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## Preface

All Praise be to Allah The Most Gracious and The Most Merciful for giving us the time and ability to compile this first volume of *Annotated Bibliographies of the First Three Rectors of the International Islamic University Malaysia* (IIUM). This volume is devoted for gathering the biography, and putting on record, annotating and illustrating the precious works of *al-Marhūm* Professor Tan Sri Dr. Muhammad Abdul Rauf, who served the IIUM as her first Rector from 1983 to 1988.

Many among us neither had the chance to learn and drink from the fountain of his vast knowledge, experience and wisdom, nor meet him in person to walk about being in his midst. I believe, having this book in our hands, and feasting on the information presented on its pages is next to best in learning from and about his experiences and knowledge. Presented in three languages, English, Arabic and Bahasa Melayu, we hope that the book serves as a great resource for those – students, researchers, academics and anyone – who aspire to delve deeper into the life and works of this highly learned and involved global scholar and the pioneering Rector of the International Islamic University Malaysia.

Throughout history, humanity has been pursuing knowledge from two main angles. We learn from our experiences in dealing with our issues as well as through engaging with problems faced by the people around us. This has been one of the ways that Allah *Subhānahū wa Ta‘ālā* lead us to knowledge—through experiential learning. We also seek knowledge for the sake of knowing, for instance, of the intricacies of nature, of experiences, of individual and collective behaviours, and of natural and social phenomena. This is when we “deeply” learn about a particular field of study from its philosophical, theoretical and practical perspectives, to be benefitted by all. However, for devout Muslims, both were pursued as acts of worship, and ways to know,

serve and gain closeness to The Creator, as “... those [who] truly fear Allah, among His Servants, [are those] who have knowledge...” (Q. *Fāṭir*, 35:28).

Early Muslim scholars dealt with matters of their times, which led to the establishment of schools of jurisprudence, numerous sciences and ideas that benefitted people of the time and without exaggeration, continue to benefit humanity to this day. Narrated by Ibn Umar, the Prophet (*ṣalla ‘Llāh ‘alaihi wa sallam*) once said:

“The most beloved people to Allah are those who are most beneficial to people. The most beloved deed to Allah is to make a Muslim happy, remove one of his troubles, forgive his debt, or feed his hunger. That I walk with a brother regarding a need is more beloved to me than that I seclude myself in this mosque in Medina for a month” (*al-Mu‘jam al-Awsaṭ li ‘l-Ṭabarānī*: 6026).

*Al-Marhūm* Professor Tan Sri Dr. Muhammad Abdul Rauf demonstrated all the above, as clearly evident from his life and works. It is deemed most fitting for me to quote from the late Professor himself,

It is now approximately ten years since I resigned. Soon, I will be 87 years old. Will I live until 89 as my father did? Only Allah knows. In my life, and especially in my duties as *Imām*, I strove to be a model of good behaviour and an embodiment of the Islamic virtues of patience, endurance, forgiveness, and clemency. I do not mean to imply that I am endowed with all of these meritorious qualities. Rather, I humbly plead to Almighty Allah to forgive my shortcomings and failures. Looking back, I am awed by my journey from an impoverished village in Egypt to oil-rich Kuwait, the United Kingdom, multi-racial Malaysia and New York City, America’s power hub: Washington D.C., the United Arab Emirates, and back to Malaysia. I hope my stories may relate the differences of my experiences due to history and locale, while underlining the common humanity of all of us. The Noble Qur’an undermines any stark opposition set between the East and the West: “To God belongs the East and the West.” Amen.

(Muhammad Abdul Rauf, *Autobiography of an Azharite American: from the Nile to the Potomac*, Bandar Baru Nilai, Negeri Sembilan: USIM.)



Born on December 27<sup>th</sup>, 1917, Tan Sri Professor Dr. Muhammad Abdul Rauf was an epitome of the IIUM, a towering yet humble scholarly figure of the budding garden that was soon to bloom to become a “Garden of Knowledge and Virtue”. A global academic and humanitarian, he strove to be the best that he could ever be and contributed as much as he ever could for humanity, bridging between the East and the West – in Malaysia, the Arab world, in the Western lands and in Africa – wherever he was, with mercy (*Rahmah*). Muhammad Abdul Rauf, like the IIUM, the first International Islamic University of the contemporary world for which he served and represented as her first Rector, was truly beyond global. Comparable to the numerous devout Muslim scholars and intellectuals of earlier eras who pursued knowledge through *both angles*, carrying the message of *Rahmatan li 'l-‘Ālamīn* (Mercy to all the Worlds) of the blessed Prophet Muhammad ﷺ, Muhammad Abdul Rauf was indeed universal (*‘ālamī*). The excerpt above was written shortly before his passing on December 11<sup>th</sup>, 2004, at the age of 87.

