



# NATIONAL DAY OF Saudi Arabia



Late King Abdul Aziz  
Founder of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia



King Abdullah Bin Abdul Aziz  
Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques



Crown Prince Salman bin Abdulaziz



## Ambassador's Message



SEPTEMBER 23, 2012 coincides with the 82nd memory of unification of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia on the hand of the founder King Abdul Aziz bin Abdur Rahman Al Saud -- May Allah enlighten his grave -- and under the banner of Monotheism "La Ilaha Illallahu Muhammadur Rasulullah". His Majesty is regarded as the great maker of the modern history.

After him his sons King Saud, Faisal, Khaled and Fahad -- May Allah bless them -- bore the flag and responsibility. After them the Saudi people took an oath affirming allegiance to the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques King Abdullah bin Abdul Aziz -- May Allah protect him. The Kingdom of Saudi Arabia gave utmost importance since its establishment on the Two Holy Mosques in respect of expansion, building and maintenance. Its concern is revealed during continuous expansion works of the Two Holy Mosques. No King passed without endeavor to expand and build the Two Holy Mosques. Since the reign of the founder King Abdul Aziz (1344H 1925) who established a factory to make the covering of the Holy Kaaba in Makkah Al-Mukarramah with the increase of visitors of the Holy Baitullah day after day development works have become more important. That is why the

Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques King Abdullah bin Abdul Aziz -- May Allah protect him -- has ordered to complete the project of new expansion work started by the founder King -- May Allah enlighten his grave. So the plan of development work aiming at making the greatest expansion of the Holy Mosque in Makkah Al Mukarramah from different view points including building, technical and security in the period fixed for two years from the date of handing over the site after being free from hindrances. For heaviness of the project it was in need of dividing into three parts. The first part has aimed at expansion of the building of the Holy Mosque in Makkah Al Mukarramah to accommodate a big number of worshipers. It is hoped that after completion of the project two-million-worshiper will perform their prayer at a time. The second part of the project has aimed at expansion of the

outside premises of the Holy Kaaba comprising toilets, passageways and tunnels in addition to other facilities to ease free entrance and exist of the worshipers and visitors of the Holy Kaaba. The third part of the project has aimed to develop the service area which is considered one of the service facilities including air condition stations, power stations, water plants and other stations which render support to the Haram area. It is hoped that after completion of this heavy construction project, the expansion area will be 15000.1 square meter and the expansion project taken by the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques King Abdullah Bin Abdul Aziz Al-Saud will provide unprecedented facilities to a big number of Muslims for visiting the Holy Mosque in Makkah Al-Mukarramah at a time, while more than two million worshipers will be accommodated at a time. And the work is running to over-

shadow the northern courtyard which will connect with the first Saudi expansion work as well as to connect the running place (between safa and Marwa) by various bridges in order to create safe continuous movement of the crowd. The complete system of movement from the basically will be ensured, as it will include the moving and fixed stairs and lifts in which the mechanism will be more accurate through sufficient use of power and natural resources, as well as the best air condition and lighting system which have been set up. The work for outer courtyard for infrastructure and services in favour of the project is running by which the joining with the northern area of the Holy Mosque will be completed. The work for completion of the additional minarets is running. After completion of the work the total number of minarets of Holy Mosque will be 13. The foreign policy of the

Kingdom of Saudi Arabia since the reign of its founder King Abdul Aziz concentrated on the firm basis and strong principle derived from the fundamentals of true Islamic religion and original Arabian traditions. The important feature of foreign policy of Saudi Arabia is to work for supporting the Arabian and Islamic solidarity and to protect the righteous Arabian and Islamic issues, the last of which is the call of the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques King Abdullah bin Abdul Aziz for special extraordinary Islamic summit in Holy Makkah on 27th Ramadan 1433h which bears great importance according to its holding place and time, as well as due to the need of Muslim Ummah and the great challenges which the Ummah facing by this time. Alike the necessity of building of active Islamic solidarity stand, by which the formation of strong defence and restraining line before the