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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

I am an experienced professional with strong passion to improve wellbeing of society through public policy. My areas of interest include sustainable development and behavioural insights, particularly decision-making in public policy. Through past experiences in the oil and gas industry, I gained experiences in project management and leadership. My opinion piece are published in the local media.

Leadership and managerial qualities

- Founder of a public policy consultancy with an aim to improve the wellbeing of society, with special focus on behavioural insights/nudge. Company details:
 - BEHAVIOURAL INSIGHTS CONSULTANCY. SSM Registration: 201903285670 (003031475-W). Company portal <https://nudge.com.my>
- Delegation head for outbound trip of University Malaya public policy trip to Indonesia (2018).
- Unit head (Technical Authority) at Petrofac Malaysia Ltd. (2014 – 2017).
- Project manager for a major project (>US100 million) at Murphy Oil Sarawak Inc., managing budget, cost and schedule, procurement, governance and engineering (2011 – 2014).
- Head of Media Unit for of a local NGO in Kuala Lumpur (2012 - 2018).
- Chevening scholarship recipient, UK Foreign & Commonwealth Office (2007 - 2008) to pursue MPhil at the University of Cambridge.

Communication skills – conferences & seminars

- Presenter/speaker on behavioural insights and career:
 - Presenter at International Conference on Emerging Issues in Public Policy: Global Trends and Projections, Kuala Lumpur (2019). Policy paper title “Retirement Savings among EPF Members”.
 - Presenter at International Conference on Universal Wellbeing, Kuala Lumpur (2019). Paper title “The Application of Behavioural Insights to

Improve Retirement Savings in Malaysia”.

- Speaker at a lecture on Behavioural Insights for Master of Public Policy students at University of Malaya (2019).
- Speaker on behavioural insights webinar series organised by Malaysia Productivity Corporation (MPC) (2019).
 - How to Save More for Retirement?
 - Why Save and How?
- Presented at career talks for undergraduate students at Universiti Putra Malaysia (2006, 2009, 2016).

Articles

I occasionally write opinion piece in the local media on socioeconomic issues, in English and Malay. Samples of my work (published in *MalayMail*, *The New Straits Times* and *Berita Harian*) are as follows:

(1) *Measure poverty reliably, but address other dimensions of wellbeing too* (*MalayMail*, 6 September 2019).

<https://www.malaymail.com/news/what-you-think/2019/09/06/measure-poverty-reliably-but-address-other-dimensions-of-wellbeing-too-moha/1787782>

(2) *In debating retirement age, solve the retirement savings issue too* (*MalayMail*, 7 September, 2019)

<https://www.malaymail.com/news/what-you-think/2019/09/07/in-debating-retirement-age-solve-the-retirement-savings-issue-too-mohammad/1788188>

(3) *All hands on deck for a new Malaysia* (*New Straits Times*, 4 January 2019).

<https://www.nst.com.my/opinion/letters/2019/01/447061/all-hands-deck-new-malaysia>

(4) *Kemampuan Melayu melangkaui idea populis* (*Berita Harian*, 27 January 2019).

<https://www.bharian.com.my/kolumnis/2019/01/524536/kemampuan-melayu-melangkaui-idea-populis>

Project Management

- Entrusted to manage a multi-million dollar project while working in the oil and gas industry. Successfully completed the project as required by management/PETRONAS whilst meeting the business & governance standards.
- Successfully managed various other projects of varying complexities within budget and schedule at several multinational companies – ExxonMobil, PETRONAS and Murphy Oil (1998 – 2014).

Voluntary Experiences/Contributions to society

- 19 years involvement in voluntary work & community development programmes through local NGOs and alumni events eg. Motivational camps and workshops for students, food aid for the urban poor, back-to-school programmes for the less privileged children.
- Advisor for a social mobility training programme for parents at a low cost housing community *Perumahan Awam Sri Johor 4C*, Kuala Lumpur (2018).

Education

- Master of Public Policy (Distinction), Feb. 2018 – June 2019, University of Malaya.
- MPhil Fluid Flow in Industry and the Environment, Oct '07 – Sept '08, University of Cambridge, UK.
- BEng (Hons) in Chemical Engineering, Sept '94 – June '97, University of Manchester Institute of Science and Technology, UK.

Training

- Masterclass in Nudging, SPSS, Eviews.
- Leading and Working in Team, Creative Problem Solving, Communication Skills,
- Coaching and Mentoring, Social Entrepreneurship.

Awards

- Chevening Scholarship 2007 (UK Foreign and Commonwealth Office) to pursue a MPhil degree at the University of Cambridge (Oct. '07 – Sept '08).
- Cambridge Commonwealth Trust grant (2007).
- ExxonMobil Technical Excellence Award (2002).
- MARA Scholarship for A-level and degree in the UK (1993 – 1997).

Affiliations

- The Institution of Chemical Engineers (Chartered Member).
- Board of Engineers Malaysia.