

Dr. Sulaiman Al-Khattaf Received KAUST Center Award

HE Ali Ibrahim Al-Naimi, Minister for Petroleum and Mineral Resources, awarded the King Abdullah University for Science and Technology (KAUST) Center-in-Development on *Transformative Research in Petrochemicals and Polymers* to King Fahd University of Petroleum and Minerals at a ceremony held at Jeddah on May 27, 2008. Dr. Sulaiman Al-Khattaf, Principal Investigator of the center received the award. This award is a part of the Global Research Partnership (GRP) program launched by KAUST as a key initiative to build innovative global alliances to facilitate its development as a globally linked university.



From right, Mr. Nadhmi Al-Nasr (Interim President, KAUST), HE Ali Al-Naimi (Saudi Arabian Minister of Petroleum and Mineral Resources), Dr. Sulaiman Al-Khattaf (Principal Investigator, KAUST CID at KFUPM), and Dr. Choon Fong Shih (President Designate, KAUST).

OBJECTIVES OF KAUST CENTER

- Establish focused research programs to generate novel concepts and intellectual properties, leading to value-added or improved products.
 - Strengthen graduate education in petrochemicals and polymers to produce highly skilled human resources.
 - Promote cooperation in research by strengthening domestic and international research linkages.
 - Achieve an excellent level of research management and policies within the three-year period to compete for a full KAUST Center immediately after the three-year CID award period.
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