

NUR IZZRA IZZATI ZULBAHARI

An Ex- Academician, University of Malaya, Ex- National Consultant, United Nation Development Programme- currently with Malaysia Deposit Insurance Corporation (PIDM). Armed with a strong technical proficiency in Economics and Finance with proven expertise in coordinating diverse teams and resources to complete objectives. Integrity & strong work ethics is her anthem!



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LANGUAGES

Malay: Native proficiency
English: Professional proficiency
Spanish: Elementary proficiency

AREAS OF EXPERTISE

Stakeholder Relation
Strategic Planning
Sustainability
Financial Technology
Business Development
Corporate Governance
Economics and Policy

SOFTWARES/TECHNICAL

PROFICIENCY

MATLAB
SPSS
STATA
EVIEW
BLOOMBERG Terminal
EIKON Reuters DICTION
LIWC

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCES

Manager, International & Strategic Planning

Department: International & Research

Perbadanan Insurans Deposit Malaysia (PIDM) /Malaysia Deposit Insurance Corporation

May 2022 – Present

Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

Responsibilities:

(i) International

- Responsible for **advancing and strengthening the Corporation's reputation** among its international stakeholders
- Providing **stakeholder support** to PIDM's Management for senior level bilateral and multilateral engagements including (i) relationship building; (ii) positioning the Corporation; and (iii) leveraging the experience of international stakeholders to develop the Corporation's business and strategies
- Identifying, developing and **leveraging opportunities for relevant engagements with international counterparts** which benefits and contributes towards meeting PIDM's strategic priorities and business outcomes
- **Conducting in-depth research, design, develop and publish impactful content** in the areas of deposit insurance, insurance guarantee schemes, the resolution of Financial Institutions, crisis management, financial stability and other emerging areas to influence relevant global standards

(ii) Strategic Planning

- Serving as **Special Officer to the CEO**
- Working closely with the CEO & EXCO in (i) **developing the strategy formulation and annual operating planning sessions**; (ii) **monitoring Key Performance Indicators and performance management reviews**; (iii) **reviewing and refreshing overall strategy to ensure alignment with management expectations and needs** – every quarter of the year
- Managing the Corporation's strategic planning initiatives by **developing materials for strategy sessions** and retreats with the Board, EXCO and Senior Management Committee
- **Providing leadership to address key strategic issues and opportunities**, working in collaboration across multiple functions and channels, in a consultative manner

Key achievements, among others, as at June 2023:

- Represented PIDM as Malaysia representative for EU Single Resolution Board meeting in Belgium
- Provided policy consultancy for Yale's Program on Financial Stability, USA
- Initiated engagements for International Exchange Agreement (MoU) with 4 international counterparts & successfully concluded
- Led the relevant functions in the corporation for the development of PIDM 2023-2025 Corporate Plan
- Published 2 financial technology papers for International Association Deposit Insurance, Basel, Switzerland (e-money and deposit insurance)
- Initiated National Financial Literacy Symposium 2022 with the theme of "Advancing Financial Literacy Towards Rebuilding Financial Resilience Post-Pandemic", collaboration with Central Bank of Malaysia and Malaysian Economic Association

This information/document has been classified: **Personal**

Manager, Research and FI Board Services

Department: FIDE Forum

Perbadanan Insurans Deposit Malaysia (PIDM) /Malaysia Deposit Insurance Corporation

Sept 2021 – April 2022

Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

Responsibilities:

(i) Research

- Recommended and **managed industry-wide research and other forms of research on strategic management**
- Drove the research projects including design, analysis, risk management and the end-to-end of project bidding stage
- Coordinated **thought leadership publications**
- Developed the design of knowledge blocks and curriculum based on market research.
- Worked closely with regulatory bodies and financial institutions (FI) including Central Bank of Malaysia, Bursa Malaysia and others, on a need-to basis to ensure the project's success.
- Led the Distinguished Board Leadership series and other programs to educate board of directors on the latest issues which affect directors' performance.

(ii) Board Governance

- **Drafted the agenda, convening, facilitating proper conduct, and recording proceedings and decisions** of the Board and Board Committees meetings.
- Ensured an appropriate level of **communication between the Board and its Committees and between senior management and the NEDs**
- **Served as a focal point for board of directors and management in board governance issues**
- Ensuring that adequate processes and procedures are in place and adhered to for the effective functioning of the Board.

(iii) Strategy and business development

- Worked closely with Chief Strategy Officer in **developing corporate and business strategy**
- Oversee the business development, marketing and communication teams.
- **Engaged with key stakeholders** to build trust and strengthening the business
- Involved directly in the **contract negotiation process with the Legal Team** to ensure the business and legal interests are protected.

