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Your Royal Highness Prince Fahad Bin Abd Al Aziz
Crown Prince, Deputy Prime Minister
Your Royal Highnesses
Your Excellencies

I am honoured to be here, and honoured to be the first person to win KFIP for Medicine. Had King Faisal been with us today, it would have pleased him to see that the subject for this year’s Prize for Medicine is Primary Health Care for All. He was the initiator of charitable and humanitarian work among the needy and his contributions are still well recognized.

Primary Health Care is part of a heritage the world inherited from Ancient Arab Medicine. I personally benefited greatly in my research in the field of children diseases, like rubella, from major Arabic reference books like those of Dr Abu Bakr Al Razi who stated details of this disease and many others a thousand years ago.

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Four out of each five children today live in what is called Developing World where medical and financial resources are limited and far less than enough to cover their needs. All that these children need is proper nutrition, health care and a healthy environment. Primary health care requires a modest balanced program run by cooperative, loving, trained teams to offer these services to the children in their own homes with the help of their own parents and families. A healthy balanced diet with care is a protective element that can be offered with the minimum effort to take these children to International standards.

Awarding me this Prize is an honour to all workers in the field of primary health care, and I feel proud to have brought them this recognition through my book: Priorities of Child Health Care in Developing Countries’.

My gratefulness to this great charitable Country and to all concerned with this event is unlimited. I hope my book at your hands is further honoured with your comments and suggestions.

Thank you.