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Plug and Play Technology Center Delegation Visits Special Technology Zones Authority in Islamabad

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Islamabad, Pakistan - A delegation from the US-based Plug and Play Technology Center recently visited the Special Technology Zones Authority (STZA) office in Islamabad to engage with local founders and entrepreneurs. The delegation, led by Mr Dylan Palladino, Program Manager at Plug and Play, presented their plans for Pakistan and discussed potential collaborations and opportunities for growth in the technology sector.

The session was attended by several Pakistani entrepreneurs, VCs, Startup founders, and innovation leaders from financial and tech sector organizations, had the chance to learn about the services and resources offered by Plug and Play, which includes access to a global network of investors, mentorship, and acceleration programs. The delegation also highlighted the potential for Pakistan to become a hub for innovation and technology in the region.

"We are excited to engage with the Pakistani Startup community and explore the potential for growth in the technology sector. Pakistan has a wealth of talent, and we believe that with the right resources and support, Pakistani entrepreneurs can become global innovation leaders," said Dylan Palladino, Program Manager at Plug and Play Technology Center.

The Special Technology Zones Authority is a government organization responsible for promoting and developing and licensing Special Technology Zones (STZs) in Pakistan. The visit by the Plug and Play delegation is part of the STZA's efforts to attract foreign investment and support the growth of the technology sector in Pakistan.

"We welcome the visit by the Plug and Play delegation and look forward to working together to support the growth of the technology sector in Pakistan. We believe that collaborations with leading technology centres such as Plug and Play will play a vital role in creating a conducive environment for innovation and entrepreneurship in Pakistan," said Mr Javaid Iqbal, Chief Commercial Officer (CCO), Special Technology Zones Authority.

This visit is a positive step towards fostering an environment for innovation and technology in Pakistan. STZA remains committed to creating international partnerships to enable and support Pakistan's technology sector – to facilitate rapid economic growth in the country.