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**At the Conclusion of the Conference,
Prince Sultan Called for Courage in Dealing with the Disability**

Prince Sultan bin Salman Thanks the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques for Patronizing the 6th International Conference on Disability and Rehabilitation

His Royal Highness Prince Sultan bin Salman bin Abdulaziz, Special Adviser to the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques and Chairman of the Supreme Supervisory Committee of the 6th International Conference on Disability and Rehabilitation, expressed his thanks and appreciation to the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques King Salman bin Abdulaziz for patronizing the conference, and his generous care for the issue of disability in the Kingdom. HRH stressed on the importance of courage in dealing with the disability file in the future. This came at the conclusion of the 6th International Conference on Disability and Rehabilitation today, Tuesday, at Alfaisal University in Riyadh.

HRH Prince Sultan expressed his thanks and appreciation to His Royal Highness Prince Faisal bin Bandar bin Abdulaziz, Governor of Riyadh Region, for inaugurating the activities of the conference on behalf of the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques and honoring the winners of the King Salman International Award for Disability Research. Prince Sultan also expressed his thanks and appreciation to Alfaisal University for hosting the conference, and to all the participating parties and persons in the organization of the conference, and those who contributed to enriching the conference and its success, including the organizers, participants, sponsors, and supporters. HRH Prince Sultan stressed that the recommendations of this conference will be of his special interest and care to be put into practice in a way that contributes to improving the quality of life of people with disabilities.



HRH Prince Sultan bin Salman noted the importance of the recommendations of the conference including the practice to be bold towards the future to create a new reality at the level of services, rehabilitation, care, and facilitate the lives of people with disabilities and preserve their dignity. HRH also noted the interest on funding programs to empower people with disabilities, benefit from partners at the global level in the field of disability service, and interest on pressing issues at the national level to avoid disability and support people with disabilities. HRH also directed the organizing committee of the conference to form an advisory committee at the highest level to follow up on the

implementation of the recommendations with the various concerned sectors of the country. The final communique of the conference included recommendations in the field of health, technology, education and legislation, the most prominent of which was the acceleration of the launch of the National Record of Disability, unifying of genome and disease history databases, development of governmental and private service technology applications to adapt to the diverse needs of people with disabilities, and support of business incubators and accelerators in the field of disability research in the technical aspect, in cooperation with the competent authorities.





Prince Sultan bin Salman Speech at the Closing Session of the Conference

Thanks, and appreciation the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques, King Salman bin Abdulaziz, the founder of the King Salman Center for Disability Research and the sponsor of this conference. I also thank His Royal Highness Prince Faisal bin Bandar bin Abdulaziz, Governor of Riyadh Region, who honored us with his presence and at the opening ceremony of the conference and honoring the winners of the King Salman bin Abdulaziz Award for Disability Research.

Previous conferences all their recommendations were endorsed by the state, and one of these examples is the Authority for People with Disabilities, and the recommendations of the conferences were daring, and we previously announced that this conference will be under the slogan of "Daring the future", and this stage requires that daring be more and higher than the previous one, and I have additional points on the recommendations of the conference. The ceremony was distinguished, as is the distinction of Alfaisal University, which hosted this conference, as it bears the name of a leading figure, the name of the late King Faisal bin Abdulaziz, and I was a contemporary of King Faisal bin Abdulaziz during my secondary school years. Thanks are extended to the President of the University, His Excellency Dr. Mohammed bin Ali Al-Hayaza, and we also do not forget the volunteer from King Saud University and King Faisal University who performed a distinguished work. We at the King Salman Center for Disability Research have great challenges, and we are now seeing research groups, and the next five years will be intense, and we will invest in King Faisal University in the areas of future ambitions.



I must mention four things in the recommendations, they must be mentioned in order to be strengthened, I mentioned yesterday that the issue of dignity must be present in the recommendations, and a person with a disability is a citizen and has an inherent acquired right in everything that an ordinary citizen gets, and we are all servants of this state as the late founder, King Abdulaziz said, and the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques King Salman said that his only concern is the citizen. The Kingdom of Saudi Arabia works and aspires to be among the five best developed

countries in the world in everything related to caring for people with disabilities, and we are surpassing many countries in this field and this matter will not be difficult in light of the presence of this circle of empowerment, state leadership and Kingdom's Vision 2030 and the citizens widespread awareness about the issue of disability. We who are healthy must fight more for the care of people with disabilities, and this is part of thanking Allah the Almighty for the blessings, and the suffering of mothers cannot be imagined by anyone. We have a number of programs that have been launched





