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PRESS RELEASE

7th August 2021: Youth Economic Forum's (YEF) "Live Session Series" in collaboration with DBTV hosted an online session and discussed the career prospects of studying economics. The guest speakers were Mr. Mubashir Tareen, Enablement Trainer at KeepTruckin, and Mr. Muhammad Arsum Noor, a NUST Graduate, who got admission in MSc. Urbanization and Development at the London School of Economics (LSE). The seminar was hosted by Ms. Rabia Anjum, a Research and Publications Associate at YEF. The session started by asking both the guests why they chose the field of economics. Mr. Mubashir shared how initially he was not very aware of economics as a subject but later on, by coming across some irrational beliefs of people about this subject, he decided to dive deeper into this profession. Mr. Arsum also shared with us how choosing Economics as a profession was always set as his last resort but along the way, he found this field to interest him. Next, talking about their career path after graduating from university, Mr. Mubashir gave us insight into his work at KeepTruckin. He, as an Enablement Trainer, trains people so that they can easily pace up with the work of the company. In answer to Ms. Rabia's question about whether or not his work is related to economics, Mr. Mubashir told us that it is not. However, he added that he finds himself implementing skills learned from the field of Economics such as problem-solving and data analysis in his work. Mr. Arsum shed some light on his path after graduating as well. He told us about his admission to London School of Economics (LSE) and how going there was a dream that he worked towards achieving. He added that after graduating he plans to work for a few years in London as he believed that he will be able to apply the knowledge learned there better. Answering Ms. Rabia's question about whether or not it is necessary to acquire a Master's degree, Mr. Arsum discussed that someone who has a strong portfolio of work might be able to find work without a specialization degree. However, he advocated for a Master's degree as it allows one to polish skills that fall directly under their profession. He also told us about some of the best specializations in the field of economics such as Economics and Finance, Development Economics, Environmental Economics, Urban Economics. Following that, Mr. Mubashir shed some light on the norms related to the field of Economics in society. According to him, no degree is superior to any other and what truly matters is education, experience, and the attitude of a student. Rewinding back to Mr. Mubashir's university time, Mr. Mubashir gave major credit to the organization, AIESEC. He spoke about how it helped him in creating networks and gave him insight into what sort of qualities are required while applying for a job. Further talking about universities, he agreed with Ms. Rabia that there lies a huge gap between theory and the practical application of that theory. Building on the discrepancies in university systems, Mr. Arsum spoke about his university experience as well. He pointed out how often teachers fail to align the students that have an economics background with those of no such background. To conclude this session, Mr. Mubashir gave his final remarks on the importance of economics in a country. He added that an economy is run by economists and hence if there will not be an economist, there will not be a nation.