

## PROFESSIONAL CAREER SUMMARY

**Prof Dr Torla Hassan** is the Deputy Rector of Academic and Planning, International Islamic University Malaysia (IIUM). Prior to this he was the Dean of Centre for Foundation Studies IIUM and the Dean of International Institute of Islamic Thought and Civilization (ISTAC), IIUM.

He studied Physics at Kuwait University where he received his BSc (1981) and MSc (1984). He obtained his PhD (Physics) from the University of Stirling, Scotland, in 1988, becoming the first Malaysian to have studied quantum mechanics versus Einstein's theory of Local Realism.

He was also a student at the Religious Institute of the State of Kuwait, *Al-Ma'had Al-Dini*, which is widely recognized in the Islamic world as one of the best institutions of its kind.

He joined IIUM in 1984, a year after the university was established, and has served in various capacities at all of its campuses. In 1990, He was seconded to Universiti Brunei Darussalam for 5 years, where he was appointed Deputy Dean of students.

Those who know of his contribution to IIUM have described it as unique, pointing to the fact that he has the required qualification to serve as dean of various and diverse faculties since 1997. He was the founding dean of the Faculty of Science and also of the two faculties of Law and Islamic Revealed Knowledge at the Terengganu branch campus. He has also served as the Dean of the International Institute of Islamic Thought and Civilization (ISTAC).

With regard to his credibility as a scholar of the physical sciences, he has published more than 40 articles (18 articles in prestigious of refereed international journals such as *Physical Review Letter*, which scholars consider to be one of the world's top academic journals for physics). He has also published several multi-author books.

He has represented Malaysia in various international conferences, such as the US-Islamic World Forum in Doha. He has also obtained many awards in international competitions for innovators and inventors, including gold medals in Geneva and Seoul.