The House of Arts and Culture (the Lebanese-Omani Centre) International Architecture Competition **Prize Announcements**

On Friday March 20th, 2009, we, the undersigned approved the following:

After election of a Jury Chairman, Mr. Suha Ozkan, and Jury Secretary, Ms. Magda Mostafa, on the first day of deliberations, the jury progressed with a process of a series of cycles of project selection through a total of 7 cycles. The projects were reviewed in three categories in reference to their qualification according to the technical committee review and report. Disqualification criteria were later confirmed by both the jury and the technical committee. No projects with concurred disqualification were considered past the 4th cycle when disqualification was finalized in consultation with the technical committee representative, Mr. Sany Jamal. Each of these cycles resulted in a list of projects for serious consideration.

At the point of the 6th cycle a point system was adopted, where each jury member assigned a score of 5, 4, 3, 2 and 1 points, with the highest score going to the first prize winner suggestions, 4 points to the second prize winner and so forth. This was applied to a final short list of the top 7 projects emerging from the 5th cycle, giving the jury 2 zero scores to assign. This resulted in a short list of three projects which were again scored in a similar manner and the following result was obtained and upheld by the jury:

- 1st prize awarded to Project 77, identification code (X 8997 WVE)
- 2nd prize awarded to Project 31, identification code (A 3874 QQC)
- 3RD prize awarded to Project 64, identification code (G 8897 EQS)

With 8 honorable mentions to the following projects:

Project 90 (T5326 TXF)

Project 149 (W2457 BLD)

Project 32 (09999 PYV) Project 52 (D 7889 CQS)

Project 65 (X 5372 EAV)

Project 129 (P 6866 WGJ)

Project 131 (D 9478 XMS)

Project 4 (Q 2932 TMH)

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Mr. Suha Ozkan: Chairman of the Jury: Architect, Historian and Theorist (Turkey) t MARIAN Ms. Magda Mostafa, Jury Secretary: Representative of the International Union of Architects (UIA) Mr. Frederic Husseini: Representative of His Excellency the Minister of Culture of the Republic of Lebanon Mr Said El Barashdi: Representative of the Sultanate of Oman Mr. Assem Salam: Representative of the Orders of Engineers and Architects of Lebanon Mr. Angus Gavin: Representative) of the Lebanese Company for the Development and Reconstruction of Beirut Central District (SOLIDERE) Ms. Momoyo Kaijima: Architect / Atelier Bow Wow (Japan) Ms. Izaskun Chinchilla: Architect (Spain); Mr. Okwui Enwezor: Curator / Dean of Academic Affairs and Senior Vice President at San Francisco Art Institute (USA - Nigeria)