Professor DR. GHAZALI BIN BASRI

DR. GHAZALI BIN BASRI aged 61+ has been attached to Universiti Putra Malaysia (formerly Universiti Pertanian Malaysia, UPM), since 1979. He obtained a Degree in Arts (Honors) from University Malaya in 1975, a Master of Arts from the University of Columbia New York City, USA in 1981 and subsequently a PhD from University of Aberdeen, Scotland in 1988.

He is a distinguished academician having served as a school-teacher between 1967 and 1979 and as a tutor in UPM before his appointment as lecturer in Social Sciences from 1981 to 1991. Thereafter he was appointed Associate Professor and had held several posts such as Head of Department, Deputy Dean of Faculty and Director of IslamiCentre UPM. He teaches courses such as Islamic Civilization, ethics, philosophy and Comparative Study of Religions both at graduate and postgraduate levels. From 1997 to 2001 he was the Rector of the Institute for the Studies of Islamic Sciences Malaysia better known as IPI (Institute Pengajian Ilmu-Ilmu Islam) and at present he is Senior Lecturer at Kolej Dar al-Hikmah Malaysia. He has been active in social work and has served as Chairman of Islamic Outreach-ABIM between 1992 and 1995 and also has been a member of Executive Committee of JUST (A Movement for a Just World) between 1997 and 2003.

Dr Ghazali has written several books, articles and reviews covering education, philosophy and religion. He is also the editor-in-chief Jurnal Pendidikan Islam (Journal of Islamic Education) since 1985 until now. A co-volume editor of Volume XI on Religion, The Encyclopedia of Malaysia, and presently he is the deputy chairman of the Academy For Civilisational Studies whose major activities among others are research and publications of books monographs and journals. He is now the chief editor of JAWHAR (bi-lingual Journal of Book Review) published by the Academy. At the international level, he is Vice President, World Council of Muslim For Interfaith Relations (WCMIR), which was formed in 2001 with its head office in Chicago.

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