

His Royal Highness The Prince of Wales and Her Royal Highness The Duchess of Cornwall visited the Kingdom from 24-26 March. It was His Royal Highness' third visit in three years.

The Prince of Wales was honoured to be received by the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques, and by the Crown Prince, His Royal Highness Prince Sultan bin Abdulaziz, and to renew his friendship with other members of the Saudi Royal family. King Abdullah, welcomed The Duchess saying he hoped she had a pleasant stay.

Their Royal Highnesses carried out separate itineraries with The Prince speaking at Saudi Arabia's foremost Islamic university and The Duchess meeting some of the Kingdom's Princesses and local women at a women's charity.

The Prince became the first Western man to speak at Saudi Arabia's most senior Islamic University, the Imam Muhammad bin Saud University.



The University is the most prominent Islamic centre of learning in Saudi Arabia, and has been working to moderate hard-liners and been part of the campaign to counter radicalisation.

In his speech, The Prince said: "I think we need to recover the depth, the subtlety, the generosity of imagination, the respect for wisdom that so marked Islam in its great ages."

He added: "And what was so distinctive of the great ages of faith surely was that they understood, that as well as sacred texts, there is the art of interpretation of sacred texts - between the meaning of God's word for all time and its meaning for this time."

With His Royal Highness Prince Abdulaziz bin Abdullah bin Abdulaziz, the Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Centennial Fund, His Royal Highness also attended the signing ceremony of the accreditation agreement between the Centennial Fund and Youth Business International. The Prince of Wales presented the Centennial Fund with an accreditation certificate and met some of the clients, donors and volunteers working with the Fund. He viewed a presentation on the King Abdullah Economic City by His Excellency Mr Amr al Dabbagh, Governor of SAGIA.



At the King Abdulaziz historical centre, the Prince of Wales, with His Royal Highness Prince Sultan bin Salman, opened the Saudi Urban Heritage project exhibition, and was presented by Prince Sultan with a Lifetime Achievement award for his work in Architectural Heritage.



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