

**King Abdulaziz University in Jeddah Launches  
Chair of Women's Health Rights**

*New position will be held by Dr. Samia Al-Amoudi, Chairwoman of the Sheikh Mohammed Hussien Al-Amoudi Scientific Chair for "Women's Health Rights"*

A new initiative supporting women's health rights in the Middle East, a Chair of Women's Health Rights, has been announced in King Abdulaziz University (KAU) in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia. The program, the first of its kind in the region, has been funded for three years by Saudi businessman Sheikh Mohammed Hussien Al-Amoudi and will be chaired by Dr. Samia Al-Amoudi, head of the Sheikh Mohammed Hussein Al-Amoudi Center of Excellence in Breast Cancer.

"As basic and fundamental human rights, health rights are a priority for women worldwide," said Dr. Al-Amoudi. "Without their health, women are unable to carry out their tasks as mothers & wives, unable to meet the requirements of work and unable to claim other rights," she added.

With a stated mission "to empower women with knowledge of their health rights," the focus of the chair will include cancer patients' rights, particularly breast cancer patients; reproductive health and safe motherhood; adolescent sexual and psychological health; and underserved women's health, including women with physical limitations and deaf & mute in particular.

"We envision partnerships with governmental bodies locally and internationally with this step toward world-class women's health care," said Dr. Al-Amoudi. "We are grateful for the vision of His Excellency Professor Osama Bin Sadeq Tayeb, President of the University, in establishing this important new program," she added.