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Success of the 1st International Sustainability Leaders Meeting

Yesterday, ADU hosted the 1st International Sustainability Leaders Meeting in collaboration with UI GreenMetric under the theme "Doing Sustainable Development Goals in Higher Education: The Story of Our Institutions and Society." The event was graced by the presence of HE Husin Bagis, Ambassador of the Republic of Indonesia to the United Arab Emirates, and HE Prof. **Riri Fitri Sari**, Chairperson of **UI GreenMetric World University Rankings**, alongside many dignitaries.

The meeting was well attended, with participants from over 23 countries joining both in person and online. I had the honor of chairing a panel discussion on implementing the vision with my esteemed colleagues:

- H.E. Prof. **Ahmed Ali Alraeesi**, Acting Vice Chancellor, **United Arab Emirates University**, UAE
- Prof. Patrícia Iglecias of Sao Paulo, Brazil
- Dr. **Denes M.**, Director for Sustainability, University of Szeged, Hungary
- Dr. **Richard Perry PhD., FIEMA, CEnv**, Environmental Information, Science, and Outreach Management, Environment Agency, UAE
- Prof. Chang-Hsien Tai, Ph.D., Professor, Tzu Chi University, Taiwan

I would like to extend my gratitude to UI GreenMetric for their outstanding efforts, as well as my colleagues and students at ADU who worked tirelessly to organize this conference. A special thanks to our exceptional conference chair, **Prof. sherine Farouk**, and to **Khulud Abdallah, Sakshi Sharma, Ivy De Jesus, Sana Mbayed, Ibrahim Odhabi, Kholla Sikandar, Moayad Abusell, Ibrahim**, and our student MC, the wonderful Walah.

As guardians of this planet, let us commit to a sustainable future. Let us ensure that every child has access to clean water, that every student can pursue their education uninterrupted, and that we provide the tools necessary for future leaders to champion sustainability. Together, we can turn the tide on climate change and build a resilient world for generations to come.

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