

TRANSLATION

Speech of HRH Prince
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34TH Awards Ceremony
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*In the Name of Allah, the Merciful, the Compassionate
Praise be to Allah and peace and prayers be upon the Prophet
Mohammad and all his family and companions*

Your Royal Highness Prince Salman Bin Abd Al-Aziz,
Minister of Defense and sponsor of the celebration on behalf of
the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques,
Your Highnesses, Your Eminences, Your Excellencies,
Winners of King Faisal International Prize,
Distinguished Guests.

Assalamu Alaikum

*In this golden era of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia ...
the era of wise leadership, discerning government and loyal citizens;
the era of reform, development and achievements, and
the era of building and growth:
The benevolence of a foundation, the glitter of a prize and
the creativity of scientists continue.*

*And amid unrest and crises, international discords and global disasters,
Allah bestowed upon this nation peace, stability, prosperity and progress ...
such that the desert has been converted into gardens, the oil into gold and
the hair tents into skyscrapers.*

*This could not have been achieved without the grace of Allah
on his worshippers,
whom He rewarded more for praising and thanking Him for these bounties.*

*Distinguished laureates: thank you for the sacrifices you have made
in serving mankind;
Distinguished Guests: thank you for attending this ceremony to encourage
and honor scientists and intellectuals.*

*Dear All: Allah appointed man as vicegerent in earth to populate it,
so populate earth and civilize it and do not destroy it.*

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