## Dear Women-colleagues

First we are all human and then some of us – you - were specially picked to be women, because being a woman takes a special kind of human. Today, I and the rest of the colleagues would like to acknowledge you as a women and the role you play in society, in general, and in our Department, in particular. You are the mothers of our nation; you are the threads interweaving our Department together. You have the gift to fulfill multiple roles. For these roles you need special qualities. One of the most important qualities you use every day is that of multi tasking – a quality we, males, do not have and, in fact, we can hardly cope with all the buttons on the remote – they are just too many.

Your little presents are intended to place importance on how you should value and look after yourselves. Your daily chalky hands and cracked lips are due to all the good you do for others. Remember always that it is with the words that pass through your lips and the reaching out with your hands that you guide the future of the nation.

The Department is going to formulate a program for support of women at work and particularly women in Mathematics research. Please contribute to the process.

So please enjoy woman's day 2016!

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