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In the Name of Allah the Most Merciful

Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques,  
Your Royal Highnesses,  
Your Excellences,  
Distinguished Laureates,

Dear Audience,

The Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques has the upper hand in the firm adherence to the Islamic creed by realization of the interests of Muslims and by supporting learning and honouring scholars. The huge projects implemented in the two holy cities of Makah and Madinah and the giant expansion of education under his leadership are testimony to this. His patronage of this ceremony is an addition to the support he gives to King Faisal Foundation which is proud of his chairmanship.

King Faisal International Prize remains, since its establishment, committed to the policy set by the Kingdom's Leadership which features clarity and soundness of objectives. Awarding the prize has been devoted to candidates who have extended great services to Islam and Muslims, and those who have enriched human knowledge by their original, outstanding research in Islamic Studies, Arabic Literature, Medicine and Science. In view of KFIP's rigorous commitment to excellence, both of this year's prizes for Islamic Studies and Arabic Literature have been withheld. The nominated works in these two categories, while embodying extensive knowledge, have not reached the standards set by the committees. Indeed one of the notable indicators of the rectitude of the selection processes for the Prize is that two of its previous winners have later been awarded the Noble Prize; a third one was awarded a major scientific prize in Switzerland; and a fourth has been awarded the State Appreciation Medal in Egypt.

Finally, we sincerely thank your Majesty; and congratulate the winners of the prize this year, for their brilliant research wishing them continuous success.

Thank You.