The *Annotated Bibliographies of the First Three Rectors* are compiled not with the intention of idolising the University’s forebears. The first three Rectors – Tan Sri Professor Muhammad Abdul Rauf, Professor Emeritus Dato’ Dr. AbdulHamid AbuSulayman and Tan Sri Professor Emeritus Mohd. Kamal Hassan – were exemplars, who left behind a heritage of gems of wisdom for all of us to take heed of and emulate. Each one of them contributed in their unique ways, which, despite their passing, their thoughts, ideas, concerns, solutions, methodologies and visions spelt out in their works remain evergreen. These should not only be kept as archives, but must be studied, taken heed of, strategised and implemented in ways that are relevant to contemporary contexts. Their heritage stands as they did, as the essence of what this University is all about—the required disciplines known under the umbrella of “Islamisation”, which formulates her Philosophy, Vision and Missions, as enablers for the sacred undertaking of *Rahmatan li 'l-‘Ālamīn*.

ثُمَّ أَوْرَثْنَا الْكِتَابَ الَّذِينَ اصْطَفَيْنَا مِنْ عِبَادِنَا فَمِنْهُمْ ظَالِمٌ لِّنَفْسِهِ وَمِنْهُمْ مُقْتَصِدٌ وَمِنْهُمْ سَابِقٌ بِالْخَيْرَاتِ يُؤْتِنُ اللَّهُ ذَٰلِكَ هُوَ الْفَضْلُ الْكَبِيرُ ﴿٣٢﴾

“Then We have given the Book for inheritance to such of Our Servants as We have chosen but there are among them some who wrong their own souls; some who follow a middle course; and some who are, by Allah’s leave, foremost in good deeds; that is the highest Grace.” (Q. *Fāṭir*, 35: 32)

May Allah *Subhānahū wa Ta‘ālā* accept the contributions of our forebears as *al-a‘māl al-ṣāliḥat al-jāriyat*. May He by His unbound Grace and Mercy, bless their souls and elevate them to be with the Prophets (*nabiyyīn*), siddiqin (*truthfuls*), martyrs (*shuhadā’*) pious (*salihīn*) and those closest to Him, *Rabb al-‘Ālamīn*, The Lord of the Universe.

I take this opportunity to congratulate and thank all those involved in the Islamisation Scholars Database Project, which collects, records and chronicles Islamisation works of local and international Muslim scholars in our website, <https://centre.iium.edu.my/centris/>, to serve as a one-stop centre for students, researchers and academics. This has been an ongoing endeavour of the *Qanāt al-Mashāyikh* (Scholars Channel) team, headed by Dr. Nur Jannah Hassan of the Office for Islamisation, Integration and Relevantisation (OFIIR), Centre for Islamisation (CENTRIS), IIUM. An outcome of this database project is the *Annotated Bibliographies of the First Three Rectors of the International Islamic University Malaysia* in three volumes.

May Allah *Subhānahū wa Ta‘ālā* accept the team’s efforts and the contributions of many towards this project as *‘amal ṣāliḥ* that perpetuates and weighs heavily on the scale of their good deeds and reward each one of them with overflowing *ḥasanāt* (goodness) in this life and in the life to come.

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In the end, all praise is due for Allah *Subhānahū wa Ta'ālā* for it is by His Grace and Mercy that such an endeavour is possible and bears fruition.

"... هَذَا مِنْ فَضْلِ رَبِّي لِيَبْلُوَنِي أَأَشْكُرُ أَمْ أَكْفُرُ ۚ وَمَنْ شَكَرَ فَإِنَّمَا يَشْكُرُ لِنَفْسِهِ ۖ وَمَنْ كَفَرَ فَإِنَّ رَبِّي غَنِيٌ كَرِيمٌ"

*"... This is by the Grace of my Lord - to test me whether I am grateful or ungrateful! And if any is grateful, truly his gratitude is (a gain) for his own soul; but if any is ungrateful, truly my Lord is Free of all Needs, Supreme in Honour!" (Q. al-Naml, 27:40).*

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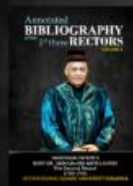
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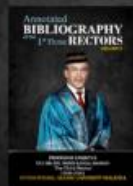
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