

Speech of
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King Faisal Prize Ceremony

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Praise be to Allah, Lord of the worlds, and peace and blessings of Allah be upon the noblest of his messengers, our prophet Muhammad, and upon his family and companions.

Your Royal Highness Prince Mohammed bin Abdulrahman bin Abdulaziz, deputy governor of Riyadh province,

Your Highnesses,

Laureates of the prize,

Your Excellencies,

Distinguished guests,

On behalf of my brother, His Royal Highness Prince Khalid Al-Faisal, advisor to the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques, governor of Makkah Region, and Chairman of King Faisal Prize Board, I welcome you all to the 48th session of the Prize Ceremony.

It is my greatest pleasure to extend the highest expressions of gratitude and appreciation to the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques, King Salman bin Abdulaziz, Supreme Chairman of the King Faisal Foundation, may Allah protect him, for the continuous support the Foundation receives and the enduring and generous patronage of King Faisal Prize Ceremony.

Amid the rising catastrophes, escalating challenges, and intensifying crises that surround us, our steadfast leadership continues to uphold its sound approach and its noble role in guiding us safely through turbulent waters, from the depths of which waves rise, crashing like mountains, while our people remain, by God's grace, firm in their loyalty, sincere in their devotion.

Esteemed Guests,

In light of the exceptional circumstances our region is experiencing, and the rising sounds of weapons and destruction, King Faisal Prize stands as a beacon, honoring knowledge and science and celebrating scholars whose work serves the happiness of humanity. By doing that, we follow the direction of our nation and the directives of our leaders, may Allah protect them, who place reason above all else and work continuously for the benefit of their people, their region, and the world.

Your honored presence this evening at the Prize ceremony reaffirms our shared belief that fruitful and constructive cooperation in the fields of science and knowledge is the optimal path to achieving the wellness of all people.

This is what the King Faisal Foundation, together with all its institutions, has sought to realize through the vision of King Faisal, who, more than half a

century ago, aspired for the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia to become a source of radiance for humanity and peace.

May God have mercy on King Faisal. Thank you, Your Highness, for your gracious presence.

With sincere congratulations to the laureates and genuine appreciation to all of you.

Peace, mercy, and the blessings of Allah be upon you.