

Translation of the Speech

By

His Royal Highness Prince

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*In the name of Allah, the Merciful, the Compassionate
And Peace and Prayers be to His Prophet*

Your Royal highness Prince Sultan bin Abd Al-Aziz,
Crown Prince, Deputy Premiere, Minister of Defense and
Aviation and Inspector General,
Your Royal Highnesses the Princes,
Your Eminences and Excellencies,
Your Excellency Dr. Isabel de Lima,
Minister of Culture, Portugal,
Honorable Laureates of this year's King Faisal International Prize,
Distinguished guests,

Assalamu Alaikum and welcome

This evening, Riyadh celebrates intellectual ingenuity as it has earlier embraced political ingenuity at the hands of its gallant monarch Abd Allah bin Abd Al-Aziz.

It is only through creativity that the Arab and Islamic nation can liberate itself from backwardness and subordination and rise to its responsibility as the communicator of Allah's Message.

Your Royal Highness, Prince Sultan,

I salute your sponsorship of knowledge, appreciation of scholars and encouragement of the Prize that bears the name of your beloved brother.

Distinguished laureates,

Congratulations on your accomplishments, your gifts to humanity and your services to mankind.

Distinguished intellectuals,

Welcome to this festival of ingenuity.

Assalamu Alaikum