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PhD is hilariously referred to as ‘Permanent Head Damage’ by many students as it can be an intimidating process. These three alphabets seem easy to achieve but Dr Haida Umiera Hashim finds it a journey that tests determination, perseverance, and dedication. PhD also requires prayers, good intentions, and *tawakal*. As a PhD graduate, she is adamant in debunking the myth that you only need intelligence for a PhD. She believes that PhD is a process of learning to be open to criticism, trying your hardest to be thick-skinned, and always trust Allah’s planning.

She was blessed with amazing supervisors who never ceased to provide her with advice, support, and faith. Their unwavering belief in giving her wings has helped her fly and soar higher. She was also thankful to have received support from her dearest family and friends who always had her back, pushing her through the hurdles. Without their prayers and support, she admitted she may not be where she is today.

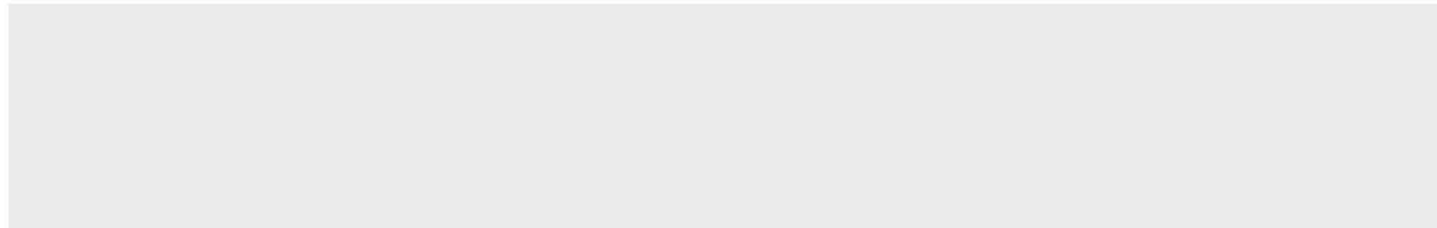
Dr. Haida used to think that once she has been conferred a doctorate, that will be the end of her journey. She did not expect more doors and opportunities would come her way. Opportunities that go beyond her own imaginations. Her PhD journey also helped her to discover and recognise her competence as she graduated in September 2022 with



8 publications in high-indexed journals, 3 special awards, and 17 awards in innovation competitions. The ups and downs of that two-and-a-half-year journey are something that she will forever cherish.

If I could leave all of you with an advice to survive PhD, it is to be brave in opening the door of this journey. If you are tired, it is okay to shut the door halfway but never close it entirely.

Dr. Haida Umiera



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