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## **Tough Trials; Strong Faith**

An Eid-el-Adha Message to the University of Ibadan Community

Dear valued colleagues,

On behalf of Management, I wish to extend my warmest greetings to the University of Ibadan Muslim community, and indeed all members of the UI community on the occasion of this year's Eid-el-Adha. May this special occasion bring peace, happiness, and prosperity to our lives.

**Eid-el-Adha** is a time to reflect on the values of sacrifice, obedience, and devotion. May these values inspire us to strive for excellence in our work and to support one another in our shared goals.

I would like to take this opportunity to express my appreciation for the dedication and hard work of both staff and students of our great University. Despite the challenging conditions under which we work, we continue to thrive and excel, thus setting the pace time and again. Students, staff and alumni are winning international awards; our research is influencing our fields and contributing to national policy and other debates. We are like the Prophet Ibrahim (AS) whose act of faith is marked by this feast: the tougher the trial, the stronger the faith, and the bigger the reward thereafter.

As we celebrate this festive occasion, let us remember the importance of devotion, faith, and generosity. May these values guide us in our personal and professional lives, and may we continue to work together to build a brighter future for ourselves, our University and our nation.

Once again, I wish you all a joyous Eid-el-Adha. May your celebrations be filled with joy, love, and all the things that bring you happiness.

Thank you.

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