

**Dear Honorable Executive Director COMSATS Dr. Syed Muhammed Junaid Zaidi!**

**Dear Honorable Chair of COMSATS Coordinating Council Dr. Ashraf Hamed Mousa Shaalan!**

**Dear participants of COMSATS Coordinating Council!**

On behalf of the National Academy of Science of the Republic of Kazakhstan, I welcome all of the participants of the 21st Meeting of COMSATS Coordinating Council!

For 86 years National Academy of Science of the Republic of Kazakhstan that unites leading research institutes, contributes to the scientific and innovative development of the country in numerous ways, including the encouragement of international cooperation with the world's largest scientific organizations.

Scientists of Kazakhstan pursue joint international projects with researchers from other countries in the opportunity to undergo training in the leading research centers and access best equipment and data. More than a third of the research papers produced now have coauthors from multiple countries. International cooperation is becoming increasingly diverse geographically, with one of the priority areas of this expansion being the countries of the South, many of which are represented in COMSATS.

I am pleased to see that al-Farabi Kazakh National University, being the primary institution of higher education in Kazakhstan, is increasing action in our common commitment to international scientific and technical collaboration for the sake of sustainable development.

I am certain that al-Farabi KazNU working as the Center of Excellence, as well as being the host institution of the 21st Meeting of COMSATS Coordinating Council, could lend momentum to further enhancement of the partnership between scientific organizations of Kazakhstan and countries of the South.

I wish fruitful work and further strengthening of cooperation for sustainable development to all the participants and guests of the 21st Coordination Council!

**President of  
The National Academy of Science  
of the Republic of Kazakhstan,  
Academician**

**Murat Zhurinov**