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Prof. Dr. Sazali Abd Wahab is a visionary professor of Management and Organizational Sustainability at Putra Business School, the pioneering AACSB accredited business school in Malaysia, affiliated with the esteemed Universiti Putra Malaysia (PBS-UPM). His dedication to academia transcends his primary role, as he actively serves as an Adjunct Professor at prestigious institutions such as the University of Jos (UNIJOS), Nigeria, and the University of Science and Technology (USTC) Chittagong, Bangladesh. Furthermore, he holds esteemed appointments as Visiting Professor at Infrastructure University Kuala Lumpur (IUKL) and Daffodil International University Bangladesh (DIU), further solidifying his profound global influence in the field.

Prof. Sazali's professional eminence is exceptionally well-established, reflecting a diverse array of roles and significant contributions to higher education. He is widely acclaimed in the region as an outstanding keynote speaker, a skilled moderator, and a captivating paper presenter. Moreover, he contributes his expertise actively as an academic consultant, advisor, senior fellow, and global lecturer, creating a significant impact both nationally and internationally. Notably, he plays a pivotal role in evaluating professors' academic promotions and enjoys high regard as a reviewer for esteemed international journals. Prof. Sazali is deeply committed to nurturing academic growth, acting as an advisor and assessor for postgraduate programs while also serving as a mentor and motivator for Ph.D. students.

His substantial contributions to the fields of strategic management and business have earned him the esteemed title of Fellow of Chartered Management Institute, UK (FCMI) in 2019. Prof. Sazali's research journey has been nothing short of extraordinary, boasting an impressive body of over 290 impactful academic publications, comprising more than 130 articles and 18 academic books. His extensive work delves into critical areas such as sustainable development goals (SDGs), organizational sustainability, sustainable organizational performance, organizational and corporate behaviors, inter-firm technology transfer, and international joint ventures. The significance of his research is underscored by its regular publication in reputable, high-indexed, and widely cited international and local journals.

Beyond his scholarly accomplishments, Prof. Sazali remains deeply devoted to nurturing the next generation of scholars. He has successfully guided over 40 Ph.D.

and Master's students on the path to academic excellence, securing multiple research and project grants totalling more than RM1.0 Million.

Prof. Sazali's leadership and expertise extend far beyond academia, evident through his esteemed professional leadership certificates from the University of Oxford's Oxford Advanced Management and Leadership Program (OAMLP) in 2015 and Harvard Business School's Authentic Leadership Program (ALD) in 2013. Additionally, he holds a certification as an Apple Foundation Trainer (AFT) from Apple Asia Singapore, underscoring his commitment to leveraging cutting-edge technology for educational advancements.

An active member of the Oxford Business Alumni (OBA) Kuala Lumpur Chapter and the Harvard Business School Club Malaysia (HBSCM), Prof. Sazali is dedicated to fostering invaluable networks that contribute to the growth and transformation of both business and academia.

Apart from his academic pursuits, Prof. Sazali brings a unique perspective to the classroom as a trained solicitor. He passionately imparts knowledge in advanced research methodology modules and various management courses at doctoral and master's levels. His illustrious tenure in various strategic and leadership positions, including founding dean of CPS-UMK and MGSEB-UMK, director of thesis-based programs at PBS-UPM, academic development director at NDUM, and programs head and coordinator at MMU, further exemplifies his unwavering commitment to driving institutional excellence. Notably, Prof. Sazali is also a certified HRDF Trainer since 2021. He is also the recipient of the university's excellence service award (APC-UMK 2012) and the Malaysian Government study awards (University of Oxford, 2015; and Harvard Business School, 2013).

In summary, Prof. Sazali Abd Wahab's extensive experience, relentless pursuit of knowledge, exceptional leadership acumen, and profound contributions to academia make him an exceptionally sought-after educator and mentor. His dedication to shaping future scholars and leaders has garnered widespread recognition and acclaim on both national and international fronts, positioning him as a formidable figure in the field of management and organizational sustainability.

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