

## TRANSLATION

Speech of HRH Prince

### **Khalid Al-Faisal**

Execute President, King Faisal Foundation and  
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36<sup>th</sup> KFIP Awards Ceremony  
Sunday 30/3/2014 (29/5/1435H.)

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

Your Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Abd Al-Aziz  
Crown Prince, Deputy Premier, Minister of Defence and Representative of the  
Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques in sponsoring this ceremony,  
Your Highnesses, Your Eminencies, Your Excellencies,  
Distinguished Guests.

*Assalamu Alaikum and may the mercy and blessings of Allah be upon you:*

*In the atmosphere ... storms upheavals and turmoil ...  
In every corner ... earthquakes, volcanoes and floods ...  
And Centres ... pre-occupied with studies and researches to produce ... mass  
destruction ... chaos and divisions ...  
A world of brawling waves without shores ...  
A fogginess that prevented ... man's understanding of man ...*

*But ...*

*In the horizon ... still there is a glimpse of hope ...  
A flash of virtuousness that shines ... albeit shyly ...  
It is the remaining goodness in mankind ...  
Standing out – undeniably – and cannot be concealed ...  
Serving knowledge and peace ... So that mankind may have a better life ...  
Why not and there are brilliant and noble scholars like you?  
Thanks to the sincere sponsor ... congratulations to the winners ...  
and greetings to the guests ... And to Allah alone we turn for help ...  
Assalamu Alaikum ...*