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Dear Friend of Tayinat:

I am pleased to announce the launching of the *Friends of Tayinat*, and I invite you to join us. We seek any and all who share our interest and passion for the remarkable archaeological discoveries at Tell Tayinat in SE Turkey, and who wish to support our efforts. We will circulate periodic updates, including reports from the field, and also post them on our project website (www.utoronto.ca/tap).

The *Friends of Tayinat* will be devoted to raising awareness and support for the Tayinat Archaeological Project, and to the creation of an archaeological park and research centre dedicated to the preservation of its remarkable cultural remains. The archaeological park and research centre will include visitor interpretation facilities showcasing the region's unique cultural heritage, and help foster greater awareness of its role as an historic crossroads, or bridge, between the cultures and peoples of Turkey, the Middle East, and the West.

In conjunction with the launching of the *Friends of Tayinat*, I am also pleased to report that Jennifer Green, senior writer at the Ottawa Citizen, will be visiting our project site over the next ten days, and will be posting daily stories from the field in the Citizen. To get a taste of what is to come, I refer you to her first story in this past Saturday's edition, entitled "Unearthing a Forgotten Kingdom", which can be found at

<http://www.ottawacitizen.com/technology/Unearthing+forgotten+kingdom/3290289/story.html>

Her blog about the Tayinat Project will begin July 22nd at ottawacitizen.com/unearthingblog

Our explorations at Tayinat have revealed some truly remarkable discoveries, and they promise many more to come. We look forward to the opportunity to share them with you, and I hope you will join us and support this important and exciting venture. Donations can be made online through our project website (www.utoronto.ca/tap), or by cheque made out to University of Toronto, memo: *Friends of Tayinat Trust*. Charitable receipts will be issued for donations of \$20 or more. If you wish to receive our news updates, please send us your contact information at tayinat@utoronto.ca.

Yours sincerely,

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