

Acceptance Speech of

**PROFESSOR ABD-ALLAH AL-TAYYIB**

Co-Winner of the 2000  
King Faisal International Prize for Arabic Literature

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*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  
Your Royal Highnesses  
Your Excellencies  
Brothers and Sisters

Asslam Alaikum,

It is a great honor to stand before this gathering of noble Arabs in the presence of the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosque's representative, His Royal Highness Prince Sultan bin Abd Al-Aziz.

It is also a great pleasure to receive the award that commemorates a great monarch. King Faisal shall always be remembered for his benevolence and reforms. May Allah have mercy upon his soul, and reward him for all his virtuous deeds.

This Prize is one of the notable accomplishments of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia because it encourages scientists, literati and intellectuals from all parts of the world and brings them together during selection procedures, committee meetings and superb gatherings like the present, and also by virtue of its international renown and prestige, of which all Arabs are proud.

On behalf of my countrymen and myself, I would like to thank you for this honor. May Allah bless you and help you achieve success and guidance.

Assalam alaikum