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

I would like to welcome you to “Taibah University International Conference on Advances in Information Technology for the service of the Holy Quran and Its Sciences” (NOORIC’1435/2013). The objectives and vision of this conference fall within the strategic efforts of the university and the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia to support and advance scientific research in general, and in Islamic studies in particular. Among them, of course, research in serving the Holy Quran. It is significant to mention that the place and time of the NOORIC conference also falls within the year in which this city, Al-Madinah Al-Munawwarah, is celebrating the occasion of “Al-Madinah Al-Munawwarah Capital of the Islamic Culture 1434/2013”.

The conference theme focuses on the use of IT for the service of the Holy Quran and Its sciences, the book of guidance from Allah to Mankind, revealed to Prophet Muhammad (Peace be Upon Him) in Makkah and Madinah and is valid at all times and places. It is essential that, as the pace in which information technology advances, the research and development of how such technologies can be used for the service of the Holy Quran should also keep up. Hence, NOORIC aims to gather and harness the related works and to invite academics and research scholars worldwide to join us in this interesting and learning experience.

All thanks are due to Allah, whom we ask for continued support in this conference and forthcoming events aimed at developing our society. A special appreciation is dedicated to the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques, King Abdullah bin Abdul-Aziz Al-Saud, for his patronage of this conference and for his support over the years to Taibah University and to the Kingdom. I would like to thank HRH. Prince Faisal bin Salman bin Abdul-Aziz, Prince of Region of Al-Madinah Al-Munawwarah, for his support to the Region of Al-Madinah Al-Munawwarah in general and the University in particular. I also take this opportunity to thank HE. the Minister of Higher Education for his continued support in general and for supporting the Ministry’s initiative of “Center of Excellences and Promising Research Centers” in particular. Finally, thanks are also made attributed to all members of the NOORIC committees who have worked sincerely and dedicated to organize this conference.

I hope you will enjoy your stay in Al-Madinah Al-Munawwarah, the city of the beloved Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him). I look forward to meeting all of you again in our future events at Taibah University.

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