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Welcoming Global Minds to Abu Dhabi University

It was my great pleasure to welcome the MBA students and faculty from **North-West University / Noordwes-Universiteit (NWU)**, South Africa, to **Abu Dhabi University** as part of our International Professional Development Certification program.

This meaningful engagement reflects our shared commitment to academic excellence, global citizenship, and the power of international collaboration in shaping future leaders.

I would like to express my sincere gratitude to our distinguished guests from NWU. Dr. Alistair Mokoena, **Dr Lungile Ntsizwane** and Dr. Nkanyiso Ndlovu represented the NWU faculty with professionalism and great enthusiasm. We were also pleased to be joined by Ms. **Nora Astudillo**, whose coordination and support were instrumental to the success of the visit.

Congratulations to the outstanding MBA participants, whose passion and active engagement made the session both dynamic and insightful:

Andiswa Sibamba, **Gilbert Bogopane**, **Hubert Olinga Jeminah Mampope Qai**, **Joseph Thabiso Mabina**, khutso Nkogatse, **Lekgobo Mafoko**, **Lekgowa Mahole**, **Mahlodi Mamabolo**, **Maruping John Tshipo**, **Meetsemalala Mokoka**, **Motlotlo Thato Ruele**, **Nasreen Rasool**, Nkgomeleng Sebabi, and Tlou Mogaila.

A special thank you to Dr. **Ross Davidson, PhD, FHEA** for his inspiring session on International Business in Sports, which added immense value and stimulated meaningful discussion.

I am also grateful to my colleagues who exemplify ADU's commitment to global engagement. **Professor Barry O'Mahony**, our Provost, and Dr. **Shakib Farhat**, Dean of the Student Affairs Department, both attended and offered their full support, demonstrating our united vision for internationalization.

My heartfelt appreciation to the Office of Internationalization for organizing this impactful visit and the International Professional Development Certificates program. I thank **Prof. sherine Farouk** for her leadership, Mr. **Ibrahim Odhabi** for seamlessly orchestrating the program, and Ms. **Kholla Sikandar** for her valuable support throughout.

At Abu Dhabi University, we take pride in building bridges across continents. If you are interested in partnering with us on future internationalization initiatives, I warmly invite you to reach out at **global@adu.ac.ae**.

Let us continue to empower minds, connect cultures, and shape a better tomorrow.

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