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**Subject: Letter of Support for the 'The Science Bridge' by the Aga Khan University**

Dear Professor Hasan,

I am pleased to write this letter in support of 'The Science Bridge' and its mission to promote scientific collaboration which aims to accelerate scientific discovery between different cultures.

New research collaborations facilitate acquisition of knowledge and create new opportunities to benefit society. Scientific progress adds significantly to a society's productivity and engages its citizens in building a prosperous future together.

As a beacon of excellence in healthcare and education in Pakistan, the Aga Khan University (AKU) is driven by quality, impact, access and relevance to the problems of the societies we serve. Respect for pluralism through openness to diverse ideas, perspectives, cultures, faiths and contributions is the bedrock on which AKU is built. AKU is acutely aware of the profound need for research to advance scientific progress through collaboration and hence supports this international scientific cooperation to address humanity's biggest challenges together.

Yours sincerely,

Firoz Rasul