

Speech by Professor Ahmed A-Dobeib
Secretary General of the King Faisal International Prize for Winners
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In the Name of God, Most Gracious, Most Merciful,

Your Royal Highness the Crown Prince and deputy Prime Minister,
Your Royal Highness the Princes,
Your Excellencies,

I am delighted to present to you in this blessed day in which the general Secretariat of King Faisal International prize celebrates the awarding of the Prize for the elite who gave good services in different fields of the prize, a brief account of the procedures that were executed in order to reach these honorable results. I also present to you the winners of the prize.

The system of the prize dictates that the nominations for the service for Islam prize be from Islamic organizations and unions all over the world. It also dictates that the nominations for the Islamic studies, Arabic literature, and medicine prizes be from international scientific institutions like universities, research centers, and language academies. It prohibits nominations from individuals and political parties.

According to that, The general Secretariat has directed the invitation to a large number of Islamic organizations, scientific institutions, and academic committees all around the world to nominate whom they see is qualified for the Prize in its four branches. It also announced that in local, Arabic, and international newspapers. After the nominations were done, the General Secretariat classified them and applied systematic requirements on them, and it excluded what is not within the domain of the prize and kept those that have the requirements. Then the committee chose three secret arbitrators for the Islamic Studies and Arabic Literature prizes, and five secret arbitrators for the medicine prize from different countries which they gave the nominated works for three prizes. After the arbitrators have studied these works extensively, they sent their reports to the general Secretariat of the Prize, then the Secretariat called for a meeting of committees to choose for the four prizes. These committees include an excellent group of prominent personalities, scholars, and university teachers who represent Islamic organizations and scientific institutions, and other personalities whom the committee chose for

their significant efforts in the fields of Service to Islam, Islamic studies, Arabic Literature and Medicine.

The five committees for the King Faisal International Prize for service to Islam, Islamic studies, Arabic Literature, Medicine, and Sciences met in subsequent times for three days, beginning by 14/3/1402 until Monday 16/3/1402. The selection committee decided after consultation and study of these works unanimously to award the prize this year to Sheikh Abd Al-Aziz Bin Baz, because he is a prominent person in Islamic culture, and a high example of strife, struggle, and work in this age. Moreover, he is distinguished with his commitment to Islam in his thinking, behavior, and methodology in life. His activities in the field of preaching, research, and studies in Islamic education are various. He was distinguished in these fields by his continuous efforts for the service of Islam and spreading the right doctrine, care for the youth, and finding proper solutions for Islam and Muslims in different parts of the world, and his support for Islamic Jihadi movements around the world, and his support for Islamic projects, He also incites scholars, scientists, and committees to help them and participate in them. He also contributes in publishing the Islamic book in its various kinds and spreading it around the world.

The committee also decided, after studying the given nominations for the prize in Islamic studies that correspond to the requirements in the field of “Studies that deal with modern economic problems in light of Islam”, and after the assessments of the three arbitrators who evaluated them and gave their comments for every work, to award the prize in Islamic studies to Dr. Mohammad Siddiqi for this year. It saw that he masters his academic subject, and he is precise in his methodology, and serious in his opinions in Islamic economics.

The committee decided, after it studied the works of those who were nominated for the prize in the field of “Arabic Literature before Islam until the End of the fourth Hegry Century”, and the opinions of the arbitrators, and discussion, to award the prize for Dr. Nasir Al-Din Al-Asad, for his collective works in ancient Arabic Literature and at the head of it “Sources of Jahili Poetry and their Historical Value”. His works were distinguished by the following:

- 1-Originality and objectivity.
- 2-Examination and scholarly precision.
- 3-Refuting suspicions that circle around the origins of ancient Arabic poetry.
- 4-Benefit of researchers from his works which accomplished the goal of the prize.

In addition, the arbitrators voted unanimously for him.

The committee for King Faisal International Prize for medicine decided, after a detailed review of the documents and reports associated with the nominations

for the prize, and after extensive discussion, to award Dr. David Morley, British nationality, the prize in medicine for the year 1982, for the following reasons:

1-His contribution in the field of Child health in hot regions, and his care for childhood in developing countries, which forms the priorities of health care programs in the world.

2-His good efforts in the village of Imisil and Ilishia region in Nigeria, and his derivation of new scientific means, and his training of colleague doctors and helping groups. This enabled him from originating an effective, logical, and applicable way of child care in developing countries in which he worked. Pioneering research resulted and was depended on in a number of developing countries in Africa and India.

3- His interest in delivering his thought, research results, and studies to his colleagues and students through publications and scientific journals, and attending conferences. He also wrote a book called :” The Priorities of Child Health Care in developing countries” and the committee has evaluated it.

4-His encouragement of cheap education means and its production, which includes educational sections, and explanation attachments. He was able through this to share with his colleagues in the third world his experience in the field.

Your Royal Highness the Crown Prince,
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I am happy to announce that the selection committees for King Faisal International Prize have decided that the subjects of the prize in its five branches will be:

-“Studies in the Holy Quran” for the year 1403 1983.

-“Studies that deal with Arabic Literature in the second and third Hegri Centuries” for the year 1403 1983.

-In medicine, the subject will be in 1983:”Studies and Research in Malaria”.

The selection committee for Sciences met for the first time this year to select the subject for next year 1983 1403, and it decided after several extensive discussions that the subject will be in the Basic sciences, and it will include studies and research in “Physics.”

I would like to thank, at the end of this ceremony, your Royal Highness for your sponsorship of the ceremony. I would also like to thank all those who cooperated with us in nominations for the prize or in selection and arbitration .

I hope our work will be honest for the sake of God, and that God will guide us and take care of us.

Wa ssalamu alaykom wa rahmatu llahi wa barakato

