

**VICE-CHANCELLOR'S ADDRESS AT THE MEETING WITH THE FOUNTAIN
UNIVERSITY MUSLIM STUDENTS SOCIETY**

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**CHARTING A VISION: THE VICE-CHANCELLOR'S VISIONARY ADDRESS TO FOUNTAIN
UNIVERSITY MUSLIM STUDENTS SOCIETY**

As-Salam alaikum warahmatullahi wabarakatuhu,

It brings me immense joy to address you as the substantive Vice-Chancellor of Fountain University, a role that has been a long-cherished dream, now realized by divine design. *Alhamdulillah Rabbil Alamin.*

Fountain University, a beacon of knowledge and morality, is celebrated for its commitment to Islamic values and academic excellence. A heartfelt welcome is extended to the executives of the Fountain University Muslim Students Society, a vital component in nurturing the spiritual growth and academic pursuits of our Muslim students.

Over the next four years, my administration, guided by the mercy of Allah (SWT), will strategically focus on key areas to elevate the university's stature. Initiatives such as upgrading teaching facilities, expanding centralized laboratories, and providing essential learning resources will be implemented with a profound commitment to fostering not only academic development but also spiritual enrichment.

The digitization and internationalization of the campus will be pursued fervently, creating a smart environment through advanced ICT facilities, the establishment of innovation hubs, and collaborations with reputable universities globally. However, at the heart of these advancements lies a deep-seated commitment to preserving and enhancing the spiritual fabric of our institution.

Recognizing that faith and spirituality are integral to the holistic development of our students, my administration will actively support the Fountain University Muslim Students' Society in its role as a space for fellowship, knowledge-sharing, and spiritual development. I encourage you, as members of this society, to utilize it as a dynamic platform for not only intellectual growth but also for the exploration of profound spiritual dimensions.

Engage in meaningful discussions that delve into the intersection of faith and academia, organize enlightening lectures that contribute to both intellectual and spiritual enlightenment, and invite scholars whose wisdom transcends the boundaries of conventional knowledge. Let your society be a radiant beacon of spiritual inspiration, offering solace, guidance, and a sense of community for all students, regardless of their faith background.

In conclusion, I implore you to carry the torch of spiritual enlightenment high, ensuring that Fountain University becomes a global symbol of academic excellence deeply intertwined with unwavering spirituality. May Allah (SWT) grant you the wisdom and understanding needed to fulfil this noble mission and contribute positively to the spiritual and intellectual landscape of our university.

Fountain leads, others follow!

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