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He was speaking at the Sustainable Transitions & Cross-Sector Strategies 2024 for

Achieving Net Zero Economy Forum at UCSI Hotel here yesterday.

“Therefore, I call upon all participants to engage actively in the discussions and collaborations fostered by this event as your contributions are vital in shaping and implementing the transition of sustainability and strategies for achieving net zero economy.

“Together, we can learn from Sarawak’s innovative approach and explore how similar strategies can be applied across our nation and region,” he said.

Meanwhile, Pro Vice-Chancellor of UCSI University,

Sarawak Campus Mukvinder Sandhu said the forum aimed to raise awareness among the youth and communities on Sarawak taking the lead in net-zero initiatives and moving towards a green economy.

“To ensure continuity of our efforts today and meaningful impact, we also launching a youth event tentatively entitled - \*Net Zero Now: Shaping Sustainable Futures Together. This event will feature youth pitching their innovative ideas and solutions to various stakeholders including to those who are here today for mentorship and resources.

“This will eventually allow them to implement their projects in selected communities across Sarawak over a period of time,” she said.

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