

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

It is my great honor to be chosen to receive the 2014 King Faisal International Prize for Medicine. I feel humbled when looking through the achievements of the other winners of this prestigious award. It is also my great pleasure of visiting Saudi Arabia for the first time and to know more about its people, culture and science.

Many scientists believe that the 21st century is the century of biology. The new science of genomics is a shining example of the impressive advances in biomedicine. To fully realize the full potential of such developments, it is essential for us to enhance cross-disciplinary collaborations, for example between biologists, medical doctors, mathematicians, computer scientists and engineers; and also between workers in different countries. Having worked in Hong Kong for the last 17 years, a relatively small city in terms of its population in the southern part of China, I fully understand the importance of international collaboration in catalyzing scientific progress and in translating its fruits to benefit patients in the global context. In this regard, I look forward to opportunities of working with the medical researchers in this country.