

TRANSLATION

Presentation of the
2009 King Faisal International Prize Winners

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In the Name of Allah, the Merciful, the Compassionate

Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques King Abd Allah bin Abd Al-Aziz
Your Royal Highnesses the Princes
Your Eminencies and Excellencies

Al-Salam alaikum,

In this fabulous evening that radiates with joy for the sponsorship of its events by a monarch whose words and deeds testify to his strong commitment to the progress of his country advancement of his nation, and welfare of the entire humanity, it gives me great pleasure to present to you this year's winners of the different categories of the Prize.

The King Faisal International Prize for Service to Islam is awarded to the "Principal Shari'a Society for Quran and Sunnah Scholars" of the Arab Republic of Egypt. The Society was nominated for the prize by the World Assembly of Muslim Youth.

The Society is awarded the prize in recognition of its outstanding services to Islam and Muslims, including: its perseverant efforts, since its inception 100 years ago, to promulgate Islamic teachings, assert and defend the purity of the Islamic Da'awa (Call) and emphasize its commitment to the cause of Islam and away from any political ambitions, as well as its extensive

humanitarian and social services to under-privileged people in Egypt, Palestine and other parts of the Islamic world in Africa and Asia.

I am pleased to call upon the Society's representative Professor Muhammad Al-Mukhtar Al-Mahdi to come forward to receive the award and deliver his speech.

The King Faisal International Prize for Islamic Studies, assigned this year to "Studies by Muslim Scholars of the Concept of Imran" is awarded to Professor Abdesselam Muhammed Cheddadi of Morocco, Professor at the University Research Institute in Mohammad V University in Rabat. He was nominated for the prize by King Abd Al-Aziz Foundation for Islamic Studies and Humanities in Casablanca.

Professor Cheddadi is awarded the prize in recognition of his seminal studies on the works of Ibn Khaldun, a leading thinker and authority in the Islamic concept of Imran. Professor Cheddadi has skillfully elucidated the basis, Organisation, concepts and expressions of Imran as conceived by Ibn Khaldun, comparing them to modern social theories and conveying them to a wider international audience through his writings in different languages. Cheddadi's contributions are embodied in numerous publications dealing with various aspects of Ibn Khaldun's thought, and particularly in his book documenting the life and thought of this legendary Arab philosopher.

I am pleased to call upon Professor Cheddadi to come forward to receive the award and deliver his speech.

The King Faisal International Prize for Arabic Language and Literature, assigned this year to the topic of "Verification of Poetry, Prose and Anthology through 300 - 700H," is awarded to a scholar whose dedication and passion for literary verification, is unparalleled, making him a key figure in this field in the Arab world. That is Professor Abd Al-Aziz bin Nasir Al-Manle of Saudi Arabia, Professor Emeritus of Arabic Literature at King Saud University in Riyadh. He was nominated for the prize by Al-Quassim and King Saud Universities in Saudi Arabia and Al-Albait, Hashimite and Jordanian Universities in Jordan.

Professor Al-Manie is awarded the Prize in recognition of his outstanding verifications of several illustrious anthologies written during the aforementioned period. Professor Al-Manie's scholarship is reflected in his masterly verifications, editions and commentaries of major ancient literary works, which provide valuable resources to contemporary readers, researchers and the Arabic library at large.

I am pleased to call upon Professor Al-Manie to come forward to receive the award and deliver his speech.

The King Faisal International Prize for Medicine in the topic of "Molecular Targeted Drugs" is awarded to Professor Ronald Levy of the USA, Professor and Chief of the Oncology Division in the Department of Medicine at Stanford University. He was nominated for the prize by Stanford University.

Professor Levy is awarded the prize in recognition of his pioneering studies on cancer immunotherapy in which he developed monoclonal antibodies capable of recognizing and destroying malignant lymphoma cells, developed the first monoclonal antibody drug for use against these tumors and conducted innovative research aimed at developing a personalized vaccine against the patient's own cancer cells.

I am pleased to call upon Professor Levi to come forward to receive the award and deliver his speech.

The King Faisal International Prize for Science in "Physics" is awarded jointly to Professor Sir Richard Henry Friend of British, and Professor Rashid Alievich Sunyaev of Russian, nationality.

Professor Sir Richard Friend is the Cavendish Professor of Physics and Chairman of the Council of the School of Physical Studies at Cambridge University in the U.K. He was nominated for the prize by the Royal Society of Chemistry in London.

Professor Friend is awarded the prize in recognition of his pioneering research on the physics and engineering of semi-conductor devices made of plastic materials. The fabrication of these devices and circuits by ink jet

printing that he has introduced is radically different from the traditional manufacturing technology and has paved the way for the development of a wide range of applications of plastic semiconductor devices.

Professor Rashid Sunyaev is the Director of Max-Planck Institute for Astrophysics in Germany and Chief Scientist at the Space Research Institute in the Russian Academy of Science. He was nominated for the prize by the Tatarstanian Academy of Science and the Institute of Astrophysics of Uzbekistan Academy of Science.

Professor Sunyaev is awarded the prize in recognition of his pioneering and fundamental contributions to astrophysics and cosmology. His theoretical work on the cosmic background radiation laid the foundation for the observational exploration of the structure of galaxies and the universe. His work on black holes and binary stars was critical in advancing the field of x-ray astronomy.

I am pleased to call upon Professor Sunyaev to come forward to receive the award and deliver his speech.

In conclusion, I would like to express sincere thanks of the General Secretariat of the King Faisal International Prize to the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques for kindly sponsoring this ceremony. I would also like to congratulate the distinguished winners of this year's prizes and to thank you all for sharing this happy event with us. Special appreciation and thanks are also extended to everyone who assisted in the nomination, refereeing and selection processes and the Organization of this ceremony. May Allah assist and support all of those working in the fields of benevolence and welfare of mankind.

Thank you and Al-Salam alaikum.