

the attendance of my country's wise government, and surrounded by our leaders and ambassador in order that we might together lay the foundation of a charitable landmark bearing the name of Kuwait before the name of Abdullah Al-Othman. Although this is a time when charitable work is going through its most difficult stages, suffering from the stranglehold of being charged with financing extremist thinking; however Bayt Zakat has been able to overcome all these obstacles, and as a result has become the assurance for donors that they will not be held accountable by any side. This means that one dinar does not leave the treasury of Bayt Zakat before ensuring its destination and who will be responsible of it. So to be exact, this house is an official body that represents the State of Kuwait and its foreign policy. Moreover, after dealing closely with them for the past years, I have found that what distinguishes Bayt Zakat from other state institutions is the homogeneity and satisfaction between its employees and leaders; a policy formulated by the former general director Abdul-Qadir Al-Ajeel, and sincerely supported by his two former deputies, Khalid Al-Husseini and Abdul-Aziz Al-Bazai. Thanks be to God, Bayt Zakat has been blessed with a new general director and deputies who are no less efficient and sincere than their predecessors. Lastly, I hope that other institutions in the country would learn from this elegant institutional model and adopt its approach.

I can only say thank you, Bayt Zakat. You are truly a house of pride.