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**Remarks by
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**Excellencies,
Distinguished Participants,
Ladies and Gentlemen,**

It's a matter of great privilege and immense pleasure to attend this important event commemorating the birth anniversary of Ibn Sina (Avicenna), one of the greatest physicians, influential philosophers and preeminent scientists the world has ever produced.

I deeply commend the Society for the Appreciation of Cultural Works and Dignitaries for organizing events to remember and celebrate our iconic personalities such as the most renowned and prestigious Ibn Sina. His tremendous contribution to science and philosophy is a unique and an undisputed legacy for us and the successive human generations.

Considered one of the most brilliant polymaths who rose to prominence throughout the cognitive history, Ibn Sina's inventive and innovative work revolutionized certain fields of research and sciences. His deep and exceptional knowledge of literature, Holy Quran and theology, as well as astronomy, logic, Arab and Persian poetry, mathematics, physics, medicines, etc. make him exclusive amongst all his contemporaries.

Ibn Sina's al-Qanun (The Canon of Medicine) has, for centuries, been the most prominent and influential book of medicine, not only in our region but beyond all the religious and territorial borders.

Ibn Sina's reflective influence on the Islamic philosophical thinking as well as the European Medieval philosophy is well-founded in reason. He clarified ambiguous points in the Aristotle's notions. Describing him and his huge contribution in few lines or words is practically not possible.

Distinguished Participants,

The cultural, educational and science diplomacy is an effective tool for building strong nexus amongst different nations. With this in mind, the Economic Cooperation Organization (ECO) laid the foundation of ECO Specialized Agencies to foster multifaceted cooperation among its Member States.

Being a vibrant, dynamic and active ECO Specialized Agencies, the ECO Cultural Institute, Educational Institute and Science Foundation play a central role to expand the most desired cultural cooperation through numerous activities, knitting people of the region.

Distinguished Participants,

In this era which is surrounded by aggressive trends and tendencies, holding cross-cultural activities and such other engagements can help us come across and share with each other our diverse cultural values, ideas, art and artistic heritage, languages, literature etc. I believe that the cultural diplomacy can obviate any differences existing amongst the nations across the globe.

Before I conclude, I would like to thank the host and organizers for providing me this opportunity to become part of this splendid gathering in the excellent memory of Ibn Sina who blessed the Islamic Golden Age with his fabulous presence.

Thank for your attention.