

ITYE 2012 (Speech)

بسم الله الرحمن الرحيم و الصلاة والسلام على أشرف المرسلين سيدنا محمد و على آله و
صحابه أجمعين

Dear guests,

السلام عليكم و رحمة الله و بركاته

Effat University is proud of holding the 2nd IT Youth Empowerment, an event organized by the students of the College of Engineering at Effat University for all the students and the youth in Jeddah.

Allow me first to welcome you all today on behalf of Dr. Haifa Reda Jamal Al-Lail, President of Effat University and say few words about Effat University and its students that we like to call Effat Ambassadors.

Effat University is the legacy of a visionary woman, Queen Effat Al Thunayan wife of the late King Faisal, whose vision was to empower women, through

education, in order to become the catalysts of positive change in their family and the society. Effat University continues to hold this honorable vision through the unique educational opportunities that are offered to the women of Saudi Arabia. In fact, we are very proud of having the first college of engineering for girls in the kingdom. The college offers four academic programs: Architecture, Computer Science, Electrical and Computer Engineering, and Information Systems, two of them are offered for girls for the first time in the kingdom.

The organization of today's event comes from an initiative of the students of the college of engineering who are demonstrating four important characteristics: the outstanding academic performance, the balance between tradition and modernity, Leadership and Ambition, and Outreach to the outside world.

We are very proud of their achievements and being the living legacy of Queen Effat, Effat Ambassadors.

This gathering aims at informing and making the young students aware about the latest technology and the related issues. Technology is omnipresent and it is very difficult to ignore its implications and complications.

Furthermore, we, in the Arab and Muslim world, are still mainly consumers of such technology and we are behind when it comes to be part of the development and innovation in technology. I hope that today's speakers will inspire you all to make that forward step from the status of consumer towards the status of producer and if not at least to become an aware and responsible consumer of technology.

I would like to thank the participating speakers who have graciously accepted to give some of their time and come

to Effat University to share their professional experience as well as their personal passion and inspiration.

I would like to congratulate Effat ambassadors, the organizing team for their efforts and dedication

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Please applause them for such an achievement.

I would also like to thank the event's sponsors for their support for this important students' initiative.

Finally, thank you for all Effat staff who supported the students in making today's event happen.

Congratulations again for Effat Ambassadors and I wish you all an enjoyable learning experience.

Thank you and

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Houria Oudghiri, Provost, Effat University

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