TRANSLATION

Speech of

His Royal Highness Prince
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In the name of Allah
Praise be to Allah and peace and prayers be upon the Prophet
Mohammad and all his family and companions

Your Royal Highness, Prince Sultan ibn Abd Al Aziz
Second Deputy Premier, Minister of Defense and Aviation
And Inspector General
Your Royal Highnesses,
Your Excellencies,
Distinguished Guests,

Asslam Alaikum,

Your Royal Highness,

We thank Allah for your return - hale and hearty - to your homeland, and for the profound admiration and warm feelings which surround you. These truly reflect the loyalty, respect and
affection of the people of this country for their leaders and their unity behind them.

Allow me, Your Royal Highness, to extend my sincere congratulations to this select group of individuals who have been awarded the 1998 King Faisal International Prize in recognition of their outstanding services to the Nation to which we proudly belong, and their exceptional contributions to the advancement of knowledge and the enrichment of human thought in a world shattered by unrest and beset by cultural, social and psychological conflicts. May the Almighty Allah help our laureates in their endeavours to serve humanity and reduce the suffering of mankind.

May I also thank all of you for accepting our invitation to share this occasion with us.

Best wishes and assalam alaikum.