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In the Name of God, Most Gracious, Most Merciful  
Your Royal Highness the Crown Prince  
Your Royal Highness the Princes  
Your Excellencies

It is an honor for me to stand here to express my thankfulness and gratitude, for you honor of knowledge and raising its banner in service of Islam and the nation.

Seeking knowledge is an Islamic principle, and its sponsorship is an original Islamic heritage. And if knowledge is sought for the sake of God, then honoring its people is an honor for these noble values.

King Faisal International Prize was put to crown continuous scientific efforts, and to raise a progressive humble work, and to emphasize for all people that knowledge is the best that nations offer to themselves and for humanity, and the rising of this nation (Umma) is connected strongly with its advancement in knowledge and Science.

This prize in Islamic Studies in the field of Islamic History refers to the importance of this history and the significance of heritage.

Islamic history is a vessel for its heritage and experience and its leaders and heroes, it is also a journey for this nation and a record for its works. It has bright pages and a continuous struggle for the sake of Truth . Moreover,

in its periods, Islamic Civilization prospered and enlightened the world for centuries and raised a torch of civility for people.

If this Nation was to prosper and retrieve its role in the service of humanity, then it needs to emphasize its identity and make its origin a start for its journey, and to get brightened by its record of faith and knowledge.

In spite the fact that this history was exposed to fancy, its people have the priority to show its real picture in honest care and serious scientific research, in service to truth and in loyalty to the nation and the heritage.

I have lived with this history since the beginning of my academic life, and I went across its different intellectual schools, institutions, and I was happy with that and I suffered sometimes.

My book about the economic history of the Abbasid period was distinguished for this pioneering prize, and I thank God for that and I am proud of it. This was one of my early works, and it refers to the importance of economic history as a concept and as a method. I also continued to research in this field in subsequent studies and I devoted to it all my time in the last years.

There is a lot in the study of Islamic economy that benefits people and it helps in assessing the direction of the financial and economic activities. Moreover, many institutions were interested in Islamic economy and they valued its importance for our modern societies. There is also a reassurance in this direction in the prize for this year and an incentive for efforts and emphasis and continuance in research..

This day means a new step in the advancement of the prize and in expanding its range and its good effects which we hope will expand and be fruitful. It also represents a landmark in the life of those whom God had directed to it.

I am happy on this occasion to express my esteem for those who work for the King Faisal Foundation, and for the committee of the prize and for the scientific institutions who nominated me for the prize, and the arbitration committee.

Was ssalamu Alaykom wa rahmatu llahi wa barakato