

TRANSLATION

Speech of HRH Prince
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*In the name of Allah, Most Gracious, Most Merciful
Praise to Allah and peace and prayers upon the Messenger of Allah.*

Your highnesses, your excellencies, your eminencies

Alsalamu Alaykum Warahmat Allah Wabarakatuh

I would like to greet you and thank you for accepting this invitation and for your presence on this blessed day, asking Allah Almighty to guide us all to what would benefit the nation and all people, because Allah Almighty commanded us to do good and our Quran Kareem ordered that our mission for good be a message for the whole world and for people everywhere. This prize bears the name of the man who, when asked at his last press conference about how he envisions Saudi Arabia after the year 2000, said that he hopes that the Kingdom will be a source of illumination for humanity. Peace be upon Faisal bin Abdul Aziz, may he reside in paradise and may we join him in the gardens of delight, God willing.

In all your names my brethren I would like to thank on this occasion all those who contributed to this achievement this year and particularly the members of the selection committees who have honored us with their presence these days as they considered the names and works, whose value they understand best and whose secrets and characteristics they are more knowledgeable about than we are. They know best who deserves this prize, and they toiled and worked painstakingly to produce a list of nominees for all the categories of this prize.

And please allow me to borrow the announcement of one of these prizes from my brother and colleague Dr. Abdul Aziz, and deprive him of it: that is the announcement of the prize for Service to Islam, which this year was awarded to the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques King Salman bin AbdulAziz.

I say this with the utmost pride and honor as I wish for my king and mentor and role model all the best at this time God willing, and may he have a long life and more success in his leadership of the nation of Saudi Arabia to its prestigious position, until his good work reaches every Muslim on the face of the earth.

Congratulations to us and congratulations to all Muslims and congratulations to those who are deserving of this award this year.

Peace, mercy and blessings be upon you.