



MEPI

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What is MEPI?

The Middle East Partnership Initiative (MEPI) is at the forefront of U.S. efforts to advance democratic reform and vibrant, prosperous societies in the Middle East and North Africa. An integral part of U.S. policy, MEPI provides coordinated, tangible support and public commitment to indigenous efforts in the areas of women's empowerment, educational advancement, economic development and political participation.

For more information about the Middle East Partnership Initiative, please visit MEPI's web site at www.mepi.state.gov

MEPI Alumni - Lebanon Chapter

MEPI Alumni Network is a community of alumni of MEPI-sponsored programs. It provides opportunities for alumni to network with each other, develop their careers and learn more about the accomplishments of the alumni community, thus helping to extend their program experience.

The MEPI Alumni - Lebanon Chapter is a network of positive thinkers and advocates of change. We aim to create public value for the Lebanese society within MEPI's four pillars: democracy, educational reform, economic reform and women's empowerment.

MEPI Alumni - Lebanon Chapter implements activities that include drafting policy recommendations, contributing to human development, enhancing citizenship and promoting the rule of law. Our diverse backgrounds, openness to dialogue, outreach and inherent synergy are the landmarks of our success.

The MEPI 2009 Excellence Award for Civil Society

The MEPI Excellence Award is the initiative of MEPI Alumni - Lebanon Chapter to promote and encourage achievements in the Lebanese civil society sector.

The award is an annual event recognizing successful projects within the following categories:

- Women's Empowerment
- Democracy and Rule of Law
- Youth and Education
- Economics and Entrepreneurship
- Environment and Rural Development

All entries will be reviewed and evaluated based on a standardized grading system by a jury composed of prominent figures and specialists in the civil society, media and business sectors. The winners in each category will be announced and prizes awarded at a special gala dinner event to be held on March 28, 2009.

Eligibility Criteria

All Lebanese civil society organizations are welcome to apply. Members of Lebanon's MEPI Alumni Steering Committee are ineligible.

Projects, which must have been completed by September 30, 2008, should fall into one of the five MEPI categories listed above.

How to Apply

Applications are available on the following websites:

- lebanon.usembassy.gov
- mepi.state.gov
- www.amideast.org

Hard copies are also available at AMIDEAST's Beirut office.

A completed typed application form, in English or Arabic, should be submitted to AMIDEAST, no later than Wednesday, **March 4, 2009**.

Applicants may submit entries by email, mail, fax or personal delivery.

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