

AWARD CEREMONY

Great Hall of Acts, “Sala dos Capelos” University of Coimbra

Closing Remarks by Amílcar Falcão

Rector of the University of Coimbra

Dear participants of the 37th World Cultural Council Award Ceremony,

I sincerely hope you enjoyed this magnificent ceremony which reminds us of old verse that humanity has to offer.

I would like again to express my deepest gratefulness to the President of the World Cultural Council, Professor Sir Fraser Stoddart, and to all the members of its directive board for having given the University of Coimbra the opportunity to host this unique event bringing it to Portugal for the first time.

I'd like as well to express my genuine appreciation to all people involved in preparation and organization of the Award Ceremony, in particular to Ms Lily Hernandez to Mrs Tresa Batista and all the collaborators of Coimbra University.

I would also like to express my sincere appreciation to the musicians, members of our Academy Community for allowing us to enjoy such outstanding contributions to the artistic culture with the mark of Coimbra.

Congratulations again to the Prize winners and Special Recognitions receivers.

I am firmly convinced that your contributions to culture, science, and education will help us to build a more harmonious, more just, and more beautiful world.

Thank you all for your presence here in such a special moment. Have a good day and a safe return to your homes. Long life to the World Cultural Council, long life to University of Coimbra!