

## **OFFICIATING SPEECH**

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**8<sup>th</sup> International Conference  
on Governance and Accountability (ICGA) 2023**  
(Hybrid Conference)

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### **Esteemed guests:**

#### **Professor Md Anwarul Azim Arif**

Vice-Chancellor of International Islamic University  
Chittagong, Bangladesh

#### **Dr Wardah Hakimah Hj Sumardi**

Deputy Dean (Research) of the School of Business and  
Economics, Universiti Brunei Darussalam

#### **Professor Noel Bergonia**

Chairperson of the Department of Accountancy,  
College of Accountancy and Finance,  
Polytechnic University of The Philippines (PUP)

**Prof. Dr Javier Aguilera Caracuel**

Professor of Management and Member of the Innovation, Sustainability, and Business Development (ISDE) Research Group, University of Granada, Spain

**Ts. Shamsul Bahar Mohd Nor**

Chief Executive Officer of the Malaysian Green Technology & Climate Change Corporation

**Dr Nurmazilah Dato' Mahzan**

Independent Non-Executive Director BIMB Securities Sdn Bhd, and  
Member of IFRS Integrated Reporting and Connectivity Council, IFRS Foundation

**Yang Berbahagia**

**Prof. Dr Haslinda Yusoff**

Dean of the Faculty of Accountancy, UiTM

**Faculty members, esteemed participants, ladies, and gentlemen.**

**Salutations**

**(To be confirmed by the organiser on the day of the event)**

**Assalamualaikum Warahmatullahi Wabarakatuh and greetings to all.**

1) Alhamdulillah, praise be to Allah S.W.T as it is with His blessings that we are all able to meet virtually for this auspicious event.

2) Before that, allow me to welcome our distinguished guests and participants to the **8th International Conference on Governance and Accountability (ICGA 2023)**.

3) My heartfelt congratulations to the **Faculty of Accountancy, UiTM** for the effort and dedication in organising such a prestigious event.

4) Not forgetting our co-organiser, the **School of Business and Economics, Universiti Brunei Darussalam** together with our collaborators, the **College of Accountancy and Finance of the Polytechnic University of the Philippines**, the **International Islamic University Chittagong** as well as the **Sustainability and Governance Talent Cluster of the Faculty of Accountancy, UiTM**.

5) It is an honour for me to speak at this celebrated conference that includes academicians, experts, practitioners, and leaders of industry in the fields of finance, business, accounting, and management.

**Ladies and gentlemen,**

6) This year, the conference is held in a hybrid setting with the theme “**Leveraging Governance for Sustainability**”.

7) **ICGA 2023** provides a platform for two-way information exchange among academics and industry stakeholders from both the public and private sectors.

8) The focus is on **sustainability and governance** issues given that these two aspects have evolved into global challenges in the interconnected world that we live in today.

9) Participants can discuss, share, and exchange ideas on current issues while figuring out ways to address governance and sustainability challenges within

the accounting, business, and management sectors in accordance with the economic situations today.

10) Like many other nations, Malaysia has endured extreme weather conditions, unresolved poverty issues, and a volatile economic situation resulting from global climate change.

11) To address these long-standing issues, effective governance is crucial in driving sustainable development goals in all areas of the environmental, social, and economic spheres while creating a brighter future for the next generation.

**Ladies and gentlemen,**

12) Sustainable and inclusive development has always been a key principle in the nation's development planning. In fact, **Advancing Sustainability** is one of the three (3) themes in the **12<sup>th</sup> Malaysia Plan (2021-2025)**.

13) Together with 192 nations, Malaysia adopted the **2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development** at the United Nations General Assembly in New York in 2015 as a global commitment towards more sustainable, resilient, and inclusive development.

14) One of the thrusts in Environmental Sustainability for Malaysia is **Empowered Governance** which entails accountability and transparency as components of sustainable decision-making.

15) Governance can be leveraged through the process of utilising the governance structure and mechanisms to maximise the impact and effectiveness of an organisation's resources, capabilities, and decision-making process.

16) This will enhance operational efficiency, mitigate risks, build trust with stakeholders, and ultimately achieve strategic objectives in a sustainable and responsible manner.

**Ladies and gentlemen,**

17) UiTM is committed to contributing to the pressing global priorities of Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) such as seen through efforts carried out by the **Institute for Biodiversity and Sustainable Development (IBSD)** and the **UiTM Green Centre (UGC)**.

18) I believe that all stakeholders and relevant parties should work together towards supporting the SDGs, as well as upholding the ***Malaysia Madani*** commitment to sustainability and prosperity.

19) With that, I wish you a productive time at the conference, and I look forward to hearing your insights and ideas.

**Without further ado,  
with *Bismillahirrahmanirrahim*  
I officiate and declare the  
8<sup>th</sup> International Conference**

**on Governance and Accountability 2023 open.**

**Thank you.**

**Wabillahi Taufiq Walhidayah Wassalamualaikum**

**Warahmatullahi Wabarakatuh.**