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ADU Retreat: Planning for Our Future

Yesterday evening, the senior team and middle managers of ADU, along with several colleagues from our parent company, **NEMA Holding**, engaged in a productive five-hour retreat focused on strategic and financial planning for the future of our University. Throughout this session, a total of 16 insightful presentations were delivered by colleagues, aimed at shaping the future direction and growth of ADU.

The retreat also featured a delightful Iftar meal, providing a wonderful opportunity for us to break our fast together. This gathering not only facilitated strategic discussions but also served as an excellent chance for team building and strengthening the bonds among our members.

We commenced the retreat with an opening speech, where I highlighted the potential opportunities to position ADU on local, regional, and international stages. Following my address, Dr. **Hamad Odhabi**, our Vice Chancellor for AI and Operational Excellence, expertly led the retreat, guiding our discussions with great skill.

I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks to all the colleagues who contributed, especially Ivy, Khulud, and Ibrahim, for their efforts in making this event a success. A special acknowledgment goes to **Steve DCunha**, Associate Director of Organizational Planning and Strategy, for his outstanding leadership in managing the retreat and for being the mastermind in pulling together the various presentations that enriched our discussions.

Together, we are crafting a vision for ADU's future, and I am excited about the journey ahead!

#TeamADU #StrategicPlanning #FutureVision #TeamBuilding #Iftar #HigherEducation #ADU #NEMAHolding

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