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## ADVANCEMENTS OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGIES AND MECHATRONIC SYSTEMS

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Dear colleagues, it is a pleasure to welcome you at the VIII International Scientific and Practical Conference “Mechatronic Systems: Innovations and Engineering” at Kyiv National University of Technologies and Design.

On behalf of Sheffield Hallam University, I am honored to give this opening address and welcome you to this important research conference.



Figure 1 – View of Sheffield Hallam University

The advancements of technology are a wide key to economic development of a nation, finding new approaches, researching novel ideas in applying technology to drive forward. The manner in which we apply technological achievements to support mankind is a cornerstone of progress.

The three themes of the conference “Innovations and engineering of mechatronic, electrotechnical, and electromechanical systems”, “Information and computer-integrated technologies” and “Ensuring the quality of education in the conditions of digitalization of society” are important aspects, which I am sure you will engage with and discuss over the conference period.

The papers which I have read are interesting and thought provoking. And I am sure that you will have much to discuss and debate.

I would just like to say thank you for inviting me to give this opening address, and I am sorry, that I can now be with you live in person due to clash in my diary.

Enjoy your conference! And I look forward to come into Kyiv very soon. Thank you.