

ACCEPTANCE SPEECH
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International Prize for Medicine
(Management of the Premature infant)

Your Royal Highness Prince Sultan ibn Abdul Aziz,
Your Royal Highnesses,
Your Excellencies,
Distinguished Guests,

Assalam Alaikum

It is my greatest privilege to receive the prestigious King Faisal International Prize for Medicine for 1996. This honours not only myself but my country, Japan, my teacher, Dr. Forrest Adams, Emeritus Professor of the University of California at Los Angeles, and my colleagues with whom I have conducted my research over the last 35 years.

My work, of course, has not been done in isolation. Like all medical-scientific achievements, it is part of the great mosaic of international science and scientists. This mosaic itself deserves the recognition of the international community for its dedication to the preservation and enhancement of the well-being of humanity. I am proud to be part of this great mosaic and proud that my country has assumed a leading role in its foundation.

Upon receiving this highly respected award, I wish to express my sincere appreciation to everyone concerned with The King Faisal International Prize in the Kingdom; I also wish to offer my gratitude to Dr. Tsutomu Ohori, President of Iwate Medical University, Dr. Noboru Kobayashi, the head of the National Children's Hospital in Tokyo, His Excellency Mr. Fawsi Shobokshi, Ambassador of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia to Tokyo, and Mr. Keiichi Nonaga, Chairman of the Japan-Saudi Arabia Society, who recommended me as a candidate for this prize

As a winner of this reputable prize, I resolve to devote myself to advancing in my specialized field of medicine as well as promoting better understanding and friendship between the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and

Japan.

Last but not least, I would like to express my deepest respect to The King Faisal Foundation for the philanthropic and humanitarian contributions it makes for the benefit of mankind.

Thank you. Shukran