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Geneva, 29 June 1995

Sir,

Sasakawa Health Prize
United Arab Emirates Health Foundation Prize

I have the honour to invite the national health administration of your Government to propose the name of a candidate it would like to have considered for the award, in 1996, of the following Prizes:

1. The Sasakawa Health Prize

... A copy of the Statutes of the Prize is attached for your information
... (Annex 1), together with guidelines for the selection of candidates (Annex 2).

The Prize consists of a statuette and a sum of money amounting to approximately US\$ 100 000; the actual amount awarded to each laureate is determined by the Prize Committee. The Prize is awarded for outstanding innovative work in health development, such as the promotion of given health programmes or notable advances in primary health care, in order to encourage the further development of such work. Therefore, the candidate proposed should not only be intimately associated with the work but should have the possibility of remaining involved in its further development.

2. The United Arab Emirates Health Foundation Prize

... A copy of the Statutes of the Foundation is attached for your information
... (Annex 3), together with guidelines for the selection of candidates (Annex 4).

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The Prize consists of a certificate of award, a plaque from the Founder, and a sum of money which will not exceed US\$ 40 000. The Prize is awarded to a person or persons, an institution or institutions, or a nongovernmental organization or organizations, who have made an outstanding contribution to health development.

Both Prizes will be presented during the Forty-ninth World Health Assembly in May 1996.

It is essential that the nomination of each national health administration should be limited to one candidate per Prize and presented with adequate justification and the most pertinent documentation as evidence of the work carried out by the candidate. A lack of relevant information could greatly handicap the Sasakawa Health Prize Committee and the United Arab Emirates Health Foundation Committee in their assessment of the candidates. Attention is therefore drawn to the importance of providing precise information by ... completing the attached candidature forms (Sasakawa Health Prize at Annex 5 and ... United Arab Emirates Health Foundation Prize at Annex 6).

It should be noted that the candidature of a current or a former member of the WHO Secretariat, or a current member of the Executive Board of the World Health Organization will not be accepted.

Should you wish to nominate a candidate for the above-mentioned Prizes, I should be grateful if you would send your proposals, together with the completed candidature forms, signed by the competent authority, in time to reach WHO headquarters in Geneva not later than 27 October 1995. It is emphasized that it will not be possible to submit nominations received after this closing date to the Sasakawa Health Prize Committee and the United Arab Emirates Health Foundation Committee when they meet in January 1996.

Please accept, Sir, the assurance of my highest consideration.

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Director-General