I'd like to personally welcome you to the Teachers Day and TUMS Accreditation award ceremony. It's an honorable time for TUMS as we continue to grow and adapt, remaining always adaptable, motivated and responsive in the progressive process of university quality improvement. Our organization is confronting a time of many changes and we're meeting these changes during a time of larger nation-wide and global change. The world of quality assurance and accreditation is a challenging area to work, and we'll continue to meet and bring inspired people together in forums like this, to ensure our TUMS remains at the cutting edge. We are so proud to have Prof. John Wilson from Accreditation Service for International Colleges here today.

I'd like to give you an idea of what you can expect and what we hope to achieve over the next few hours.

There would be a short presentation about the accreditation value which I am going to lecture on. The slides are in English but because of our majority Persian speakers, I would present it in Persian.

After that, Dr Ghasemi, the director of accreditation and international relation office is going to have a lecture on the accreditation process which TUMS went through.

And our special guest, Prof. Dr. John Wilson, is going to have a lecture on the Teachers Day event.

Before I close, I'd like to thank each of your for attending our event and bringing your expertise to our gathering. You, as organization leaders, have the vision, the knowledge, and the experience to help us pave our way into the future. You are truly our greatest asset today and tomorrow, and we could not accomplish what we do without your support and leadership. Throughout this event, I ask you to stay engaged, keep us proactive and help us shape the future of accreditation and quality assurance in TUMS. My personal respect and thanks goes out to all of you.

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