

Speech of Professor Abdallah Saleh Al Otheaimeen  
Secretary General of the King Faisal International Prize for Winners,

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In the Name of God, Most Gracious, Most Merciful,

Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques ,  
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 Knowledge, Thought, and Literature,

This evening is full of happiness and satisfaction, for the sponsor of this ceremony is the Custodian of the Two Holy mosques, and he was awarded the King Faisal International Prize for the service of Islam. Moreover, the winners of the prize in its other branches are a scientific group of pioneers that joins the groups of previous winners in what benefits Islam and Muslims and humanity in general. Your attendance –dear people- of this ceremony inspires what follows:

Oh How beautiful is this festival of thought  
In the Land that exerts generosity and dew

The cradle of Arabs filled with honor  
And descent of revelation, a light for fire and guidance

I am very happy To present to you winners of the prize for this year- in its different branches:

King Faisal International Prize for the service of Islam was awarded to his Majesty the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques King Abdallah Bin Abd Al-Aziz.

Univeristy of King Faisal in Dammam and University of King Khaled in Abha nominated him for the prize. He was awarded the prize in recognition of his glorious achievements that were manifested –inside the Kingdom-in achieving many pioneering projects , economically, socially, intellectually, and in construction. These are projects that are for the benefit of citizens in general, and those who have a limited income specifically. Economically, these projects comprised: The establishment of King Abdallah Economic City, King Abdallah financial Center, and the investment Center for limited income. In the Intellectual and social field: the Establishment of the committee of Human Rights, and the Center for national dialogue. In the educational field: the establishment of a number of universities, most significantly the King Abdallah University of Science and Technology, which is expected to have an international scientific status. In the construction field: a number of achievements were done in the Two Holy Mosques and the sacred places that facilitate the movement of pilgrims and visitors, in addition to the establishment of residence for those who have a limited income through the institution of King Abdallah bin Abd Al-Aziz for his parents for developmental housing.

At the outside level, The achievements of the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques were manifested in his firm standing with issues of the Arab nation and the Islamic world, especially the case of Palestine. He also gave his efforts to strengthen ties between Arabs and Muslims, and he aided the needy Muslims and other. He also worked on achieving just peace, and dialogue among religions and civilizations, and called Muslim scholars from different knowledge branches to meet in Mecca to put a plan for a revival of Muslims, and Muslims leaders adopted it. In addition, he stood against terrorism, regardless of who was behind it.

King Faisal Foundation is pleased , represented by his Royal Highness Prince Khaled Al-Faisal to put the prize in front of you, and to invite you to give your speech on this occasion.

King Faisal International Prize for Arabic Language and Literature in the subject of “Terminologies in the Arabic language” was awarded to professor Ahmad Matloob AL-Nasiri, Iraqi citizen, and professor Mohammad Rashad Himzaoui, A Tunisian citizen.

Professor Ahmad Matloob Al-Nasiri is professor of rhetoric and criticism, and the president of the Scientific Academy in Iraq. The Assembly of Muslim Youth in Riyadh nominated him for the prize, and he was awarded the prize in recognition of distinguished efforts in serving Arabic terminology through his ample knowledge in terminologies in rhetoric, criticism, and his precise knowledge in essential and

secondary texts through its characteristics and way of regularity and the interrelation of terminological constituents, and in recognition of his works that represent an important and original referential achievement in observing these terminologies and its historical development with its systemization and presentation according to scientific and well-established clear rules.

I would like to invite him to receive the prize and present his speech.

Professor Mohammad Himzaoui, professor of Arabic Language at the Tunisian University, and the faculty of Arts at King Saud University nominated him, was awarded the prize in recognition of his scholarly distinguished efforts in inducting ancient and modern Arabic Terminologies, while seeking to develop a theory for the science of Terminology within lexicography and terminologies in specific, and his work on creating a methodological plan to form terminologies in Arabic. Moreover, his knowledge of heritage strengthened his awareness to modern terminologies and what they cast from issues and problems, which he was concerned to employ in the service of the Arabic Language through scientific terminologies. Therefore, he is considered a distinguished pioneer of continuous contributions.

I would like to invite him to receive the prize and present his speech.

