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Ladies and Gentlemen

Good morning

It gives me great pleasure to be here in a beautiful city of Yangzhou to attend the China – Arab Higher Education Cooperation Symposium, and would like to tell you how pleased I am to have this opportunity to meet our colleagues in China. The presence of many Arab University rectors or their representatives determine the Arab Universities interest in collaborating with Universities in China.

First, I would like to briefly describe the University of which I am rector, Jazan University: Is one of the newly established Universities in the kingdom of Saudi Arabia which exceeded 20 Universities funded by the government. It has over 30,000 students in 17 different colleges with over 65% of our students females, with budget around 1 billion S.R. We focus on teaching, research and we interact closely with the community.

This symposium will open the door for future collaboration between Chinese and Arab Universities, Chinese Universities as well as Arab Universities have a good to strong reputations in many fields and with collaboration will add a high quality, upgrading opportunity for our students and staff. The collaboration between our Universities gives us the chance of joint research projects and more students will have the opportunities to expose to different way of teaching and training.
We already have such collaboration between Jazan University and foreign institutions. Illinois University medical school is a good example for our collaboration it covers exchange of professor's visit and last summer we had 8 student from our medical college spent the summer training at the Illinois medical center and came back with wonderful experience.

We well continue to establish more collaborations, and it is time for Chinese and Arab Universities to have such collaboration. I know China has many excellent Universities and I am looking to come out of this symposium with agreement of collaborations with different Chinese Universities in different fields. Our discussions will undoubtedly bring more ideas, But mostly we need to develop ties and Sustainable relationships. Collaboration between Universities is not only desirable, but also necessary for the benefit of our university communities and our respective societies.

Finally,

I would like to thank the ministry of Education in China on their invitation and fine hospitality and I encourage the Chinese and Arab universities to develop strong partnership. I look forward to hear about a very successful collaboration in our next meeting.

Thank you for your attention.

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