

Speech by
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I extend my deepest respect and gratitude to the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques, King Salman bin Abdulaziz, may Allah protect him, the King of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, and to His Royal Highness Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman, for their wise leadership of the Kingdom and their sincere devotion to knowledge and scholars.

I also express my heartfelt thanks and appreciation to King Faisal Prize, which, since its establishment, has remained committed to upholding rigorous academic standards and enhancing its presence at the local, Arab, and international levels. It is, in every sense, a prize for dedicated scholars. The prize continues to advance with steady steps that have solidified its stature, making it a distinguished platform for excellence and creativity. It has shed a light on honorable figures who serve as true role models, helping drive progress and build a knowledge-based society founded on innovation and achievement.

My sincerest thanks and profound gratitude go to His Royal Highness Prince Khalid Al-Faisal, Chairman of King Faisal Prize Board, and His Royal Highness Prince Turki Al-Faisal, Chairman of the Board of the King Faisal Center for Research and Islamic Studies, as well as to the esteemed members of the Prize Board. Their dedication and thoughtful leadership have played a pivotal role in developing the prize's programs, strengthening its credibility, and ensuring the continuity of its positive impact. I also extend thanks to King Faisal Prize Secretariat, whose tireless efforts in organization and communication have been essential to the success we celebrate today.

This prize stands as proof that excellence knows no geographical boundaries; it is shaped by vision and sustained by hard work. It has reinforced its role as a platform that promotes best practices, upholds shared human values, and emphasizes the importance of investing in people as the true foundation of sustainable development.

I also would like to congratulate my fellow laureates on the 2026 award, who represent shining examples of dedication and excellence, and I wish them continued success. May this recognition serve as both encouragement for greater creativity and achievement, and as an inspiration for others to follow the path of distinction.

Finally, this honor is one I shall always cherish, and a responsibility I accept with sincere commitment to continue contributing toward the goals and noble message of this prize. I pray that Allah grants continued success to all those responsible for this prize, and that it may go on fulfilling its pioneering role locally, regionally, and globally.

I close with the inspiring words of His Royal Highness Prince Khalid Al-Faisal, may Allah protect him: "The glory of individuals does not come from status, lineage, or ancestry; it is born of their great deeds that serve their faith, their nation, their country, and all humanity."