The times has come, so give me the cup and the pen  
And write what the heart has disguised

Pour out flowing streams of love  
Whose echo is heard from far away

I wren my love about the past  
So it came soft with letters and meaning

I said: love has not passed by it  
The new ride increased its flare

How is the heart of lovers rescued  
Whose core is judged

I find him in the sea beautiful,  
A drawn angel

Eyeballs of a child

He lived escaping from them

I said what I said about suffering of love  
It hit my conscience

And about the suffering of those whose passionate love has taken  
Until the body had tired

He didn't pay attention to the monitor of life  
Nor to what the issue requires

I said that and it was true  
And it was harmonious with the actions

I didn't take the ride of love  
Nor did I suffer from its anguishes

For my love fascinated me  
And made me laugh

She took me in eminence  
And looked at me

A queen in the day of her decoration  
Wears a robe with brightful and modest colors

A girl of thirty with a beautiful scent  
Who took the path of glory

Ask the expert if she has deviated from neutrality  
Or ask the judge

The girl of thirty...how eminent her mission is  
She chooses from its sides the tops

From east or from west of the world  
She gained honor

How many pioneers have evaluated her prominence

Nations by themselves have done this

From a servant of Islam

Whose words and works are distinguished like clouds in their benefit

And a scholar who has surpassed others in his specialization

Who was from the elite of his generation

And a creative personality with thought and talent

Who did that with his pen

A Girl of thirty who accomplished her achievement

Fought desperation in life

Gave the emirate what it wished

From poetry and drawing

A girl of thirty honored weddings

A leadership mentioned among beatings

It made itself

And promised to preserve

This is the deed, a proof she gives

A land that joins the holy mosques and the revelation

If I had expressed my inner thought

I didn't throw, but God has thrown

King Faisal International Prize for Medicine (subject: medicine of accidents) was awarded to the American professor Donald Dean Trunkey, and the American professor Basil Arthur Pruitt.

Professor Trunkey is a professor of general surgery at the University of Oregon for Health and science. His university nominated him for the prize. He was awarded the prize in recognition of his efforts in establishing an effective system for the treatment of patients injured in accidents –including heart disease patients and those who have planted organs-and his spreading of it around the world. Moreover, his work and

research contributed in the establishment of movable surgery hospitals. This led to the rescue of the lives of many injured and sick people.

I would like to invite him to receive the prize and present his speech.

The college of Medicine at Petersburg University nominated Professor Pruitt, a professor of clinical surgery at the Center of Health Sciences at the University of Texas, for the prize. He was awarded the prize in recognition of his pioneering efforts in the field of the surgery of serious burns and their treatment and dealing with them. Moreover, his research through fifty years dealt with various aspects of burns and their problems, and led to a large improvement in treatment methods.

I would like to invite him to receive the prize and present his speech.

King Faisal International Prize for Science(subject: the Science of Life-Biology) was awarded to professor Rüdiger Wehner, German citizen, a professor at the University of Zürich in Switzerland. Hamboldt University in Berlin nominated him for the prize. He was awarded the prize in recognition of his research that centered on studying how an ant whose weight is 1% of gram controls directions through its brain that weighs around 1 out of 10000 of a gram, and its navigation in the desert, showing its neurological and sight capabilities. Moreover, his research opened the way for many researchers in the world to use similar examples to clarify different concepts and methods in health research to understand the development of neurological systems, their functions, and their control of behavior.

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

Now the time has come for presenting the speech of winners of King Faisal International Prize-on behalf of all of them- by professor Hilinbrand , chair of the Islamic studies department at Edinburgh University, who was awarded the prize in 2005 in the field of Islamic Studies, and its subject was:”studies that deal with Muslims’ defense of their lands in the fifth and sixth hegri centuries.”

The General Secretariat of King Faisal International Prize would like to thank the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques for his sponsorship of this ceremony, and his Royal Highness Crow Prince Sultan bin Abd Al-Aziz for his attendacnce. It also congratulates winners of the prize for this year. It also thanks those who came to this ceremony, and those who came from lovers of knowledge, thought, and culture. It specifies in its thanks all those who collaborated with it in nominations, arbitration,

selection, and organization of this ceremony. We hope God will aid workers in the field of good deeds and take care of them

I would like to draw your attention that there is a documentary book about all winners of the prize throughout thirty years available at the doors of this hall for those who would like to have one.

Wa ssalamu alaykom wa rahmatu llahi wa barakato  
And Good Night.