

TRANSLATION

Speech of
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*In the name of Allah
Praise be to Allah and peace and prayers be upon his Prophet*

Your Royal Highness Crown Prince
Your Highnesses
Your Eminences
Your Excellencies
My Honorable brothers

Assalam Alaikum,

When the King Faisal International Prize, with its three branches, came out into existence, it came to develop and boom as a blessed tree to give its fruits to people contributed in serving Islam and supporting its cause, and took part in enriching Arab and Islamic nations.

Last year we celebrate the honoring of two scholars from our Muslim nation, namely Shaikh Abu Al-A'ala Al-Mawdoodi who spent all his life in serving Islam until he passed away. We ask God the Almighty to grant him mercy and forgiveness. The second is Fuat Sezgin, the scholar researcher, who added by his work "the history of the Arab heritage" a wealth more than any other material wealth to the balance of the Islamic library.

Today we celebrate, for the prize's second year, honoring an elite of scholars and intellectuals who gave their Arab and Islamic nation, in particular, and the mankind world, in general, what they deserve of

honoring. We ask God the Almighty to meet every year to honor such a people. The wealth of our fundamental Islamic nation is embodied, primarily, in its doctrine, because a nation which is not based on a firm and established doctrine is really a poor nation.

Therefore, the King Faisal International Prize for service to Islam has been an impetus to honor people who exerted their efforts to serve and propagate Islam worldwide, for the sake of mankind's happiness, security and stability.

Since ~~the~~ constructive thought and mentality are a significant part of the Islamic Da'awah aspects, the King Faisal international prize for Islamic studies and Arabic literature are regarded as a response to this Da'awah.

We are looking forward to the day that this prize will expand to include honoring our scholars in other areas.

Today, I am very glad to congratulate the prize's winners for this year, asking God the Almighty to help them to continue their noble efforts and their grand presentations.

My utmost thanks and gratitude to His Royal Highness, my master the Crown Prince for his patronage and honoring of this celebration.

My thanks also are to all who have attended this celebration in spite of their engagements. I ask God the Almighty to maintain the honor and glory of the Islamic nation and provide it with stability and security to achieve the desired happiness for the Muslim, which is not so dear for God.

May peace, mercy and blessings of God be upon you.