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Celebrating Leadership: A Moment with Dr. Ashwin Fernandes

Here are two selfies taken by Dr. [Ashwin Fernandes](#), the QS Executive Director for the Middle East, Africa, and South Asia, during our bus ride to the QS EduData Summit 2025 in Singapore. Dr. Ashwin is not only an outstanding leader but also a dear colleague who has dedicated years of service to advancing the higher education sector in the Middle East.

His exceptional understanding of cultural issues has made a significant impact. As the chair of the QS Global Advisory Committee for the Middle East, I have the privilege of working closely with Dr. Ashwin. I have witnessed firsthand his visionary leadership, unwavering professionalism, and deep passion for the sector. Most importantly, his humility sets him apart as a true role model in our field.

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