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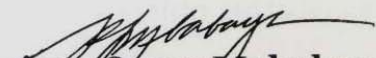


On behalf of the Wisdom International School For Higher Education Studies (WISHES), I would like to convey our gratitude and congratulations to Her Excellency Dr. Norma M. Sharief, Regional Chairman II/Managing Commissioner of the Higher Education, Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (CHED-ARMM) for spearheading the international symposium on Muslim Education with the theme: "The Role of Higher Education in Fostering Islamic Understanding for Global Peace and Sustainable Socio-economic Development."

This event is taking place at a time of unprecedented economic turmoil. Virtually all nations have been adversely affected by the current global crisis. Credit markets froze; banks worldwide suffered trillion dollars of credit-related losses; stock markets crashed; industries and businesses crumbled; and millions of people lost their jobs. Policymakers worldwide and business leaders are now searching for solutions to the current global crisis. The outlook for the short to medium term appears gloomy but we hope that long term, sustainable solutions can be found for the benefit of all.

Through this symposium, addressing the issue of sustaining socio-economic development and global peace from moral, spiritual and higher education perspective will be both challenging and rewarding. I am optimistic and confident that this big event will have positive contribution to the search for global peace and sustainable socio- economic development.

Again, many thanks and congratulations to Her Excellency, Dr. Norma Sharief, and to all the participants, guests, and organizers who, in one way or another, have contributed positively to this memorable event.

  
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