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Greetings!

The Philippine Association of Extension Program Implementers has the commendable aim to provide extension services on the same level of professional practice as teaching and research through Global Partnerships which is the 17th Sustainable Development Goal, as described in the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals Agenda 2030.

PAEPI Global vision and commitment is to elevate the level of the discipline to make it an effective means of social and individual transformation, focusing on quality and excellence of education, as well as adequate educational services accessible to all.

I congratulate collaborative efforts within PAEPI Global, which contribute to humanity's development and represent one of the best international practices ensuring global progress in education worldwide. In academia, collaborative efforts between the educational institutions and external partners contribute to the development of research and ensure strong and long-term connections and solid partnerships, vital for the good development of society and global, regional and local communities. They increase the

access of all to quality education and I am referring here to the sustainable Development Goal 4 which is about quality education and is among the 17 Sustainable Development Goals established by the United Nations in September 2015, "Ensuring inclusive and equitable quality education and promoting lifelong learning opportunities for all".

Also, I congratulate PAEPI Global partnership providing opportunities for economic, social and global development and prosperity.

Dynamic academic leaders are the best role models for the next generations of leaders that we have to create, nurture and to provide mentorship and guidance. We are their best sustainable models and they will represent the generation taking further all our programs, projects, activities and efforts, while continuing our vision for an equitable sustainable world in peace.

Education highly liberates the intellect while contributing to exploration of unreached dimensions of knowledge, unlocks the imagination and is fundamental for personal and professional development, well-being and self-respect. It is the key to prosperity and opens a world of unimaginable opportunities, making it possible for each of us to contribute to a progressive, safe and healthy society.

Educators work and mission is to offer confidence and to inspire people to innovate, to raise questions and to strive for answers, to create solutions to stringent problems of the society, to care about the natural environment and climate change, as **Dr. Bharat Soni** and **Dr. Angelica Baylon** previously mentioned. Educators have the noble tasks to help the young generation and the next generation of leaders explore the issues facing our planet, and take positive action to protect it, and to continue our ongoing efforts for saving the planet. Quality education and learning benefits every human being and should be accessible and available to all.

I am further congratulating all the participants to this extraordinary event today, and I encourage you to further share the message of this great ceremony. Be an advocate for quality in education and let everybody know about your role and your involvement in building a sustainable education for a sustainable society.

I also encourage you to sustain your outstanding research and to facilitate general communications and exchanging information within an interdisciplinary stakeholder's environment, from academia, research, policy makers, civil society, to establish a pole position for diverse and equitable expertise to accelerate collaborative educational programs and partnerships among Higher Education experts. Thank you for all your efforts you deliver constantly in education and I wish you all the best and continuity in all your educational projects and endeavours.