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Professor Dr. Ismail Abdel Ghafar Ismail Farag,  
President of Arab Academy for Science, Technology and Maritime Transport

Dear Dr. Ismail,

I would like to express my deepest sympathy on the passing of Dr. Gamal Mokhtar, the former President of Arab Academy for Science, Technology and Maritime Transport. He was one of the founding members of the International Association of Maritime Universities in November 1999 and the host of the 4th Annual General Assembly in September 2003. He also took the Chairmanship of IAMU from 2003 to 2004.

In the early stage of the IAMU, I was just one of supporting staff of IAMU activities at the Faculty of Maritime Sciences at Kobe University and learned many things from Dr. Mokhtar as he was a great leader of the IAMU at that time. I am sure that without his support and contribution, IAMU's current status would not have been possible.

He was a truly great global leader in the field of Maritime Education and Training and I am proud to have worked with him for the development of IAMU. Please convey my sincerest condolences to his family and all academic staff at Arab Academy for Science, Technology and Maritime Transport.

Sincerely yours,

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Executive Director,  
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