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Prof. Roziah Omar obtained her degree in Social Sciences from the University of Malaya in 1980, Masters degree from Ohio University in 1982 and a second Masters degree from Berkeley in 1987. She received a PhD in Anthropology in 1992 from University of California, Berkeley specializing in reproductive health and rights, and soon continued with her post-doctoral research in related fields such as social development, social health, gerontology and Women Studies and has published extensively on these areas.

Prof. Roziah was appointed Dean of Graduate Studies in University of Malaya in 2002 and participated in several meetings and conferences relating to intervarsity cooperation and networking and the internationalisation of University of Malaya. In 2004, she was appointed Director of *Institut Sosial Malaysia* (ISM), a training and research organisation, under the Ministry of Women, Family and Development. Here, she developed a collaborative research network with the Department of Social Work, the University of Berkeley, extended ISM's links with important research institutions within Malaysia and at regional level and

revitalised ISM's distinguished fellowship programme by appointing key researchers and scholars from Malaysian public universities. In 2006, Prof. Roziah was appointed Executive Director of the Asia-Europe Institute and has since then focused on enhancing the contributions of the Institute through postgraduate studies, global research, international networking and publications. Her appointment as the Director of AKEPT, Ministry of Higher Education Malaysia commenced on 1 March 2010.