by the Association for Children with Disabilities, the most prominent of which is the "Allah Gives You Its Goodness" program. The work was done with the Ministry of the Interior and now it must be enabled, strengthened, and spread, because of a new cause of accidents which is the mobile phone. And in my opinion, there is no difference between a person talking on the phone or because of speeding causing the death of 8 people from one family, and a terrorist, and I called this "Car Terrorism", and all of this is killing either with a bomb or a gun, or with a car whose driver believes that he owns the road and people have no value. And car accidents have become a big problem, especially with the phone, and this program must be announced and started again, as well as avoiding household accidents that cause disability, such as electricity, falls, swimming pools, and also medical things, and these matters must be mentioned in the recommendations. We have tried to confront such causes with several programs, including the Early Intervention Program, and the recommendations must include the need for the examination to be mandatory for mothers and fathers to register newborns, and there are families in which there are three or four children with disabilities, and this intervention limits the spread of this disability. We seek to confront disability and prevent disability from occurring, and it must be mentioned in the recommendations, and support for people with disabilities by empowering them, which has been supported by the state, and I am sure that it will find great support. Here people with disabilities must be given their right to support, empowerment, assistance and empowerment must be through the systems and the new strategy includes all of them, and here we must support the anticipated national strategy and it will have great support from the state, and enable them to have universal access as well as enable them to finance through investment and the authority will be responsible for their communication with people who have financial advice or funding so that they can live with dignity and a decent life in his country. Recommendations must include the promotion of universal access and be fully implemented during the next five years, and there are many people with disabilities, especially deaf people, who go to many ministries and find no one to help them.

The Saudi citizen is capable of achieving all aspirations. I always meet people from foreign doctors and specialists, and they talk about Saudi students in international universities, and how they achieve the highest results. Frankly, this does not impress me because I know the capabilities of the people of this country, and they can accomplish everything they want. We, the citizens of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, have been granted many good by Allah, and the greatest good, as the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques King Salman bin Abdulaziz says, is the highest thing we possess, which is the service of the Two Holy Mosques. And Allah has honored us that we were created on this blessed land in which the greatest message was revealed, and we are proud that we are in the land of the Arabian Peninsula that produced civilizations and very great achievements, and every day I say this debt is to my country and I must give back to it.

Exceptional Scientific Gains

Dr. Ali Al-Odhaib

Scientific Advisor at the King Salman Center for Disability Research

The 6th International Conference for Disability and Rehabilitation, which was concluded yesterday, Tuesday, at Alfaisal University in Riyadh, achieved exceptional scientific gains through the participation of a group of scientists, researchers and specialists in disability, its research, and related fields from various countries, heralding an effective role for this conference and its recommendations in advancing the development of the system of services provided to people with disabilities.

There are a number of reasons and factors through which this conference can be considered exceptional from a scientific and research point of view, including its coincidence with the 3rd King Salman International Award for Disability Research in, and the participation of the award winners in the conference sessions, which contributed to enriching the scientific and research aspect with exceptional participations that constitute a scientific quality addition, and new research contents that were not previously explored, and this applies to the various scientific, health and applied fields that formed the themes of the award.

The momentum of scientific participations in the conference contributed to enriching the outcomes of the conference, where 91 scientific participations were presented in the conference, including lectures, workshops, and scientific



posters, and this inject momentum into the scientific and research aspect related to disability issues.

Perhaps the participation of large scientific and research institutions in the conference is one of the other scientific and research strength factors of this conference. On top of them are King Abdulaziz City for Science and Technology, King Faisal Specialist Hospital and Research Center, Alfaisal University, and other scientific and research institutions, which is added to the participation of effective and influential ministries in the scientific and research field, such as the Ministry of Education and the Ministry of Health. All of this heralds the direct interest of these parties in the scientific results and outputs of this conference and pushes towards converting them into inventions and practical outputs that contribute to improving the level of dealing with the issue of disability and improving the quality of life of people with disabilities to achieve the general goal of the King Salman Center for Disability Research, which "Science Benefiting People".





Sponsors Exhibition, Distinguished Pavilions and Remarkable Live the Experience, Distinguished and Interesting experiences in participating parties Corners in the Exhibition Accompanying the Conference



The distinguished exhibition of sponsors accompanying the conference by the distinguished pavilions, attendance and remarkable interaction of visitors and participants in the conference activities, as well as a group of sponsors and supporters of the conference participated in the exhibition. This included the strategic sponsor Hassan Abbas Sharbatly Charity Foundation for Community Service. The diamond sponsors are the Ministry of Education, the Ministry of Health, and King Abdulaziz City for Science and Technology, and the golden sponsors are the Saudi Telecom Company, Abdul Latif Jameel Hospital, the Gulf Health Council, and Salehiya Company. The exhibition was also attended by the parties participating in the conference, such as the Authority of People with Disability, Saudi Human Rights Commission, and Sultan bin Abdulaziz Al Saud Foundation.

Live the Experience

The participation of the bodies in the exhibition accompanying the 6th International Conference for Disability and Rehabilitation for this session was exceptional and distinct. It was accompanied by excitement to experiences that the visitors went



through to live the experiences themselves, and to receive the message that the organizers intended in a different practical and realistic way.

