



THE CITY OF NEW YORK
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Dear Friends:

It is a great pleasure to join the Royal Academy of Science International Trust and HRH Princess Dr. Nisreen El-Hashemite in celebrating the inaugural International Day of Women and Girls in Science.

New York City has always been a hub of innovation and we are proud to be home to many of the leading companies and individuals who are driving progress in fields from medicine to the tech sector and beyond. To ensure that these industries continue to thrive, it is essential that we empower all people with the spark of innovation and the urge to build a stronger future, regardless of their gender, background, or ethnicity. Providing all people with access to education in the STEM subjects is critical to achieving this goal, and I applaud RASIT and the United Nations for making this mission a priority by establishing the International Day of Women and Girls in Science. Through awareness-raising campaigns, this movement will help ensure that women of all ages are given access to education and training in the sciences and have equal access to employment opportunities in these fields. As we continue to make strides towards gender parity here in New York City and around the globe, I commend the organizers of today's event as together we build a more equitable and inclusive tomorrow.

On behalf of all New Yorkers, I offer my best wishes for an enjoyable event and continued success.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Bill de Blasio".

Bill de Blasio
Mayor