



SESAME

Synchrotron-light for Experimental Science and Applications in the Middle East

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Your Royal Highness,
President Sir Chris Llewellyn Smith,
Excellencies,
Ladies and Gentlemen,

It is a great pleasure for me to be here and participate in the opening ceremony of SESAME. It is also a great honor to be able to address such a distinguished audience.

I have visited SESAME many times in the past and every time I came here I witnessed how our dreams come true. And today, what we have achieved here is nothing short of a miracle. In this context, I would like to thank all those who contributed to the establishment of this outstanding facility. And I would also like to congratulate the scientific and administrative staff of SESAME and advisory committees for their enormous efforts.

Turkey, as a founding Member of SESAME, gives utmost importance to this project and hence has contributed about 10 million US\$ to date. Our goal now is to get involved in experimental studies to produce science in this invaluable facility. The sustainability of such a big facility needs the continuous support of its Members, therefore I would like to state that Turkey will maintain its support to SESAME in the future.

We believe that SESAME will foster closer links between peoples in the region with different traditions, political systems and beliefs, and will help to establish peace in the Middle East stemming from the peace in the science at SESAME.

Thank you very much.