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# UiTM and Northern Illinois University Strengthen Ties in Sustainability and Biodiversity

29<sup>th</sup> May 2025

On 29 May 2025, UiTM Global hosted a visit by Professor Dr. Melissa Lenczewski from Northern Illinois University (NIU). Dr. Lenczewski is a renowned hydrogeologist and Fulbright Scholar known for her impactful work in

environmental chemistry, groundwater quality, and sustainability education. The visit was part of UiTM's ongoing efforts to strengthen global academic networks and foster meaningful collaborations in environmental science and sustainability.



President of the Malaysian Chess Federation (MCF), Ahrizwan Muzaimi Usaidi, giving his appreciation speech.

Competitors at the tournament.



H.E. Ambassador of Azerbaijan, Ilham Davaletov, with winners of the tournament.



Assoc. Prof. Datin Dr. Norazila Mohamed, International Assistant Vice-Chancellor with Professor Dr. Melissa Lenczewski from Northern Illinois University (NIU), Director of the Institute of Biodiversity and Sustainability Development, Associate Professor Dr. Siti Aekbal Salleh and UiTM Global staff.



Associate Professor Datin Dr. Norazila Mohamed presenting a UiTM souvenir to Professor Dr. Melissa Lenczewski.

Also present at the event was Associate Professor Dr. Siti Aekbal Salleh, Director of the Institute of Biodiversity and Sustainable Development (IBSD), reflecting UiTM's commitment to advancing research in biodiversity, water security, and ecological resilience. The meeting provided a platform for both institutions to explore potential collaborations in joint research projects,

student and faculty mobility, and sustainability-focused academic programmes. Professor Lenczewski's expertise in contaminant hydrogeology and community-engaged research—spanning regions from Southeast Asia to Latin America—resonates strongly with UiTM's strategic goals in environmental stewardship and global engagement.



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