In the Name of God Most Gracious, Most Merciful,

Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques,
Crown Prince Sultan Bin Abd Al-Aziz,
Deputy Premier, Minister of Defense and Aviation
Your Royal Highnesses,
Your Excellences

Nations celebrate creativity and those who contribute to the scientific, cultural and intellectual life of their people. Arab tribes celebrated their poets and other tribes would come to listen and congratulate them for their poets’ eloquence as a poet is the voice and tongue of his tribe. We still pride in the heritage of Arts they left us in that respect.

This land of Sacred Revelation is now picking up where their ancestors stopped and I see the work of KFIP as a remarkable tribute to the work of scientists and researchers with the bestowal of this honorable Prize on them, a token of recognition and appreciation which we hold high. This Prize today is an international prestige for which Institutions nominate their beacons of knowledge.

This year, the Prize for Arabic Language and Literature has chosen the subject ‘Terminology’ which we call the gate to all sciences; it is a successful choice for which we thank those responsible. Ancient scholars called terms: ‘legitimate truth’ as it is the branch of knowledge where Islamic terms are taught ((salat (prayer), sawm (fasting), haj (pilgrimage), etc.)). And on the knowledge of terms the study of philosophy and other applied and theoretical studies started and flourished.

This is why I was (and still am) attracted to this rich field of knowledge in which I published books, lexicons and articles and initiated the subjects of Lexicography and Terminology as areas of post-graduate study programs. I believe, we need a generation of specialized cadre to continue the work started by Arabic Language Academies and to support efforts made in Rabat University and The Institute of Study of Terminology in Fez, and other countries working in the field of Arabization.

I feel my efforts gratified by being awarded this Prize; I am grateful to those who nominated me and you who honor my now.

Thank you.