

Acceptance Speech by Professor
Ali Hilmi Ahmed Mousa

Co-Winner 2012/1433H King Faisal International Prize
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Presented on his behalf by Dr. Emad Ali Hilmi Ahmed Mousa
In the Name of Allah, the Merciful, the Compassionate

Your Royal Highness Prince Salman Bin Abd Al-Aziz,
Minister of Defense,
Your Royal Highnesses,
Your Eminences,
Your Excellencies,
Distinguished Guests.

Alssalamu Alaikum

On behalf of my father, Professor Ali Hilmi Ahmed Mousa, and our family, I would like to express our thanks and appreciation to His Royal Highness Prince Khalid Al-Faisal bin Abd Al-Aziz, Director General of King Faisal Foundation and Chairman of the Board of Directors of King Faisal International Prize.

The King Faisal International Prize has sought, since its inception, to recognize those who have served humanity, wherever they are, and to reward those who have contributed significantly to the advancement of knowledge beneficial to mankind in all fields.

It was my father's wish to receive this prestigious Prize personally in this magnificent ceremony but his illness did not allow him to come personally and he asked me to carry out this gracious task on his behalf. This award is not only a great tribute to him but also a crowning of his efforts in the field of Arabic language and literature computation and an incentive for more research into the beauty and the riches of Arabic language, a language which Almighty Allah has chosen to be of the Holy Quran. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Arabic Language Academy in Cairo which honored my father by electing him to its membership and by nominating him for this Prize.

My father has made significant contributions to research in his fields of interest at Ain Shams University. In addition to 64 published papers in international journals, he has carried out a number of statistical studies using computers of Arabic roots in Al-Sahhah dictionary, Taj Al-Arous Dictionary and Lisan Al-Arab dictionary and a statistical study of (tertiary and non tertiary) Arabic roots using computers, in addition to studying Arabic words and consonant-vowel relations in the Holy Quran. He presided of the first computer unit in Egyptian universities in 1968 and served as Consultant to the UNESCO project for modernizing teaching technology in Arab universities since 1992.

His accomplishments have been recognized by several awards both in Egypt and abroad, including the Egyptian State Award in Physics in 1964, Egyptian First Class Decoration in Sciences and Arts from the Egyptian President in 1976, Title of Legal Physicist from the British Academy of Physics in 1986, Scientific Innovation Award in 2000, and DSc in 2004.

Once again, I would like to express my deep gratitude to the King Faisal Foundation and hope that all researchers follow suit of the distinguished laureates of the Prize in their faithfulness, precision and perseverance. May Allah help all us in pursuing good deeds.
Assalamu Alaikum.