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Albert Jones

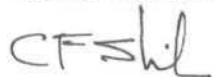
Dear Albert Jones,

It is my great pleasure to invite you to the Inauguration Ceremony of the King Abdullah University of Science and Technology (KAUST) on 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2009. The event, to be held at the KAUST campus 80km north of Jeddah, Saudi Arabia, will be hosted by the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques, King Abdullah ibn Abdulaziz Al Saud. The realization of King Abdullah's decades-long dream, KAUST is a 21<sup>st</sup> century graduate research university. Dedicated to the pursuit of excellence in research and education, KAUST will advance and harness science and technology to take on challenges of regional and global importance. KAUST is open to talents from around the world, who bring with them big ideas, big ambitions, and aspirations for big impact built upon the energetic unity of bold research and learning through discovery. For more information, I invite you to visit the KAUST website at [www.kaust.edu.sa](http://www.kaust.edu.sa)

The day after the Inauguration Ceremony, 24<sup>th</sup> September, we will be conducting campus tours of KAUST. This will be an opportunity for you to visit the research and community facilities which our faculty, students, and staff enjoy.

On behalf of King Abdullah, the Board of Trustees and KAUST Management, I hope you will be able to join our other invited guests, including heads of state as well as academic, scientific and business leaders from around the world, to witness King Abdullah declare KAUST open on 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2009. Our KAUST community looks forward to welcoming you to our campus on the shores of the Red Sea and your celebrating with us on this momentous occasion.

Yours sincerely,



Choon Fong SHIH

President, KAUST