The experiences that were contained in the corners of the participating parties represented the (Sound of

the Flag) experiment in the corner of the King Salman Center for Disability Research in the exhibition, which is an innovative technical experiment to enable people with hearing disabilities to feel and sense the tones of the national anthem, The experience of (Try





the Wheelchair) in the corner of the Children with Disabilities Association aims for healthy people to experience the suffering of people with disabilities during their practice of daily life. The experience of (Be in my Place) for the Society of Learning Disability Organization, the experience of (Try to Understand) for the Tawasal Association, the experience of (Together to Their World) in the corner of the Dar Al-Olfa Center for Training and Rehabilitation, the experience of (Human Behavior Lab) in the corner of King Faisal Specialist Hospital and Research Center. The exhibition also included the experience of (Feel Me) in the corner of the Al-Tamayoz Al-Shamel Center, and the experience of (Living an Amputee Life) in the corner of the Amputee Care Association, the experience (Let us Feel Autism) in the corner of the Eradah Association, and the experience (Try the White Cane) in the corner of Kafeef Association.





Prince Sultan bin Salman Accompanies Senior Guests of 6th International Conference on Disability and Rehabilitation to Tour of Historical Areas in Diriyah



His Royal Highness Prince Sultan bin Salman, Special Advisor to the Two Holy Mosques, Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the King Salman Center for Disability Research, accompanied the key speakers of the 6th International Conference for Disability and Rehabilitation, which took place during the period from 4-6 December at Alfaisal University in Riyadh, as well as the winners of the King Salman International Award for Disability Research, in a tour of the historical areas in the Diriyah region.

After receiving the senior guests of the conference, they visited Salwa Palace, the Diriyah Museum, the Arabian Horse Museum, and the Military Museum, then the attendees went to Al-Bujairi District, where they had dinner, and took commemorative photos.

The participants expressed their pleasure and pride in what they saw of the civilizational landmarks, and the development achieved on tourism facilities in the region. They also expressed their thanks and appreciation to Prince Sultan bin Salman, and to all the organizer of conference and its accompanying events.

For his part, the Secretary-General of the King Salman Center for Disability Research and Chairman of the Preparatory Committee for the conference, stressed the importance of social events and activities accompanying the conference in highlighting the civilized and touristic aspect of the Kingdom, and strengthening ties and relations between the participants in the conference activities.



in Airport Accessibility for Airports 2022

King Salman Center for Disability Research, Riyadh Airports Receive 1st Place Award



His Royal Highness Prince Sultan bin Salman bin Abdulaziz, Special Adviser to the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques, Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the King Salman Center for Disability Research, and Eng. Mohammed bin Abdullah Al-Maghlouth, CEO of Riyadh Airports Company, today, Monday, December 5, 2022, received the first place award in "Airport Accessibility for 2022" achieved by the King Salman Center and King Khalid International Airport in Riyadh at the PRM Leadership Conference held at Heathrow Airport – in London on November 9th. Both the Center and Riyadh Airports win the award for the "sensory room for people with disabilities" service that was launched by the Center in November 2021 in Terminal 5 at King Khalid Airport International Airport in Riyadh in cooperation with the Riyadh Airports Company and with the support of Saudi Aramco to serve passengers with disabilities through the airport. The award was delivered in the presence of representatives of the OZION AIRPORT organization, the awarding body, and they are Roberto Castiglione, Honorary Member of the British Empire and Consultant in Accessibility, and Kevin Knight from OZION Airport Software.

On this occasion, Prince Sultan expressed his happiness that the King Salman Center for Disability Research and King Khalid International Airport in Riyadh won this award, which confirms the Kingdom's keenness to improve and develop numerous services for people with disabilities, including accessibility services and services related to this aspect. Prince Sultan added that this award is one of the results of the King Salman Center's cooperation with the relevant authorities in the country to raise awareness about disability and improve various services for people with disabilities, as it comes in conjunction with the

Kingdom and the world's celebration of the International Day of Persons with Disabilities scheduled on the third of December of each year. The slogan for this year emphasizes accessibility and its importance in integrating and empowering individuals of this category, and the award comes in conjunction with the King Salman Center's organization of the 6th International Conference for Disability and Rehabilitation held under the patronage of the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques King Salman bin Abdulaziz.

For his part, Eng. Mohammed bin Abdullah Al-Maghlouth expressed his happiness that King Khalid International Airport won this award, explaining that it is a result of the overall integrated efforts with our partners, and confirms the total joint achievements achieved by Riyadh airports in partnership with the King Salman Center for Disability Research to serve for people with disabilities.

Eng. Al-Maghlouth affirmed that this award will

motivate us to continue to provide everything in serving people with disabilities and work to achieve the highest standards that ensure facilitating their journey through the airport. King Salman Center for Disability Research was represented at the ceremony by Kholoud Ibrahim Al-Shaya, Counselor at the Center and Director of the Sensory Rooms Initiative, and Ghada Abdulaziz Al-Yemeni, Presenter of the Sensory Rooms Project at the Conference. Al-Shaya sent her sincere thanks and appreciation to His Royal Highness Prince Sultan bin Salman bin Abdulaziz, Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the King Salman Center for Disability Research, for his continuous support and follow-up of initiatives that contribute to the development of services for people with disabilities in various fields. She also thanked the Center's General Secretariat, led by Dr. Ahmed Al-Tamimi, and all the employees of the Center who contributed to achieving this national achievement.



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