



## **Kudos to the Latest Batch of the International Fellowship Program**

Planning and Development Research Foundation Inc. (PLANADES) in collaboration with its institutional partners i.e. ﺗﯩﺒﻪ University of the Philippine School of Urban and Regional Planning, Diliman Quezon City, Philippines, Asian Institute of Technology Disaster Preparedness Mitigation Management, Thailand, and the Department of City and Regional Planning – University of Engineering and Technology, Lahore, Pakistan, has finally concluded the 2<sup>nd</sup> batch of its International Fellowship Program last 30<sup>th</sup> of March, 2026 commemorated via Zoom. Dr. Mark Anthony Morales, president of PLANADES delivered an inspirational opening remarks reiterating the values of learning and partnerships in striving for sustainable and inclusive development initiatives that will benefit their respective communities. This was followed by Dr. Tabassam Raza, executive director of PLANADES speaking in behalf of Dr. Dina Magnaye, Dean of School of Regional and Regional Planning at the University of the Philippines (UP SURP), where he conveyed his thanks to Dr. Magnaye's and UP SURP's commitment in the continuance of the fellowship program. He stressed the importance of Dr. Magnaye's involvement in the selection process which led to one of the fellows winning the best paper recognized by 2024 International Conference on Sustainable Development (ICSD) held on September 20 – 21, 2024 at Columbia University focused on the theme of "Solutions for the Future". Dr. Indrajit Pal the chair of Disaster Preparedness, Mitigation and Management (DPMM) Program of Asian Institute of Technology, Thailand gave a congratulatory address to the graduates and honor thanks to PLANADES' for its unwavering commitment in nurturing the program hence providing opportunities and platforms to be recognized in the international development community.

As the commemoration progressed, the program arrived at its culmination by handing out certificates of completion to the six participants who finished the program and a certificate of participation to the two who did not made the cut but actively participated. Dr. Raza of PLANADES with heartfelt appreciation to the graduates invited everyone to the upcoming conference where they can showcase their papers to international universities and publishing agencies as an added gain of the program. Nearing the end, Dr. Mark Anthony Morales gave his utmost gratitude to all involved in the Fellowship Program wishing the participants a very productive future ahead. As for the final and closing remarks, Prof. Dr. Shaker Mahmood Mayo thanked everyone involved in making the program possible, highlighting the solid partnerships between institutions and suggesting to expand the program and network throughout Asia, believing that this could be a path to peace and sustainable development.

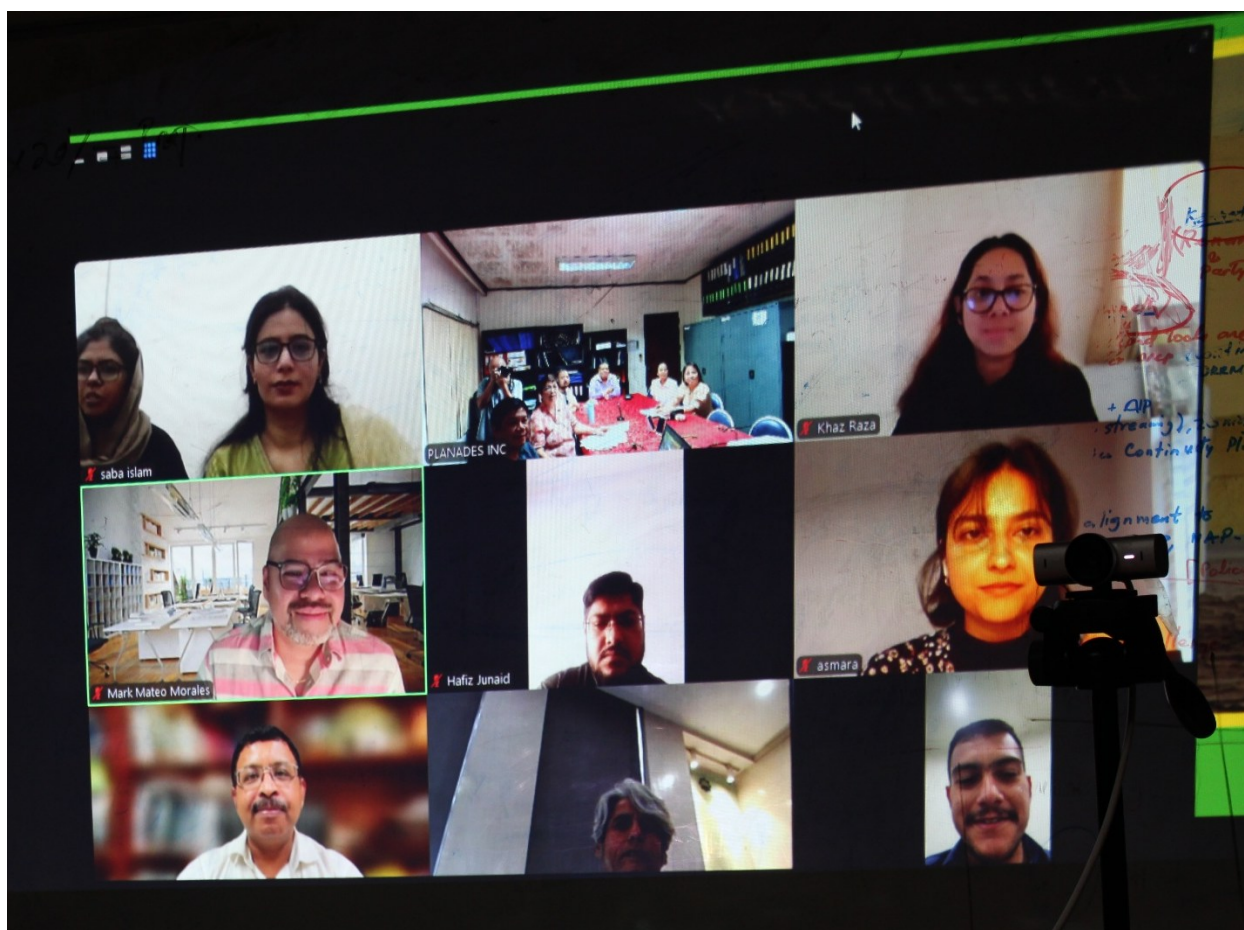
And to the graduates, we leave these inspiring words from the president of PLANADES...

