

In the name of God, the Most Merciful

Prayer and peace upon the most honourable of Messengers, his apostles and his followers until the Day of Judgment.

Dear professors, students, and all university staff

Peace and blessings be upon you

Today, we are celebrating, a great event, the Day of "Youm Elilm", to commemorate the death of the Algerian Renaissance pioneer, Imam Abdel Hamid ben Badis, eternal peace be granted to him. As a reformer, innovator and founder of the Muslim's Ulemas Association, ibn Badis had devoted his whole life to the spread of science and Islam's holy message within the Algerian nation, with the aim of preserving its identity, and had notably confronted attempts at assimilation imposed by French colonialism. He declared, once: "The Algerian nation is not France, it cannot be France, it does not want to become France, and it cannot become France even by wanting to be... "

Honourable Audience,

Every year, we celebrate "Youm Elilm" Day to consolidate and affirm our belief that the acquisition of knowledge is our path toward development and to mark our gratitude to researchers and professors. Those who spare no effort in forming the rising generations and enlightening their way to seek more knowledge. Therefore, I take this opportunity to express my thanks and my gratitude to the efforts made by all the university staff, and especially the professors and the students.

Then accept the verses of thanks and gratitude and the scent of their perfume for your work, your perseverance, and your contribution to honouring the Abd elhafid Boussouf – Mila's University Center.

Dear gentlemen,

The celebration of "Youm Elilm" coincides this year with two important events, seeing the collapse of the first half of the holy month of Ramadan, I won't forget congratulating all, and the initiation to doctoral training of our new winners of the doctoral competition for the academic year 2021/2022. It was a deserved success in the competition organized by the University Center, since it was accompanied by an faultless credibility, in all its phases and in the exceptional conditions, generated by the spread of the COVID-19 pandemic. The competition is presented in the form of postgraduate training offers. Its preparations have been effective since the approval of the supervising ministry. In fact, the lists of participants were checked and distributed in classes and

amphitheatres to ensure the preservation of the application of the health protocol required for this purpose.

However, this forced us, to supply the required quantities of sterilizer solution, to ensure competition's proper functioning in complete transparency in order to guarantee its credibility at the level of the university center. A team of engineers and professors at the University Center -Mila- had prepared a complex digital program, which ensures the encryption of the answer sheets, and avoid any sharp practise or any access to falsify the results.

Dear colleagues, dear students,

I trust you as, I am pretty well convinced that you can, through your efforts, we'll make our university at forefront of the rank of the great universities, simply, I could see in you all the aspects of activity, vitality and efficiency. I hope from you what Sheikh Mohamed Elbashir El-Ibrahimi had hoped; elevation to the sublime life, fervent determination, strength and generosity of heart and nobility of morals. I request you to be among those who have greatness of soul and avoid pettiness, while resembling bees in their diligence in honey making and ants in their perseverance in providing food.

I love also, what the poet had also written:

I love the intelligent generous among boys,

Like a sharp bow

The caravans trace the desert below him

And horses reach it the fifth battalions.

Thanks for your presence and good listening!

May the peace, mercy and blessing of God be upon you.