

Press release

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**Lord Foster honoured with Prince of Asturias award**

Lord Foster is to be the 29th laureate of the prestigious Prince of Asturias award for the Arts, it was announced today and will be formally presented with the prize at a ceremony in October in Oviedo, presided over by H.R.H The Prince of Asturias, heir to the throne of Spain. The awards, which were instigated by the Prince of Asturias Foundation in 1981, recognise scientific, technical, cultural, social and humanistic work carried out at an international level by individuals, institutions, groups of people or groups of institutions whose achievements are exemplary at an international level.

Lord Foster said:

I am thrilled to accept the Prince of Asturias Award. It is a tremendous honour and a wonderful recognition of the importance of design as a catalyst in improving the quality of life. I would also like to thank the many collaborators and esteemed colleagues who share this achievement with me.

Notes to editors:

The Prince of Asturias Foundation was founded in the city of Oviedo on 24th September 1980 at a formal ceremony presided over by His Royal Highness the Prince of Asturias, heir to the throne of Spain, who was accompanied by his parents, Their Majesties the King and Queen of Spain.

The aims of the Foundation are to consolidate links between the Principality and the Prince of Asturias, and to contribute to encouraging and promoting the scientific, cultural and humanistic values that form part of mankind's universal heritage. The Prince of Asturias Awards were instigated to symbolise the nature and aims of the Foundation.

Awards are presented in 8 categories: Arts, Social Sciences, Communication and Humanities, Concord, International Cooperation, Sports, Technical & Scientific Research, Letters.

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