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Your Royal Highness Prince Fahad Ibn Abd Al-Aziz,
Your Royal Highnesses,
Your Excellences,
Distinguished Guests,

One of the blessings of Allah conferred on this Nation is to have the Quran as its constitution and guide. A torch illuminating the way to prosperity in life and the hereafter, the first word in this Divine Constitution is an explicit call for learning and knowledge:

‘Proclaim! In the name of thy Lord and Cherisher, who created Man, out of a mere clot of congealed blood. Proclaim! And thy Lord is Most Bountiful. He Who taught (the use of) the Pen. Taught Man which he knew not.’

With this knowledge and with Faith, Islam illuminates the way to salvation from the darkness of ignorance and pre-Islamic paganism towards the light Truth.

The Prophet (PBUH) says: ‘Seek learning even in China’. The late King Abd El-Aziz Al-Saud paid great attention to dissemination of learning by opening schools and colleges in all parts of the Kingdom. His sons followed his steps carrying the flag and honouring scholars and researchers within and beyond the Kingdom.

Your Royal Highness,

We consider you the pioneer of learning in the Kingdom as you assumed the responsibility of establishing the first Ministry of Education. You watered a seed planted by your father and now reaped by scholars from all over the world.

Your Royal Highness

Dear Audience,

On behalf of the Prize Committees, let me congratulate the winners and to commend the General Secretariat for the success it achieves each year.

Thank you.