*“To our fellows, your commitment to learning, openness to collaboration, and eagerness to apply your knowledge to real-world development challenges have been inspiring. You are the embodiment of what this program seeks to achieve: capable, innovative, and responsible leaders in planning and development.” Dr. Mark Anthony Morales, President PLANADES.*

The Batch 2 IFP members focus researches are provided as follow:

No.	Name	Gender	Research Title	School/Institute/University Name	Country	Approved Mentor
1	Raza, Thess Khaz	F	Urban Morphology and Surface Cover Analysis Towards Extreme Weather and Urban Heat Island Impact in Developing Green Infrastructure Action Plan (GIAP): The Case of Barangay U.P. Campus, Quezon City, Philippines	University of the Philippines	Philippines	Dr. Mark Anthony M. Morales & Dr. Indrajit Pal
2	Shu, Hla Myat	F	Disaster Education for the Vulnerability Areas	Asian Institute of Technology	Myanmar	Dr. Shaker Mayo
3	Muhammad Irfan, Asmara	F	Pedestrian and Cycling Infrastructure in Lahore: A Comparative Analysis of Urban Neighborhoods	University of Engineering and Technology, Lahore	Pakistan	Dr. Mark Anthony M. Morales
4	Arif, Hania	F	Integrating Machine Learning and Remote Sensing in Google Earth Engine for Real-Time Urban Growth Monitoring and Multi-Hazard Risk Assessment	University of Engineering and Technology, Lahore	Pakistan	Dr. Tabassam Raza
5	Islam, Hafiza Saba	F	Assessing the Connectivity of Urban Green Spaces for Better Ecosystem Service Flow: A Study of Lahore Using Least-Cost Analysis	University of Engineering and Technology, Lahore	Pakistan	Dr. Tabassam Raza

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6	Rafay, Syed Muhammad	M	Reviving Walkability and Cycling Culture in Lahore: A Neighborhood-Centric Approach for Enhanced Urban Mobility	University of Engineering and Technology, Lahore	Pakistan	Dr. Indrajit Pal
7	Raheem, Hafiz Muhammad Junaid	M	Holistic Flood Disaster Risk Management - Strategies for Pre, During, and Post-Scenarios	University of Engineering and Technology, Lahore	Pakistan	Dr. Mark Anthony M. Morales & Dr. Tabassam Raza



Graduates and Partners of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Batch of the International Fellowship Program



# CONGRATULATIONS IFP BATCH 2

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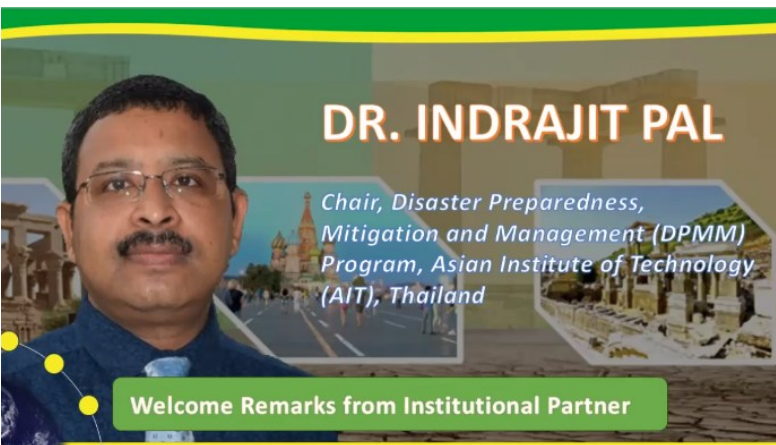
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The Participants of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Batch of the International Fellowship Program



Dr. Mark Morales delivering the opening remarks during the 2<sup>nd</sup> Batch of the IFP graduation.



Dr. Indrajit Pal giving a warm welcome to the graduates.



**Prof. Dr. Shaker Mahmood Mayo delivered the closing remarks commending the partners and congratulating the graduates**



**Dr. Dina Magnaye sent a letter on mentoring remarks and institutional partnership read by Dr. Engr. Tabassam Raza.**



**Dr. Engr. Tabassam Raza gave a rousing speech on the value and benefits of the IFP program to partners.**