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During the sharing session, the Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Indonesia, Dra. Retno Lestari Priansari Marsudi, LL.M., emphasized the importance of South-South cooperation and the role of women in the process of national development. "Education for women is a key to a brighter future for their country, including the Afghan women and girls."

Furthermore, Retno expressed several aspirations for the International Students at UMY while highlighting the importance of being an agent of change, "You have to promise to yourself that you will become the agent of education, peace, tolerance, and collaboration when you come back to your country."

In addition to the individuals mentioned above, the following



MoFA Indonesia representatives were also in attendance: the Secretary-General Cecep Herawan, Director for South and Central Asian

Affairs Y. Jatmiko Heru Prasetyo, Director General for Information and Public Diplomacy Siti Nugraha Mauludiah, Spokesperson & Spe-

cial Adviser Lalu Muhammad Iqbal, and Second Secretary Baskoro Pramadani.

Alongside the MoFA Indonesia representatives, the Commissioner of PT. Adaro Energy Indonesia Budi Bowoleksono, Head of Yayasan Bangun Negeri (YABN) Okty Damayanti, and President Director of the Indonesian Agency for International Development (Indonesian AID) Tormarbulang Lumbantobing were also in attendance.

It is anticipated that this event will serve as a forum for dialogue and creating solutions concerning the empowerment of education for all genders and the enhancement of educational quality.



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Scholarship Fair 2023. The event took place at the Consulate General of the Republic of Indonesia in Davao City and will be followed by visits to Ateneo de Davao University, University of Mindanao, University of Visayas, and Cebu Normal University.

The UMY Scholarship Fair 2023, held at the Consulate General of the Republic of Indonesia in Davao City, effectively presented detailed information about Indonesia and UMY. Various educational institutions, including universities and high schools, were present at

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the presentation. These included Davao del Sur State College, University of Immaculate Conception, Assumption College of Davao, Wisdom Islamic School, Al Munawara Islamic School, University of Mindanao, Mindanao Kokusai Daigaku, and Sekolah Indonesia Davao.





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Faris Al-Fadhat, Ph.D. as the Vice-Rector for Student Affairs, Alumni, and AIK UMY thanking The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Indonesia and Adaro Energy Indonesia for initiating and sponsoring the scholarship, “I would like to say much gratitude for the contribution for providing scholarships to our new students from Afghanistan. I hope that this scholarship will not only assist you in your academic endeavors, but will also open up many other chances and help you learn more about Indonesian culture.”

In addition to that, present were the Vice-Treasurer Prof. Mahmud Sholihin, Ph.D., Ak., CA., CPA., Muhammadiyah Higher Education Institution Council, the Acting Director of the Directorate of South and Central Asian Affairs Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Indonesia Gatot H. Gunawan, the Commissioner of Adaro Energy

Indonesia Mohammad Effendi, and President Director of the Indonesian Agency for International Development, Ministry of Finance of the Republic of Indonesia Tomarbulang Lumbantobing.

All the Afghanistan students will pursue a Master’s degree at UMY, majoring in various academic departments such as Management, Hospital Management, and International Relations. Additionally, each student will be enrolled in a Bahasa Indonesia study class to improve their comprehension and academic performance.

It is hoped that this scholarship will provide them with more possibilities and empower them with the necessary skills to fulfill their leadership roles within their native country’s representative city.

