

In the name of God

Message of His Excellency, Prof. Reza Faraji-Dana
Hon. Minister of Science, Research and Technology of I. R. Iran
To
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On the occasion of the *17th Meeting of COMSATS Coordinating Council*, it gives me great pleasure to convey felicitations of the Government and the people of the Islamic Republic of Iran to the Member States of Commission on Science & Technology for Sustainable Development in the South (COMSATS).

COMSATS has achieved significant advancement in obtaining science and technology cooperation among the member states. The 16th Meeting of COMSATS Coordinating Council held on 2-3 May 2013 in Accra, Ghana, provided us a convenient opportunity for hosting the current meeting in Iranian Research Organization for Science and Technology (IROST).

I believe that science and technology should be available for all states without discrimination. Technology follows brain circulation and knowledge freedom is an essential part of international activities.

As a COMSATS member, I. R. Iran attaches great importance to COMSATS activities as a science and technology organization contributing to the promotion of cooperation in this field among the member states.

Here I wish to highlight that each related science and technology event, should further strengthen and contribute to the spirit of cooperation in fruitful areas and to obtain tangible results.

Honorable authorities and dear audience!

I trust that we will achieve the objectives and agreements of this meeting on a timely fashion.

While I wish the esteemed international delegates would enjoy the hospitality and the beauty of this country, I avail this opportunity to reiterate continued commitment and support to COMSATS as well as our joint endeavors to achieve greater regional cooperation.

God Bless You All