

Acceptance Speech by Professor  
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2016 Co-Winner of the King Faisal International Prize  
For Arabic Language and Literature

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*In the name of Allah, the Merciful, the Compassionate*

Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques  
King Salman Bin Abdulaziz,  
Your Highnesses,  
Your Eminences,  
Your Excellencies,  
Distinguished Guests,

On this occasion, it gives me pleasure to express my sincere thanks to the King Faisal International Prize for affording me the opportunity to stand before you. This is a Prize which has and continues to be nurtured materially and morally by esteemed and blessed monarchs, successor after predecessor. I am also indebted to *Al-Majma'a* University for nominating me to the Prize, and to my country, Morocco, for providing me and other researchers the opportunities to pursue tangible knowledge that helps enrich our present and future and revive our past traditions.

My own contribution is no more than that of a trader trying to sell dates in a date-rich land, because the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia's poets and intellectuals are the leaders in these and other fields in the Arab and Islamic Worlds.

*Assalamu Alaikum* and May the Mercy and Blessings of Allah be upon you.