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*"Language: The Beacon of Culture and Thought (LBCT)"*

*"اللغة: منارة الثقافة والفكر"*

*(Opening Speech)*

*By*

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*at*

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بسم الله الرحمن الرحيم والصلاة والسلام على أشرف المرسلين سيدنا محمد و على  
آله و صحبه أجمعين

Your Royal Highness, your excellences, our distinguished  
guests, colleagues and students,

السلام عليكم و رحمة الله و بركاته

Good morning.

We are proud to welcome you all to the Second Interdisciplinary  
Conference in Linguistics, Literature, and Translation:

**"Language: The Beacon of Culture and Thought (LBCT)"**

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Effat University is committed to academic excellence at the highest international standards in order to graduate leaders who are able to make positive change in society while being deeply rooted in Islamic values. Effat's educational vision comes from a visionary woman, Queen Effat Al-Thunayan, wife of the late King Faisal (may Allah bless their souls), who established the first school for girls in Saudi Arabia in 1955. Queen Effat also established the first private college for women in 1999, Effat College, which later became Effat University in 2009. Queen Effat had a commitment to education because she believed in the fact that educating women is the way to develop any country. Effat University continues to uphold this vision by graduating every year Queen Effat Ambassadors who leave Effat with the commitment to contribute to society.



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Effat University prides itself on offering a collection of diverse academic programs which provide unique opportunities for women's education in the kingdom. Like other units at Effat University, the English & Translation Department, which is an important part of the College of Humanities and Social Sciences, has been in existence for 14 years, and has graduated a whole generation of **English teachers, writers, journalists, translators and interpreters** to name but a few of the careers our graduates undertake to advance their country.

The Kingdom of Saudi Arabia is keen on enriching the field of translation studies and enhancing opportunities for cultural dialogue and communication among cultures. In this regard, The Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques, King Abdullah Bin



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AbdulAziz, has established an International Award for Translation in 2006. This award is presented annually to distinguished works of translation and prominent institutions that contribute significantly to the field of Arabic/English translation. So far the award has succeeded in attracting major universities, scientific institutions and best translators throughout the world. The present conference aims at endorsing the valuable efforts of the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques by promoting translation and cultural interaction.

Our second biennial international conference, “Language: the Beacon of Culture and Thought, منارة الثقافة والفكر” focuses on the three disciplines of Linguistics, Literature and Translation. By organizing this conference, the Department of English and



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Translation is fulfilling its mission of aspiring to be one of the leading providers of high-quality and internationally recognized education in English and translation. In an intellectual setting which is stimulating and challenging, and in which diversity of approach and opinion is highly valued, the Department strives, with unwavering determination, to prepare students to be an innovative community of responsible leaders.

Honorable guests: I sincerely hope you will find this two-day event an interesting learning experience.

Thank you,