Guest of honor: H.E Dr. Liu Yandong

Deputy Prime Minister

People's Republic of China

Welcome speech: Talal Abu-Ghazaleh

Chairman of TAG-Confucius

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- H.E Jordan's honorable guest Dr. Liu Yandung, Deputy Prime Minister of the People's Republic of China.
- First of all, I'd like to apologize that I don't speak Chinese though my grandchildren do.
- It is a great honor for TAG-Org, with its eighty five offices all around the world, and on behalf of Mr. Loai Talal Abu- Ghazaleh, my deputy for Chinese affairs, and personally I say that you are most welcome here at the premises of Talal Abu-Ghazaleh International Digital University.
- Your Excellency, the leaders of education, economics, and public work in our beloved countries, you are most welcomed.

Our honorable guest: this is a day of <u>pride</u> and honor for all of us.

- 1. First, allow me my lady to announce that I'm so much proud to be the first Jordanian who gets the "award for outstanding efforts to support Arab-China friendship" for 2016, which I consider a great honor to receive the award from the Chinese president, Shi Jinping personally.
- 2. Today we are <u>proud</u> that you have chosen our university specifically for this visit among the official program of your visit to Jordan. Thank you.
- 3. We are also <u>proud</u> that your visit comes in the fortieth year of Jordan's celebration of the Jordanian-Chinese relationships that are of special importance to His Majesty King Abdulla II.
 - 4. I am personally <u>proud</u> to work with a dear friend, Mr. Ban Waifang, the ambassador of the People's Republic of China in Jordan, to support this friendship.
 - 5. I am also <u>proud</u> my lady that you are the guest of the chairman of TAG-Confucious, our pride since 2008 that our honorable guests will be visiting in our second regional building.
 - 6. We are <u>proud</u> that we opened in 2003 the first office of our three offices in China (Shanghai, Beijing, and Hong Kong).
 - 7. We are also <u>proud</u> that we have the best partnership with Hanban since 2008 and Xinyang University. Thank you Mr. Han Ban Ma Givani, and Mr. Lin Chin president of Xinyang University for being here with us.
 - 8. We are <u>proud</u> of our presence since 2009, under supervision of the Chinese embassy, travel visas for Jordanians travelling to China in a perfect comprehensive partnership.

- 9. Abu-Ghazaleh Intellectual Property, one of our twenty companies, (its international administration is in our third regional building) which is the biggest in the world, and <u>proud</u> to serve more than quarter million Chinese company since 1972.
- 10. Our Group is <u>proud</u> of our relations with the Chinese People's Association for Friendship with Foreign Countries. We are looking forward for the expected visit of the Association's chairman Mrs. Lin Yai to accomplish the arrangements for establishing the Arab China Commercial Associated & Cultural Exchange Council.
- 11. I am <u>proud</u> that I participated in Beijing in the consultative economic meeting "the belt and the road", and that our Group sets the success of this important initiative as an urging priority.
- 12. I am <u>proud</u> that two days ago I signed with my partner, the chairman of Xinyang University, an important strategic agreement to provide more economic, educational, and cultural cooperation with the People's Republic of China. Mr. Lin Chin, thank you for your confidence in our Group.
- 13. Mr. Chairman of Xinyang University, I am proud that I were the guest and the speaker in your graduation ceremony of 2009 with the attendance of tens of thousands of graduates. Thank you Mr. Lin Chin.
- 14. Under the directives of His Majesty King Abdulla II God bless him, to encourage educating the Chinese language to Arabs, we prepare a strategic plan to teach the Arabic language in China under a program and an approved exam certificate.
- 15. I suggest to establish a network of private schools accredited by China and equipped by Chinese teachers similar to the American, British, and French schools in the region.

- Our honorable guest allow me, because you are the highest responsible for education and culture in China, to enjoy this rare opportunity to offer you partnership in the process of building the knowledge future in all the Arab countries and to facilitate the leadership of the digital education in the region by producing the (Phablet) device in China of about 7 inches, which works as a smart phone and a small laptop, with basic capabilities, and reasonable cost, and can be used as a school bag for students in every school in the region, and also can be used by everyone in the society. Then we together become proud of our role in the efforts of transforming the Arab societies to knowledge societies.
- Expressing our deep pride of the honor of your visit, allow me to present you the top appreciation shield of our Group and the drawing of the tree of life the pride of our beloved Jordan form TAG University.
- And now allow me my lady, and my dear guests to listen under your care to the "Chinese Dream Presentation" and the achievements of TAG-Confucious.
- You are all most welcomed.