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بسم الله الرحمن الرحيم

الحمدلله رب العالمين و الصلاة و السلام على أشرف الأنبياء و المرسلين سيدنا محمد و على آله و صحبه أجمعين

Distinguished guests,

السلامُ عليكم ورحمة الله وبركاتُه ،،،

On behalf of Dr. Haifa Reda Jamal Al-Lail, President of Effat University, it is my immense pleasure to welcome you today in this event that builds another bridge between the university and the community.

Effat University is the first private non-profit institution of higher education for women in the kingdom of Saudi Arabia, established in 1999 by HRH Queen Effat, wife of the late King Faisal. Queen Effat was a visionary woman who had the strong desire to contribute to educating tomorrow's women leaders. She believed that women leaders would actively participate in the social and economic development of the country. Her vision has continued after her death by the support of the Board of Trustees in order to make this vision true and reach out the maximum number of women in the society.

Effat University has a short life for an educational institution, only 14 years, but these years have been full of success and brought the recognition of Effat University as the provider of Academic Excellence.

We are proud to have almost 2000 undergraduate students enrolled in three colleges: College of Humanities and Social Sciences, College of Business, and College of Engineering. Through these three colleges we offer 11 degree programs, four of which are offered under the college of Engineering:

Architecture, Computer Science, Electrical and Computer Engineering, Information Systems

It is important to mention that Effat University is the first University in the Kingdom that offers Architecture for women and is the only university that offers Electrical and Computer Engineering for women. These two programs have strong international partners, University of Miami for the Architecture program, Tokai University in Japan for Computer Science, Duke University in the US for the Electrical and Computer Engineering program, and Syracuse University for the Information Systems program.

All these programs support the growth of women in the workforce, a cause to which Effat University is committed.

Effat University is today celebrating the presence of each one of you and we are very proud to gather these young girls to showcase their innovative and

creative skills through the project competition, and also their desire to take challenges in the scientific competition.

This year's theme, "Renewable Energy", is an important message for the future scientists and engineers you will be. Renewable Energy refers to finding solutions of the problems of human society in such a way to meet human needs while preserving the environment for next generations. You are the future problem solvers for our society challenges. It is important to be aware of your responsibility to work for People and for a Better World.

We feel honored today to celebrate our commitment to the community especially to inspire and engage the youth and we hope that this event will yield to a fun, challenging, and inspiring educational experience for all of you in order to become those who will contribute to a better future in this country and in the world.

Finally, I would like to express my gratitude to all who worked hard to make today's event a success.

I sincerely wish you all enjoy today's program and looking forward to seeing you in the near future.

Thank you.