

## **Welcome Message**

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I have great honor to give the speech of the Arab Republic of Egypt In this important international cotton conference. First, I'd like to extend my congratulations to all the Egyptians; people and government, and to all the world in the occasion of opening the new Suez Canal which is a huge boost to the global economy, the world Trade and the commercial activities between the East and the West and gains to the whole world countries and specially to the Arab Republic of Egypt.

I'd like to welcome all the participants of the conference on the land of Egypt, Held on the blessed land of Sinai, honored by its sacred places like the sacred valley "Towa", Moses Mountain and Moses Springs. The land that all the profits walked on its land and sands and passed through it starting from Profit Ibrahim "Prophets 'Father" and the Prophets Joseph, Jacob, Moses, Aaron, Jesus and his mother "Maria", the land that protected the prophets by its sand, mountains and roads from the human evils. The land where Allah Spoke to his prophet Moses and glanced at it.

Ladies and gentlemen, we wish you all the best in your thirteenth cotton research conference.

As cotton represents the past, the present and the future for Egypt, it represents the renaissance of Modern Egypt since cultivation was introduced in the era of Muhammad Ali; the founder of modern Egypt, as well as Talaat Harb introduced Modern textile industry and started building centers for cotton industry in Egypt (Starting from El Mahala, Kafr El Dawar and Alexandria), and other cotton industry centers as in Shoubra EL-Kheima and others where the centers of textile and garment spread throughout Egypt, whether in the free zones like Borg EL Arab or the New Industry Zones like EL Sadat City and the Tenth of Ramadan and others of new cities.

The Egyptians work in growing cotton, trade, and industry and export are more than five million citizens.

The cultivated land in the previous season was about (156,657) Hectare produced about (111,952) ton, more than 50 thousand ton of them were exported and the current season is (103,675) Hectare, expect to produce (86,000) ton.

There has been lately strong intention of the Egyptian government to give more care for cotton and to reactivate the system concerning production, manufacture and Export.

The beginning was issuing the law number (4) for the year 2015 for changing some items

of the law number (210) for the year 1994 for preserving the cotton seeds and the system of annual cotton production through producing quantities that meet the needs of the Egyptian cotton importers and the spinners abroad as well as the needs of the Egyptian spinners whether private or public sector and also the investors of the free zones and the companies of garment according to the requirements of the international fashion houses.

I'd like to thank all the conference organizers specially The International Cotton Advisory Committee people, Mr. Jose, Dr. Rafiq and Mrs. Carmen. Thanks to Dr. Ahmed Mustafa, The Head of the Holding Company for Cotton, Spinning, Textile and Garment and also Dr. Mohamed Negm, General Coordinator of the Meeting, Dr. Suzan Sanad. Thanks to the Presidents of the Trade and Spinning Companies, Cotton Research Institute, ALCOTEXA, National committee for cotton trade organizing and all the participants whether from Egypt or abroad. We wish you a very distinguish research conference that would introduce recommendations that would be carried out to lead to solutions for the cotton problems and lead to progress in all different cotton fields and activities that aim to raise the Egyptian and the Global cotton industry and its trade and achieve better gains for all the cotton people all over the world.