

TRANSLATION

Presentation of the
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In the name of Allah, the Merciful, the Compassionate

*Praise be to Allah, the Sustainer of the Two Worlds, and Peace and Prayers be
Upon our Prophet Muhammad and all his family, companions and followers*

Your Royal Highness Prince Salman Bin Abd Al-Aziz,
Crown Prince, Deputy Premier, Minister of Defense,
Your Highnesses,
Your Eminences, Your Excellencies,
Distinguished Guests.

Assalamu Alaikum, and may the mercy and blessings of Allah be upon you.

It gives me great pleasure to introduce this year's winners of King Faisal International Prizes.

The King Faisal International Prize for Service to Islam has been awarded to His Eminence Dr. Shaikh Ahmed Lemu (Nigeria), President of the Islamic Education Trust in Nigeria. He was nominated for the Prize by the World Assembly of Muslim Youth in Riyadh. Dr. Lemu is a respected Muslim intellectual and a committed advocate of moderation and open-mindedness. He is recognized for his notable contributions to education and development and his authorship of several constructive texts and Islamic references, in addition to being an active member of many international Islamic organizations and founder of several societies and endowments, including the Union of Women's Islamic Societies and the Islamic *Daawa* Institute for countering extremism in Nigeria.

I am pleased to invite Dr. Shaikh Ahmed Lemu to come forward to receive the Prize and deliver his speech.

The King Faisal International Prize for Islamic Studies in the topic of (*Cultural Heritage of Makkah Al-Mukarramah*) has been awarded to H.E. Professor Abdul Wahab Bin Ibrahim Abou Sulaiman (Saudi Arabia), Member of the Saudi Commission of Senior Islamic Scholars. He was nominated for the Prize by the International Islamic *Fiqh* (Jurisprudence) Academy in Jeddah. His Excellency receives the Prize in recognition of his diverse and illustrious academic endeavors in monitoring and documenting cultural exchanges between people in the Holy Haram and its surroundings, particularly his text: *Bab Al-Salam* which portrays the issue during important historical periods. His studies are distinguished by their objectivity, profundity and richness of resources.

I am pleased to invite His Excellency to come forward to receive his Prize and deliver his speech.

The King Faisal International Prize for Arabic Language and Literature in the topic of (*Studies on Modern Arabic Novel*) has been awarded to Dr. Abdullah Ibrahim (Iraq), Cultural Expert at the Emir's Court in Qatar. He was nominated for the Prize by Kirkuk University in Iraq. He is recognized for his distinguished contributions – through many of his texts - to the study of the modern Arabic novel. His deep knowledge of the Arabic narrative has enabled him to refine this diverse and complex specialty and analyze it in a persuasive manner, combining original and contemporary elements of cultures as a means for elucidating discourse between the Arabic narrative and main stream narrative in world literature.

I am pleased to invite Dr. Abdullah Ibrahim to come forward to receive his Prize and deliver his speech.

The King Faisal International Prize for Medicine in the topic of (*Non-Invasive Diagnosis of Fetal Diseases*) has been awarded to Professor Yok Ming Dennis Lo (China), Director of Li Ka Shing Institute of Health Sciences, Chief of the Department of Chemical Pathology and Professor of Medicine in the Chinese University of Hong Kong. He was nominated for the Prize by the Chinese University of Hong Kong. Professor Dennis is recognized for his pioneering accomplishments in the Prize's topic. He discovered the release of fetal DNA into maternal plasma, and subsequently elucidated the biology of this phenomenon, using innovative techniques and laying the foundations for non-invasive prenatal diagnostics, thereby realizing the promise for replacing

invasive diagnosis, and its complications on both the mother and the fetus, by non-invasive prenatal diagnostic techniques.

I am pleased to invite Professor Dennis Lo to come forward to receive his Prize and deliver his speech.

The King Faisal International Prize for Science in the topic of (*Mathematics*) has been awarded to Professor Gerd Faltings (Germany), Director of Max Planck Institute for Mathematics in Bonn. He was nominated for the Prize by the German National Academy of Sciences. Professor Faltings is known for his seminal contributions to algebraic geometry, number theory and various other pioneering accomplishments that combine ingenuity, vision and technical power. He has introduced stunning new tools and techniques which are now constantly used in modern mathematics.

I am pleased to invite Professor Faltings to come forward to receive his Prize and deliver his speech.

Distinguished Guests,

The General Secretariat of King Faisal International Prize expresses its deep thanks and gratitude to His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Abd Al-Aziz, Crown Prince, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Defense for sponsoring this ceremony on behalf of the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques and to congratulate the winners of this year's prizes for a well deserved recognition. Thanks are also extended to our distinguished guests for sharing this happy event with us. Special appreciation and thanks are extended to all of those who cooperated with us during the nomination, refereeing and selection processes and the organization of this ceremony.

May Allah assist and support those working towards the welfare of humanity.

Assalamu Alaikum, and may the mercy and blessings of Allah be upon you.