



Your Excellency Ambassadors of the European
Union to Kuwait,
Our dear guests ladies and gentlemen,

On behalf of the Health Minister, Dr. Modhi Al
Homoud, I would like to take this opportunity
to convey her greetings and warmest
welcome to all of you to Kuwait.



Due to the high prevalence of diabetes and its numerous burdens and consequences, this disease has become a major concern to the Ministry of Health in Kuwait. The rapid increase of the prevalence of Diabetes all over the world is well recognized as it affects every organ of the human body such as, eyes, kidney, nervous system and it may lead to limb amputations and other health problems.



Diabetes complications are a burden for both the health system and may affect the development of any country.

A logical start for fighting diabetes is the existence of a world developed Diabetes Registry. As such a registry can provide data and information which is needed for the decision and policy makers in the health sector, treating physicians and the health care providers.



Ladies and gentlemen the Ministry of Health in Kuwait recognizes the importance of fighting diabetes at all levels, whether preventive, treatment or rehabilitation. These issues are considered as high priority in the agenda of the Ministry, and in fact the Kuwaiti government, as we realize that fighting diabetes could be the real investment in health development.



Dasman Centre for Research and Treatment in Kuwait is a clear sign of the interest of the Kuwaiti government. The well recognized activities carried by the Centre of which this meeting is a very good example, expresses the sincere interest of the ministry of health and its support to the efforts of creating a diabetes registry in Kuwait.



Your distinguished gathering today expresses our joint interest to work and collaborate as soon as possible towards developing a diabetes registry and this could be the initiative for collaboration with the European Union in other health related areas.



At the end ladies and gentlemen let me extend my welcome once again to all our guests who managed to come to Kuwait despite their very busy schedule at home. This reflects their interest and willingness to share with us their expertise in this specialty. I truly hope that you enjoy your stay in your second home Kuwait.

Thank you.