

Speech of Dr. Abdallah Saleh Al-Ohtaimeen  
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In the Name of God, Most Gracious, Most Merciful

Praise to God, and peace and blessing be upon the prophet Mohammad and his companions and ascendants.

Your Royal Highness Prince Sultan bin Abd Al-Aziz,  
Crown Prince and Deputy Prime Minister,  
Minister of Defense and Air-force, and General Inspector ,  
Your Royal Highness,  
Your Excellencies,  
Lovers of Science, Knowledge and Literature,

Assalamu Alaykom was rahmatu llahi wa barakato,

The joy of awarding King Faisal International Prize began this year when The President of Tatarstan, Montameer Sharifulla Shaimeef was awarded King Faisal International Prize for service of Islam from the hand of the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques, in the presence of president Puteen and His Royal Highness Prince Sultan bin Abd Al-Aziz, and an elite of Princes and persons, on the evening of Sunday 23/1/1428 11/2/2007. The parliament of Muftin in Russia, The Islamic World League, and university of Qasim, and the academy of Sciences in the republic of Tatarstan nominated him. He was awarded the prize for his glorious efforts in the revival of Islamic culture in his country, and introducing Muslims to the valuable principles of their religion, and building more than a thousand mosques which were rebuilt after they were destroyed in previous times, and establishing many Islamic schools and organizations , and the establishment of the Russian Islamic university, and for his wise policy that made Tatarstan an example of coexistence and a symbol of tolerance. Moreover, his wise policy established an economic and urban renaissance.

Our joy is completed this evening by the award of the prize in the following branches: Islamic studies, Arabic language and literature, medicine, and Science. This joy is also completed with the sponsorship of his Royal Highness the Crown Prince, Prince Sultan Bin Abd Al-Aziz of this intellectual wedding, on behalf of the Custodian of

the Two Holy Mosques, with the presence of attendants who responded to the invitation.

Our Respected Audience:

The King Faisal International Prize for Islamic studies on the subject of “Studies that deal with theoretical and applied sciences” was awarded to Professor Rushdi Rashed, an Egyptian French citizen, the director of the excellent research in the National Center for Scientific Research in Paris, and an honorable professor in Tokyo University. The University of Paris and the University of Cairo, and Al-Albeit Institution in Amman, the Arab Academy in Damascus, and Dr. Abd Al-Aziz Al-Douri, the previous winner of the prize, nominated him for the prize. He was awarded the prize in recognition of his scientific efforts in exposing the pure sciences that Muslims dealt with in Mathematics and Light in physics in different stages of Islamic Civilization, through research, editing, commentary, and translation. So he produced more than 60 books and 100 research articles. Moreover, his works were distinguished for their originality, depth, and precision. At the front of his production was his book “History of Arab Sciences” in its six volumes, and the book “Analytical Mathematics between the third and fifth Hegri centuries” in its four volumes.

I would like now to invite Professor Rushdi Rashed to receive the prize and present his speech.

King Faisal International Prize for Arabic language and literature on the subject of “Studies that deal with ancient Arabic Rhetoric in its subjects, people, and books” was awarded to Professor Mohammad Abdallah Al-Omari, a professor in the Arabic language department at the University of Mohammad the fifth. This university, and King Saud University, and the World Assembly for Muslim Youth nominated him for the prize. He was awarded the prize in recognition of his scholarly distinguished efforts in studying Arabic Rhetoric and the concept of text and its study, and the functions of Rhetoric and Speech in the past and the present, benefiting from modern linguistic and style studies. Moreover, he was able with his deep knowledge in Arabic rhetoric heritage to present a new model of Arabic Rhetoric study according to a coherent method and a precise presentation.

I would like to invite professor Mohammad Al-Omari to receive the Prize and present his speech.

Professor Mustafa Nasef, professor in the Arabic Department in Ein Shams university was awarded the prize. This university nominated him for the prize. He was awarded the prize in recognition of his rhetorical studies which were distinguished for their comprehensive method, diversity, and originality. Moreover, he linked these studies with the environments from which they derived their origins, or with which they were intertwined. All of this reveals his deep knowledge of the development that surrounded Rhetoric in the modern age.

I would like now to invite professor Mustafa Nasef to receive the prize and present his speech.

King Faisal International Prize for medicine in the subject of “Prostate Cancer” was awarded to professor Fernand Labri, Canadian citizen, and professor Patrick Welsh, American citizen. Professor Labri Welsh is president of the Department of Endocrinology at the University of Laval, and a consultant for Internal Medicine at its educational hospital. The Lensi National Academy nominated him for the prize. He was awarded the prize in recognition of his pioneering achievements in the treatment of Prostate tumors through antagonistics that liberate sexual hormones, and antagonistic to masculinity hormones, which led to the dispensation of other ways of treatment. He also used new means of early diagnosis for prostate cancer and its treatment before its spreads.

I would like now to invite professor Labri to receive the prize and present his speech.

Professor Welsh, professor of Urology Surgery at the college of medicine at Johns Hopkins University. This university and Um Al-Qura university nominated him for the prize. He was awarded the prize in recognition of his pioneering role in developing the radical extraction of prostate without touching nerves responsible of sexual ability, and the control of urination for males, which contributed in decreasing the percentage of death that results from the spread of the disease or severe bleeding. He also conducted creative research on the hereditary origins of prostate tumors and ways of diagnosis in early phases.

I would like now to invite professor Welsh to receive the prize and present his speech.

King Faisal International Prize for Science in the subject of :”Chemistry” was awarded to Professor Sir James Studart, British citizen, Professor of Nano sciences at the University of California in Los Angeles. This university nominated him for the

prize, and he was awarded the prize in recognition of his pioneering role in developing a new field in chemistry in the Nano sciences, the dimensions the reach about a part of billion, especially in the inner field of molecules, for he created highly qualified ways to construct molecular compounds that are intertwined mechanically , which had a great effect in changing the concept of molecular systems for chemists, and he opened the door of benefiting of Nano technicality in constructing small molecular instruments that have many uses.

I would like now to invite professor Sir Studart to receive the prize and present his speech.

Dear attendants:

The General Secretariat of King Faisal International Prize would like to thank his Royal Highness Prince Sultan bin Abd Al-Aziz for his sponsorship of this ceremony on behalf of the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques, and thank attendants for coming. It also thanks all of those who collaborated with it in nominations, arbitration, selections, and arrangement for this ceremony. It also congratulates winners, hoping God will guide those who work in the fields of good deeds with aid and care.

Wa ssalamu alaykom wa rahmatu llahi wa barakato