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## Surayyal Hizmi becomes 2021 PATA Face of the **Future**

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Dhaka: Surayyal Hizmi, Lecturer Advisor of the PATA Lombok Tourism Polytechnic Student Chapter, has been named as the 2021 PATA Face of the Future on March 4, the most prestigious honor open to young tourism professionals in the Asia Pacific region.

"On behalf of everyone at the Pacific Asia Travel Association (PATA), I would like to congratulate Surayyal Hizmi on winning the 2021 PATA Face of the Future award. It was inspiring to learn about her passion for sustainability and how she engages with the local community towards this goal.

This award will provide her greater exposure in Indonesia and throughout the industry, and I look forward to seeing her career develop as she works in line with PATA for the responsible development of travel and tourism in the region," said Dr. Mario Hardy, CEO, PATA.

"I am very grateful to receive such a prestigious honor. It is something that I never expected, so thank you so much for this recognition. The real winner of this award is not me but the many people who encouraged me, such as my family and my students who work

hard to always support me.

This achievement is for them and the many people who have contributed their lives and effort towards sustainable tourism and making this world a better place," said Hizmi.

Surayyal Hizmi completed her Master's Degree in 2017 in Applied Science with a major in Natural Resources Management. Possessing prior knowledge of environmental and natural resource management, and social sciences, Hizmi's passion is to apply her knowledge and skills to help local communities and the responsible and sustainable development of travel and tourism in <u>West Nusa Tenggara</u>.

Being a lecturer at Lombok Tourism Polytechnic, she was appointed as the Assistant to Vice Director focusing on the National and International Partnership Programme. This has led her to become an advisor to actively support the campus in applying sustainability concepts.

To improve her skills and knowledge in sustainability, she completed Sustainable Tourism Training in 2020 and received a Certificate of Sustainability from the Global Sustainable Tourism Council (GSTC).

The concept, skills, and knowledge gained from this program have been used for the PATA Lombok Tourism Polytechnic Student Chapter programs such as eco-enzyme and the gallon corner.