

Speech of HRH Prince Khalid Al-Faisal ibn Abd Al-Aziz
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In the name of god, the Merciful, the Compassionate, Praise be to God of this universe. Peace and blessings be upon our Prophet Muhammad, and all his Kinship and Companions.

Your Royal Highness, Prince Abd Allah ibn Abd Al-Aziz
The Crown Prince,
Your Highnesses, the Princes
Your Eminencies and Excellencies,
Your Excellencies, winners of King Faisal International Prize,
Ladies and gentlemen,

Dear Brethren
Your Royal Highness,

Your inauguration of this blessed ceremony, on behalf of your brother the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques, is a genuine revelation of the characteristics of the leaders of this country represented in their love for benefaction, encouragement of those who are true and sincere. It is a good example for the care paid by this leadership reflected in the service of Islam and Muslims; in thought and practice, and continued their endeavors to the service of the language of the Holy Qura'n in performing research and studies, and devoted their scientific qualifications for the progress of human progress on the levels of both theory and practice.

Thank you, your highness, for this care, and May God reward the leadership of this country for their support of all aspects of benefaction.

We are thrilled in celebrating the occasion of the 11th annual awarding of King Faisal International Prizes. As each year elapses, the prize becomes more deeply rooted and widespread. The reason behind that lies in its adherence to clear-cut noble objectives, and adopting genuine and civilized procedures, as it does not make discrimination on the basis of colour, or race, but it aims to be fair and just in its awards, and takes in consideration eligibility of work and its benefits when taking decisions. In reading the biographies of those who were awarded the prize we find that they were pioneers in the field of fruitful work, research and invention. Their contributions in performing good and genuine works besides their highly distinguished scientific importance is an irrefutable proof for the success of those in charge of the prize in selecting the eligible winners of the prize. While awarding those winners, thereafter, international or grand local prizes constitutes another proof as being the pioneer and forerunner in recognizing the eminent scientists and researchers and honouring them.

Your Royal Highness

May you allow me to take this opportunity to reiterate my sincere thanks to you highness for inaugurating this ceremony; and to extend my sincere congratulations for these personalities, the outstanding scientists whose great contributions, and genuine researches qualified them for winning the prize this year, wishing them more prosperity and success yet to come. Also I would like to extend my sincere thanks to those who responded to the invitation and participated in this thrilling scientific ceremony.
