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Tan Sri Professor Emeritus Dr. Mohd. Kamal Hassan

Tan Sri Professor Emeritus Dr. Mohd. Kamal Hassan (Allahyarhamuhu) was a highly distinguished academic and erudite Islamic scholar of the 21st century. One of his most significant contributions was the conceptualization of the International Islamic University Malaysia (IIUM), beginning with the concept paper written by him in 1982 as assigned by the Prime Minister of Malaysia, Dr. Mahathir Mohamed, a year before the establishment of the University. His visionary concept paper laid the groundwork for the university, establishing a legacy of *Ṣadaqah Jūriyah*, an ongoing charity that continues to benefit generations through the academic endeavours of IIUM with continuous teaching and learning, and the abundance of various projects, research, publications, and initiatives within the University as well as reaching out to the communities, local and international.



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His contributions over the four decades – marked with his secondment from the Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia (UKM) to the IIUM in 1983, his teachings and exemplary conduct, his involvements, the various administrative posts that he held, as the third Rector (from 1998 to 2006), and to his final days – extensively coloured the University to varying degrees. He played various pivotal roles in shaping the institution, from defining its philosophy, vision, and mission to being present during ‘ibādah camps and students’ international debating championships, at times in disguise, for not wanting to stand out.

The thoughts and influence of Professor Kamal (as he was fondly addressed) extended deep into the very fabric and culture of the University, symbolized by the acronym IIICE or Triple ICE – Integration, Islamisation, Internationalisation and Comprehensive Excellence – a short statement