

Speech of Professor Ahamad Al-Dobeib
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In the Name of God, Most Gracious, Most Merciful,

Your Majesty the King,
Your Royal Highness Crown Prince and Deputy Prime Minister,
Your Royal Highness second Deputy Prime minister,
Your Royal Highness the Princes,
Your Excellencies,

It is a very influential celebration, totally expressive, for your Majesty to come and sponsor the King Faisal International Prize. This reflects your care for knowledge, scholars, scientists, and thinkers in the fields of service for Islam, thought growth, and bringing happiness to humanity, and everybody feels this within the holy land and outside it. Your attendance also expresses your encouragement for this prize which is in its sixth year, and it is, as you wanted, noble, just, and confident. It also spread in the sky of this world for the horizons of heroism and greatness, to select prominent personalities and celebrate noble works.

Today, your majesty, you honor with your glorious and generous hands five significant personalities, and each one of them contributed in the field that he belongs to, and spent his life in it and benefited his nation, and educated his generation, and was a model example in combining knowledge and good deeds.

Two personalities won the prize in the service of Islam this year, his royal highness Prince Tinko Abdul Rahman from Malaysia, and Sheikh Hasanin Mohammad Makhlof from Egypt.

Prince Tinko Abdul Rahman is a noble combatant and a courageous leader who led the Malaysian Liberation movement at the time of the British occupation, Until his country got rid of colonialism. He then participated in various Islamic activities throughout the Islamic world, especially when he was Secretary General of Muslim World Conference, then he dedicated his time for charities, through his great efforts in establishing the Islamic Charitable Association which holds Islamic activities in his country and in many countries in South East Asia. One of these significant activities is helping devastated Muslims in their countries by protecting their existence with support to the different kinds of activities, and arranging necessary services for them. In addition to the preservation of Islamic torch in countries where many religions exist, and where movements clash, where his deep Islamic feeling and concern is the leader.

The second leading personality that was awarded the King Faisal International Prize for the service of Islam is Sheikh Hasanin Mohammad Makhlof, who participated without limits in forming a Muslim generation, and brightened their path with his Fata'wa. In addition to his contribution in the interpretation and exegesis of the Holy Quran, and participation with his

effort and advice in Islamic conferences. He also participated in establishing leading committees in the Islamic world, and continued with his scholarly work in various committees and scientific institutions in Islamic countries, and through various media.

King Faisal International Prize for Islamic studies was awarded to Professor Mohammad Abd Al-khalek Oudai'ma. He spent more than thirty five years in authoring an encyclopedic book about the styles of the Holy Quran, with the title: "Studies of the Styles of the Holy Quran", and it consists of 11 volumes. Moreover, It is considered a comprehensive Encyclopedia that influenced Quranic and grammatical studies. It carried students of Arabic Language from limited traditional examples and narrow proofs into a wider domain: the field of the Holy Quran and its readings. By doing this, he opened a new door in the field of Quranic studies and Arabic linguistic studies. He was able also, through this study, to prove his strong memory, and honest persistence, systematic thought, and patience in study and research. He also facilitated ways of research for students from the easiest path. All of this accomplishes the goals of King Faisal International Prize.

King Faisal International Prize for Arabic Literature was awarded this year to a great scholar and prominent person in Arabic Literary studies, Professor Ahmad Shawki Deif for his two books: "History of Arabic Literature in the first Abbasid Period", and "History of Arabic Literature in the Second Abbasid Period", in addition to his other works, in ancient and modern Arabic literature, east and west. In addition to his studies in Quranic, grammatical, and rhetoric studies that enriched literary studies, either through authorship or editing and authentication. His works were distinguished for the following:

- 1- His comprehensive view towards Arabic literature, prose and poetry in all ages, and the diversity of its genres and places.
- 2- His clear style and balanced method and thoroughness in some general literary phenomena, and his attempts to link them with their intellectual, cultural, and social origins.
- 3- Directing literary studies and opening horizons for new subjects that a generation of scholars has benefited from in their academic thesis, so they served Arabic literature from its different aspects.

In addition, his direct influence through 40 years on his students from different Arab and Islamic countries was a major contribution to the prize.

King Faisal International Prize for medicine was awarded this year to the British Professor Wallas Peters, a professor in the college of General Health and the medicine of hot equatorial regions, in recognition of his noble contributions in fighting Malaria, which was manifested by the following:

- 1- His authority in medicines that kill malaria. He also had a big role in using more than one medicine to fight the resistance of Malaria, against other medicines that lost their effectiveness in the treatment of the disease.
- 2- His books in this field are a scientific encyclopedia and a reference for every researcher in the field of Malaria treatment.
- 3- He spent more than 35 years working and researching on Malaria. Moreover, his efforts had a big influence on the rapidity of containing the disease in east and west Africa, Nepal, And New Guinea. All of this was done through his various works in the field.

- 4- His continuous work and research in laboratories to discover the effectiveness of new medicine against the disease.
- 5- His advice and consultation through his many visits to equatorial and hot regions, which benefits the world in the field of fighting this dangerous disease.

Your Majesty,
Your Royal Highness the Crown Prince,
Your Royal Highness The Second Deputy Prime Minister,
Your Excellencies,

I am happy to announce that the selection committees for King Faisal International Prize has decided the subjects of the prize for next year in the five branches:

- (1) “Studies that deal with general theories in Islamic Fiqh (Jurisprudence) for Islamic studies in 1404.
- (2) “Studies that deal with Arabic Literature in the fourth Hegra century” for Arabic Literature in 1404.
- (3) “Studies and Research that deal with diarrhea” For Medicine in 1404
- (4) The committee decided to obscure the prize in physics for 1404, to allow more opportunities for a larger number of researchers for the following year.

I would like to thank you your Majesty at the end of this ceremony for your sponsorship for this ceremony.

I would like to thank, on behalf of the General Secretariat for the prize, all those who collaborated with us in achieving the goals of the prize, in nominations from universities and scientific institutions in Saudi Arabia, the Arab world, and worldwide, and in selecting scientists and scholars in the kingdom and around the world.

I hope that our work is sincere to God, and I wish God will take care of us and guide us.
Wa ssalamu alaykom wa rahmatu llahi wa barakato