

Professor Hamed's King Faisal Award Acceptance Speech

In the name of Allah, praise be to Allah, and prayers and peace be upon our Master, the Messenger of Allah, may Allah's prayers and peace be upon Him.

I say, seeking Allah's assistance, that no matter how much and how deep I delve into the dictionaries of the Arabic language in search of some words of gratitude that will truly reflect your beneficence and grace, I will not find the right ones. The least I can say is:

May Allah reward the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques King Salman bin Abdulaziz, and his Crown Prince, His Highness Prince Mohammad bin Salman, with the best reward for what they undertake for the sake of serving the Two Holy Mosques, serving the Book of Allah Almighty, and for benefiting Muslims across the world.

Having this Prize conferred on me is a source of personal pride. Indeed, the best award granted for serving Islam in this world is the King Faisal Prize. At the same time, I do feel I am now entrusted with greater responsibility to introduce Islamic and Arabic culture to Korean society for the rest of my life.

I wish to express my sincere thanks to everyone who extended a helping hand to me in fulfilling this blessed work. I ask Allah Almighty to make this work acceptable among His servants, and include it in the balance of my good deeds and your good deeds. May Allah protect and preserve you all!