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Nature Publishing Group is pleased to announce the first issue of *Nature Arabic Edition*. The new publication's website is live at **arabicedition.nature.com** and the October print issue is in the hands of over 10,000 readers worldwide. Print issues are freely available to qualified subscribers, and the website is freely available to all. *Nature Arabic Edition* is sponsored by King Abdulaziz City for Science and Technology (KACST), Saudi Arabia.

Nature Arabic Edition provides top quality science news and comment from *Nature* as well as summaries of all the research papers from the world's premier multidisciplinary journal. Founded in 1869, *Nature* is the world's most cited science journal and regularly wins awards for its news and comment.

Translated into Arabic, *Nature Arabic Edition* is available monthly in print, and the website will be updated weekly with new content. Content for the monthly print edition is selected by *Nature Arabic Edition* Chief Editor Dr. Madgy Said to ensure the most relevant content for the Arabic speaking world is included, and to maintain editorial independence.

"In its efforts towards promoting a knowledge-based society, KACST has worked to enrich Arabic content and make it available to all Arabic speakers. These efforts now include working with Nature Publishing Group in translating valuable content such as that of *Nature*," said Dr. Mohammed Al-Suwaiyel, KACST President. "By doing so, Arabic speakers now have free access to the latest developments in science and technology, and in their native language, in hopes that the coming generations will have a deeper connection with and appreciation for science, technology and innovation."

"Many of the foundations of modern science were laid in the 'golden age' of Arabic science," said Steven Inchcoombe, Managing Director, Nature Publishing Group. "We are seeing a new golden age for science in the Gulf, thanks to organizations such as KACST who are supporting science in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and throughout the Arabic speaking world."

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King Abdulaziz City for Science and Technology (KACST) is an independent scientific organization reporting to the Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. KACST is both the Saudi Arabian national science agency and its national laboratories. The science agency function involves science and technology policy making, data collection, funding of external research, and services such as the patent office.

KACST has supported many scientific research projects aiming to serve developmental issues in various sectors. These research projects have benefited various parties from both the private and public sectors. KACST has also provided scientists, researchers and students in Saudi Arabian universities with considerable support and services. KACST is also in the process of implementing many research projects in its labs and research centres, research that will help in solving many developmental problems that Saudi Arabia encounters in different areas of both the public and private sectors.

KACST's strategic objectives include developing a R&D infrastructure with fully functioning centres in all scientific disciplines, encouraging scientifically knowledgeable and capable government agencies, and investing in the national science, technology and innovation ecosystem to transform the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia into a knowledge-based economy. For more information, visit: **www.kacst.edu.sa**

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