

CHEVENING RAMADAN CELEBRATIONS

are eligible to compete for the prestigious The Inquirer Award 2007.

A panel of independent judges will be looking for entries that show comprehensive and thorough research, incisive interviewing techniques, and creative well-constructed writing and presentation.

As well as receiving The Inquirer Award 2007, the first place winner for the best investigative report for the print media and the first place winner for the best investigative report for television will enjoy an all-expense paid study tour for one week in the UK.

The deadline for receiving all entries is 28 December 2007.

Entry forms and the competition rules are available on the Embassy's websites and will be distributed at the end of the workshops.

In the last Inquirer Award 2005: More than 40 Syrian journalists were trained, and more than 60 took part in the regional competition. Syrian journalists walked off with two trophies (first place winner in the TV category, Ms. Raeda Waqqaf from Syrian TV, and 3rd place in print press category, Mr. Hammoud al Mahmoud from Teshreen) pulling their country's press on top and ahead of the Lebanese, the Palestinians and the Jordanians.



In November 2006 the Embassy was delighted to celebrate Ramadan with a number of our Chevening Alumni. We all enjoyed a delicious iftar at 'al Khawwali's restaurant' in the old town. It was enjoyable, as usual, to see the familiar faces of our Chevening friends. Our Deputy Head of Mission, Mr Roddy Drummond, presented certificates to some of the Alumni, commemorating their Chevening scholarships.

We were also joined by some of our recently returned Chevening Fellows, who spent three months studying various specialist courses at British Universities.

A Chevening Fellowship differs from our scholarships in profile, length and type of study. Chevening Fellowships are

aimed at mid-career professionals in a wide range of fields. Successful candidates demonstrated a good level of English and extensive work experience in specific fields.

During their study in the UK, Fellows studied courses specially written for the British Foreign and Commonwealth Office Fellowship programme. The subjects on offer included subjects such as NGOs and Government Relations, Economic Reform, Public Sector Reform and Gender in Policy Making.

The courses lasted for three months, during which time the participants lived and studied with other post-graduates from around the world. Certificates were also presented to some of the Fellows.