for Prevention of Drugs in Saudi Arabia.

He also sponsored booklets and magazines, initiated national conferences, directed universities to educate teachers and instructors, arranged academic competitions, directed the production of television programmes and supported research, all in the field of drug prevention.

IFNGO was incorporated in Malaysia in 1991 to mobilise resources needed to support IFNGO's activities to eradicate the problem of drug and inhalant abuse.

Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad was its first ex-officio patron of the foundation.

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