

Word for farewell of Professor Raohout

German University of Technology in Oman

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In the name of Allah, the Most Gracious, the Most Merciful

Celebrated friend/ Professor Raohout

Honorable professors

University Officials

Dear Students

I am concerned with several things in this occasion of farewell to President Professor Raohout:

First: to emphasize my friendship and appreciation to professor Raohout. This friendship has started years before founding this university. I knew him when he was President of Aachen University. I have witnessed his outstanding efforts in demonstrating cooperation project. I have also his friendship, devotion and loyalty not to the idea of project but to **me personally** who is in front of you now. This friendship and fondness will remain just as the plant remains ripe and becomes a prosperous and fruitful tree. These flowers and fruits are represented in these young men and women who have who have learned science from him, and enjoyed his administration and results of his effort. It is a promise to be loyal to this virtuous man who co-founded and sponsored the project from the beginning until what university has reached today regarding freshness and good reputation, which reflect the promising future.

Secondly: what remains for Professor Raohout and the other participants in foundation; the regulations established due to being the most important matters of university education. These regulations were co-founded by President Raohout due to his advanced position as University President. He has been compassionate for University as a father for his newborn and as expert for his production. He was concerned in the present and future of the idea of project. We have in our heritage an old saying: (work for hereafter as if you die tomorrow, and work for your worldly existence as if you live forever). For Germans, the eternal living is represented in establishing regulations that guarantee success and permanence; a summary of wise and dedicated effort performed by Professor Raohout from the first moment.

Thirdly: The third accomplishment is the great cooperation between university's institution in Germany, and the higher education sector in Sultanate of Oman. It will remain a model for cooperation, and we hope that its branches extend to the other neighboring Arab countries, which is important for Oman and Germany, and the elevated Arab – German relations.

Fourthly: new achievement in the scientific progress in Arab world. Our University started to advance it. Certainly, our Professor Rahot had a leading role in it. He himself does not need more glories due to being formerly a president of Aachen University. In Oman and Arab world, we need this outstanding model for private universities regarding advanced education, as well as missionary spirit and construction. There is no competition in reality in today's world, except in advanced education, its outputs and its effects on young people and on countries.

Years spent by Raohout at university were years of effort, trust, openness and development. They were years full of effort and difficulties. Only the trust of Professor Raohout, his colleagues and his students to what they were doing, has built this great building that we all enjoy its leafy shadow. I am very proud of confidence of His Majesty Sultan, may Allah bless him, represented in his blessed visit as recognition and confidence, and enthusiasm of senior German officials (in era of President Raohout) to visit university for showing their support.

For all these reasons, presided by trust and friendship, today we bid farewell to Professor Raohout. It is a farewell to attendance, loyalty and friendship, not a farewell to absence, courtesy or denial. I wish everlasting development for by blessings and success granted by Allah Almighty. Professor Raohout will remain as a flag for this success: {now, as to the foam, it goes away as rubbish, but as to that which benefits men, it stays on earth.}

I ask attendees to great in applause while standing Professor Raohout Professor, and to wish him peaceful life for the coming decades.

Thank you for your kind attention,

May Peace, mercy and blessings of Allah be upon you