

## **Bernama, 19/9/12 – Iqbal Khan Receives Royal Award For Islamic Finance**

KUALA LUMPUR, Sept 19 (Bernama) -- Prominent Islamic banker Iqbal Khan has been announced as the second recipient of the prestigious Royal Award for Islamic Finance for his dedication, drive and extraordinary leadership in accelerating the global growth and accessibility of Islamic finance. The award was presented by the Yang di-Pertuan Agong Tuanku Abdul Halim Mu'adzam Shah to Iqbal, who is also the Chief Executive Officer of international Islamic investment firm Fajr Capital, at a gala dinner Wednesday. The current financial crisis has highlighted the need to bring morality, values, ethics and corporate social responsibility into finance, investment and capitalism, which are important for future stability," Iqbal told a press conference Wednesday. Iqbal, who has been associated with Islamic finance for more than two decades, said Malaysia has the foundation to play a leadership role in Islamic finance with its commitment coupled with its competitive products. Meanwhile, Royal Award Jury Chairman Tun Musa Hitam said 31 nominations were received from all over the world, including the United States, Middle East, Europe, Africa, North America and Asia Pacific. "We have taken into consideration all aspects that relate to his contribution in Islamic finance that serves as an inspiration for the next generation," he added.