Key achievements:

- Succeed in leading three leadership series on sustainability, governance and investment within 2 months of reporting duty
- Initiated a collaboration with Securities Commission on the Capital Market Masterplan 3
- Published monthly article on market trend and corporate governance latest issues for the FI directors
- Researched and submitted proposal of Malaysia FI Journal to enhance the knowledge development of financial sector & successfully concluded

National Consultant (Economics, Islamic Finance & Sustainability)

United Nations Development Programme, Malaysia, Singapore & Brunei Darussalam

Dec 2019 – Aug 2021

Putrajaya, Malaysia

Responsibilities:

- Worked closely with the UNDP Deputy Resident Representative and Senior Development Economist of Malaysia
- Engaged with stakeholders including government representatives, policy makers and other related external parties
- Responsible for **delivering high quality, comprehensive data and background analysis for UNDP ongoing projects**
- **Developed SDG financing strategy and performing policy extraction and economic analysis for the Malaysian Government (GoM)**
- Provided **effective research and analytical support to economics related project for GoM**
- Managed and **coordinated projects**, along with the coordination of final reportings and presentations
- Designed and facilitated **consultations** within the UNDP Country Office and community
- Participated regularly in all internal meeting with UNDP international experts
- Provided **advisory assistance** to programme/project development
- Facilitated **knowledge building and knowledge sharing** within the UNDP Country Office and with development partners

Key achievements:

- Hired and trained 13 new team members based on predicted project needs
- Initiated Islamic Finance & Build Back Better; a collaboration project with Islamic Development Bank (IsDB)
- Succeed in leading the team to meet all deadlines according to UNDP management, Central Bank of Malaysia and Securities Commission
- Researched and submitted proposal of Malaysia SDG 2030 to Ministry of Finance, Malaysia & successfully concluded

Academic Fellow of Banking & Finance

Faculty of Business & Accountancy, University of Malaya

Sept 2014 – Oct 2019

Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

Responsibilities:

- Responsible for carrying out teaching and researching duties.
- Taught **Finance and Islamic Finance** related subjects to undergraduate and postgraduate students
- Participated in professional development opportunities (software and databases) locally & internationally
- Developed exams, quizzes and coursework assignments
- Attended several international conferences and made **connections with respected scholars**
- Developed learning materials and monitored students' progress and achievements
- Assisted the faculty in evaluating newly created courseworks
- Assisted groups of students with courseworks via formal lectures and informal discussions
- **Partnered with several public and private organizations**; by inviting them as guest speakers for faculty's education programs

Key achievements:

- Created new curriculum from scratch for Islamic Finance subjects
- Appointed as a reviewer twice for international established journals
- Received 2 research grants from the Ministry of Higher Education, Malaysia

EDUCATION

MSc Islamic Finance and Management

University of Durham

2014-2015

England, United Kingdom

Sponsorship: Ministry of Higher Education (Malaysia) scholarship

Grade: Distinction (First Class)

Thesis title: *“Assessing Maqasid al-Shari’ah Performance of Islamic Banks in the World”*

Awards & Recognitions:

- Best Academic Performance for MSc Islamic Finance & Management Programme
- Best Dissertation for MSc Islamic Finance & Management Programme
- Overall Best Academic Performance in Finance Programme

Bachelor of Economics (Hons.)

International Islamic University Malaysia

2010-2013

Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

Sponsorship: Public Service Department (JPA) scholarship

Grade: 3.71 (First Class Honor)

Thesis title: *“Performance of Islamic Banks, Conventional Banks and Shari’ah Business*

Units in Malaysia: A Comparative Study on Business Model, Efficiency, Asset Quality and Stability ”

Awards & Recognitions:

- IIUM Rector’s List Award
- IIUM Excellence Award
- KENMS Deans List for all semesters

TRAININGS & COURSES

- CFA Institute Investment Foundations Program | Ongoing
- BSAFE Training, United Nations Department of Safety & Security| 2021
- Information Security Awareness, United Nations Department of Safety & Security| 2021
- Using Power BI with Excel, University of Edinburgh | 2020
- Introduction to Financial Analysis, University of Pennsylvania | 2020
- Risk Management in the Global Economy, University of London| 2020
- Data Analysis using Stata | 2018
- Digital Skill Development - Introduction to LaTeX | 2017
- Digital Skill Development - Advanced Excel 2016 for Business Purposes | 2017
- Digital Skill Development - Introduction to Nvivo | 2017
- Bloomberg workshop, Durham University | 2016
- Durham Islamic Finance Summer School, UK | 2015 & 2016
- The International Takaful Summit 2015, London | 2015 Durham Islamic Finance Summer School, UK | 2015