



SESAME

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

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### Statement by Mr Tha'er Abu-Hanieh Representative of the SESAME Staff



President of the SESAME Council,  
Director,  
Excellencies,  
Ladies and Gentlemen,

I am saying these few words on my behalf, but also on behalf of all the staff of SESAME. I do so in my capacity as staff representative.

This is a great honour for us and a very moving moment.

Indeed, we have been working towards this very important moment for years now and we take great pride in the knowledge of the fact that the region now has a centre of excellence comparable to those in scientifically-advanced countries.

We also take great pride in the fact that the SESAME machine that you will all visit after the end of this ceremony has been constructed by engineers and scientists of the region, who until not very long ago had very little knowledge about synchrotron radiation. Many of us were able to carry out this job as a result of the training we received from forefront synchrotron radiation facilities.

For the staff, it has been very comforting to feel the great solidarity behind us and we thank you all in earnest for this. We also thank you all for having come to Jordan to share with us this moving moment of the official opening.

We are now about to embark on the exciting adventure of hosting users and we hope this may include some scientists from all your countries, yes, all countries, why not the scientifically more advanced ones too.

Thank you for coming.