Delegates, Top 1% Scientists, and Honorable Guests,

It is my pleasure to welcome you to the Islamic Republic of Iran, a historic land of art and science. I am honoured to open this event as a unique platform for promoting interdisciplinary scientific exchange and for connecting pioneers with juniors to help foster an even more collaboration-friendly scientific environment. Basic and clinical sciences in the Islamic Republic of Iran, have been rapidly growing in terms of quantity of scientific publications in the past decade, under the banner of the Ministry of Health and Medical Education. Meanwhile, the quality of scientific activities either in providing health services or steeping the citations is now our main focus. The rising number of young scientists in our country, provide a promising horizon for our next generations, and serve as a great opportunity for Iranian talents to collaborate with peers and pioneers across the world.

The presence of Nobel laureate in Medicine, Professor John Gurdon, among young scholars provides an opportunity to cherish the advances made in science, from genome to galaxy, by these great individuals. The history of science has been a testament to the critical role of great scientists who not only made great strides but shared their experience for the further progression of science. While appreciating the organizers of such a promising gathering, I wholeheartedly support the goals of this congress and wish the enhancement of personal and professional relationships among scientists worldwide.

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