

Translation

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*In the name of Allah, the Merciful, the Compassionate,  
and Peace and Prayers be upon the Messenger of Allah.*

Your Royal Highness Prince Sultan Ibn Abd Al-Aziz,  
Second Deputy Premier,  
Minister of Defense and Aviation and Inspector General,  
Your Royal Highnesses,  
Your Excellencies,  
Distinguished Guests

Salam Alaikum.

An august prince nurturing culture by kindly sponsoring this celebration;  
A prize that honors icons of scholarship and humanity;  
Prominent men and women of learning that dedicated themselves to pursuing  
virtue, advancing knowledge and serving mankind, and

An esteemed gathering of intellectuals that sign - by their attendance - a message  
of civilization from Saudi Arabia to the rest of the world;

What a fabulous evening!

What a noble gathering!

Long live all of you; long live our civilized country, Saudi Arabia; long live King  
Fahad and long live Prince Abd Allah.

Salam Alaikum.