

Munqeth Mehyar's opening Speech at the Garden of the Good in Jordan

I would like to welcome our guests and excellencies to this unique event aiming at honouring and acknowledging the contributions of seven Jordanian patriots who left an impact and a legacy. What also makes this event very special is the ideal which brought us together today and which formed the basis of our partnership with Gariwo: **Goodness**.

What we do at EcoPeace Middle East is all about **Goodness**.

I have been the Jordanian Co-Director of **EcoPeace Middle East** since its establishment in 1994. During the last 23 years, I have been giving speeches, organizing and participating in many different events focusing on the mission of EcoPeace, which is environmental protection and peace building. Never really thinking of all the good we are doing through all our activities and projects we implement with the local communities and the decision makers. Our mission at EcoPeace is to do good not only for the people but dividing and balancing it between people and nature.

One important good we have done and accomplished at EcoPeace is that establishment of the **SHE Ecopark** (Sharhabil Bin Hassneh Eco Park) we are gathering in today to celebrate this important occasion.

The park is a place where local, regional and international youth, adults, decision makers and tourists can come together to learn about and experience the shared environment and understand the importance of cooperation and coexistence and living a balanced life with our environment.

The seven people we honour today come from different backgrounds and played different important roles in life, some of who are still with us and some who have passed away, and this has been done for a purpose: **there is no one particular area where we can live a good life and leave a positive impact behind us** to be remembered.

I praise and admire every one of the seven Jordanians we are here to honour today. I hope we will keep adding more names to our garden and one day see that EcoPeace's work, represented by all its dedicated staff is also recognized and honoured.

I would like to extend our appreciation and thanks to the Ministry of Culture in Jordan, who have assisted greatly in choosing the 7 Jordanian figures and the governor for his long-time support.

Very special thanks to **Gariwo** for giving us a chance to implement the Garden of the Good in Jordan and become part of their wonderful initiative.