

Address by
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In the Name of Allah the Most Merciful

Your Royal Highness Crown Prince Abdullah Ibn Abdul Aziz,
Your Royal Highnesses,
Your Excellences,
Distinguished Laureates,

Dear Audience,

By your Royal Highness's fostering this ceremony on behalf of His Majesty the King, the Supreme Chairman of King Faisal Foundation, you are in fact supporting the progress of thought in civilisation. Intellectual creativity is the measure of a nation's progress and refinement. The first word in the Holy Quran is 'Read'. Islam has also urged us to work by saying "And say, Work (righteousness) soon will God observe your work, and His Apostle, and the believers".

Saudi Arabia has mobilised much of its resources for education and culture in building schools and universities and opening scientific institutes and public libraries. All these literary and scientific periodicals and journals along with the conferences that we hear about on a daily basis are but evidence for thought revival within this blessed civilisation.

Your Royal Highness,

Today, you are honouring this ceremony to acknowledge winners of King Faisal International Prize and to celebrate the 10th anniversary of KFF. I seize the opportunity to thank those colleagues who have assisted me in serving the foundation since its establishment. I specifically mention Mr Mohammed A. Al Wabil, Secretary General, as the first colleague I worked with. Also I wish to thank and bid farewell to Dr. Ahmed Al Dhubaib, who is attending this event in his capacity as the Secretary General of King Faisal International Prize, and who will be greatly missed for he is leaving us to his designation as the Vice Chancellor of King Saud University; we wish him success. Also I wish to thank my colleague Mr. Yousif Al Hamdan, Assistant Secretary General of King Faisal International Prize for his much appreciated efforts in the execution of his tasks.

Let me congratulate our laureates in the five Prize categories, hoping that such recognition is not a mere reward for the winning work, but an incentive for future research of similar excellence.

Thank you.