



Palestinian Diaspora Award

This award is given to individuals who have sustained commitment to revitalize the Palestinian essence with its cultural heritage, core values, current needs, and future aspirations, and sustained commitment to being a sturdy bridge of solidarity with and support to Palestinians in Palestine, the Holy Land, and beyond.



RECIPIENT OF THE 2013 PALESTINIAN DISAPORA AWARD

SAID KHOURY

Chairman and President

Consolidated Contractors Company (CCC)

Said Tawfiq Khoury is the co-founder and the chairman of the board of directors of the Consolidated Contractors Company (CCC).

Consolidated Contractors Company is the largest construction company in the Middle East with the revenue of more than five billion US dollars. Mr. Khoury has supported many charitable organizations, helped needy families, supported hospitals, institutions, and schools! His mark is indelible, as his fingerprint is in almost every program and initiative created to support Palestine and the Palestinians. Including the latest great initiative, The **Bethlehem Development Initiative**, a project intended to restore and rebuild Bethlehem. The BDI is another testament of the many noble deeds Mr. Khoury has undertaken for the benefit of his homeland and his people.

Khoury was born in 1923 in Safad, Palestine. His father was a rich landlord who used to hold the fishing rights for fishing in the Sea of Galilee. Said Khoury graduated in 1946 and returned to his father at Safad. Then he started his own construction business. But he could not continue his business due to the war in Palestine and enforced to close it in May 1948 when the hostilities broke out.

He and his sister's Husband Hasib Sabbagh had a good relationship. Hasib Sabbagh wanted to start a new business. So he, Said Khoury and Kamil Abd al-Rahman started a new business with the help of some other businessman from Syria and Lebanon. That time Consolidated Contractors Company (CCC) was established by these three founders. Kamil Abd al-Rahman died in 1980. Kamil sold his ownership portion to his father and mother before he was retired.

Mr. Khoury has shown his interest to other businesses as well as CCC. He has been the Governor: Arab Monetary Fund, Member: Board of Trustees of Bethlehem Foundation which is in Washington DC, Chairman: Palestinian Businessmen Organization, Member: Board of Trustees of the Institute of Palestinian Studies in Beirut and Member: Board of Trustees of Parish of Greek Orthodox of Europe, chairman: Palestine Electrical Company in Gaza and Honorary chair: The Aspen Institute's Middle East Strategy Group.

The second Palestinian Diaspora Award will be presented to Mr. Said Khoury at the **HCEF Awards Banquet, Friday, October 18, 2013 from 6:00 – 10:00pm**. The Awards Banquet is held in conjunction with the **15th International Conference, which takes place Saturday, October 19, 2013 from 8:00 am – 5:30 pm**.

**The Awards Banquet and the International Conference will be held at the
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