



SESAME

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

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Excellencies,
Ladies and Gentlemen,

I am delighted to attend this SESAME inauguration event and I extend my congratulations for this.

The International Atomic Energy Agency is very pleased to have supported the SESAME project.

Our assistance included providing training for scientists from SESAME Members in the application of synchrotron radiation techniques, and sending expert teams of scientists and engineers to support construction and commissioning activities.

The IAEA is celebrating its 60th anniversary this year. In the past six decades, we have helped developing countries to use nuclear science and technology to improve the well-being and prosperity of their people.

Nuclear science and technology have many peaceful applications which can help countries to produce more food, generate more electricity, treat diseases such as cancer, manage water supplies, protect the seas and oceans and respond to climate change.

The IAEA focuses on transferring knowledge so that countries acquire their own expertise. And many developing countries, especially in this region, have advanced capabilities in nuclear science and technology, which they share with their neighbours.

SESAME is an excellent example of international high-tech collaboration.

I have no doubt that the people of this region will derive great benefits from the advanced research in medicine, physics, chemistry, biology, environmental and earth sciences – and other subjects – that will be carried out here in the coming decades.

The IAEA is proud to be your partner.

On behalf of the Agency, I extend my warm congratulations to SESAME's Members and to all of its staff.

Thank you very much.