

Speech by
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Praise be to Allah for His grace, guidance, and bounty, and may peace and blessings be upon His Messenger, who calls to His pleasure.

To begin with, I extend my profound thanks and sincere appreciation to all those involved with King Faisal Prize for this precious confidence and gracious gesture, which I highly cherish. I ask the Almighty Allah for help and dedication in fulfilling this responsibility, which I consider a weighty duty before being an exalted honor. Serving Islam is a continuing path and a trust that is renewed; it is the highest goal, the greatest distinction, and the most enduring legacy. For this reason, commercial establishments are a means, not an end, and a path to serving Islam, building homelands, and ensuring human prosperity. True loyalty requires that giving become a deeply rooted principle and a constant endeavor through which we seek divine reward and strive to leave a meaningful impact.

I praise Allah, who has bestowed upon me countless blessings, and I see it as a duty of gratitude to strive in action, together with loyal companions and dutiful descendants, to establish development initiatives that are clear in vision and lofty in purpose. These initiatives are grounded in thoughtful planning to achieve tangible results, drawing their light from the noble faith of Islam, guided by its teachings, extending benefit to people wherever they may be, contributing to the renaissance of the ummah, and serving Islam and Muslims.

We hope these initiatives will become enduring building blocks of goodness and lasting benefit, and a human message that transcends borders and reaches every corner of the earth, by Allah's permission. We firmly believe that reliance on Allah is the best beginning for any goal, that true success comes from Him alone, and that when an endeavor seeks His pleasure, He envelops it in His blessings.

Ultimately, I advise myself first, and all who read these words, to strive in serving their faith, their homeland, and their ummah to the best of their ability. Good deeds are not measured by their size, but by the sincerity of their intention and the depth of their impact. I ask the Almighty Allah to make our intentions purely for His noble sake, to grant acceptance to all that we do and say, to aid us in bearing this trust and fulfilling it well, and to guide us to all that is good, making what has been accomplished beneficial in this life and stored for us in the Hereafter.