

A PASSING PRESENCE OF *Dr. Mohd Hisham Mahamud* THAT RESONATES FOREVER



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Dr. Mohd Hisham Mahamud hails from Pulai Chondong, Machang, Kelantan. He is the eldest among four siblings, born to his parents. The son of Hj Mahamud Mamat and Hjh Maimuni Hasan commenced his primary educational experience at Sekolah Rendah Dato' Hashim in Pengkalan Chepa, Kota Bharu, Kelantan. He then continued his secondary studies in SM Sultan Haji Ahmad Shah, Kuantan, Pahang.

After SPM, he began his accounting education by passing the 2nd and 3rd level certificates of the London Chambers of Commerce and Industry (LCCI) at the Institut Perdagangan MARA, Melaka, with the hope of continuing studies to a higher level in the UK. Unfortunately, the economic downturn at that time thwarted his aspirations. Disappointed with the circumstances at that time, he decided not to continue his studies and chose to start working. His career journey began as an accounting assistant at CGU Insurance Berhad, a UK insurance company in Kuala Lumpur.

In his second year at CGU Insurance, he decided to continue his studies off-campus at UiTM Shah Alam by pursuing a diploma in accounting, which required him to commute to Shah Alam daily. The following year, the International Islamic University Malaysia offered him a job at its Bursar's Office. During that time, he still had to commute 5 days a week to and from Shah Alam for his diploma studies. He successfully completed his Diploma in Accounting in 2004. Then, in 2007 he decided to continue his studies to the bachelor's degree level in accounting as a part-time student with Open University Malaysia. In 2011, he successfully obtained a Bachelor's Degree in Accounting with honours.



Amidst the busyness of working and managing a family, he once again enrolled as an off-campus student for a Master's Degree in Forensic Accounting and Financial Criminology at UiTM Shah Alam in 2012. Two years later, he switched careers by joining DRB Hicom Berhad as a group internal auditor and, in the same year, he successfully completed his master's degree at UiTM.

Inspired by the dedication of lecturers at UiTM and IIUM, as well as encouragement from his wife and late father, he made a crucial decision to embark on his PhD journey at UiTM in 2018. He decided to resign from his position as a group internal auditor to fully focus on his studies. Alhamdulillah, in 2022 he successfully completed his studies despite the challenges during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Dr. Mohd Hisham Mahamud then began his career as a lecturer in the Faculty of Accountancy, UiTM Kelantan at the end of 2022. He is known by all faculty members as a friendly and approachable individual who easily connects with others. His warm and welcoming nature makes it effortless for people to feel comfortable around him. Always willing to lend a helping hand, he goes out of his way to assist others without expecting anything in return. His genuine kindness and selflessness have earned him the respect that makes him well-liked by the faculty members.

Dr. Hisham's presence in UiTM Kelantan was just for a short while. In October 2024, his application of transfer to the Faculty of Accountancy in UiTM Shah Alam was approved. We felt sad that a wonderful colleague like Dr. Hisham was leaving, but at the same time, we are happy for him because he will be closer to his family.

Dr. Hisham...we wish you all the best in your new journey.