

Address by
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In the Name of Allah the Most Merciful,

Your Majesty,
Your Royal Highness Crown Prince,
Your Highnesses,
Your Excellencies,
Distinguished Guests,

Amid our delight with awarding King Faisal International Prize to His Majesty King Khalid Ibn Abdulaziz, in appreciation of his unyielding efforts in the service to Muslims, I wish to introduce to His Majesty our Arabic literature laureate, Dr. Abd Al-Salam M. Haroon.

Dr. Haroon is a renowned scholar of contemporary Arabic and Islamic thought, a shining star of Arabic culture and a widely respected mentor of numerous students and researchers throughout the Arab world in terms of preserving our Arabic heritage. Through his relentless efforts in this field, he sets up a school of his own dedicated to reviving ancient manuscripts and instilling a new life in them through his classic studies and copious publications, comprising around 115 books and dissertations. In addition to his insightful contributions in literary journals, Dr. Haroon is also known as a distinguished university educator and a shrewd verifier of manuscripts.

The Selection Committee of King Faisal International Prize decided to award Dr. Haroon the prize this year in recognition of his intellectual stature and in appreciation of his efforts and impact on the literary life.

Thank you.