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Professor Mazlin has been appointed by the Malaysian Government as a Member of the Malaysia-Thailand Joint Authority (MTJA) Research Cess Fund Committee, which is ongoing till now. He also has been selected as a Member of the Sustainable Development Solutions Network (SDSN) Malaysia Chapter Leadership Council. He was also a member of Board of Trustees of World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF), Malaysia from 2014 till 30th July 2018; and an Elected Member of the UKM Senate (2017 - 2020). Prof Mazlin had contributed notably as a Member of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) - Small Grants Programme (SGP) - Global Environment Facility (GEF), Malaysia from year 2000 till June 2018, i.e. the longest serving Member of this NSC. He is also a Board Member of International Research and Development Institute (IRDI), International Medical University (IMU). He was one of the founding members of the Malaysian Water Partnership which was established in the 1990s; and he had been elected in early 2000 as it's Vice Chairman in charged of MyCapNet (Malaysia Capacity Building Network for IWRM, i.e. Integrated Water Resources Management) country manager.

Professor Mazlin was the Deputy Vice Chancellor of UKM for Research and Innovation Affairs from 16th January 2014 to 15th January 2017; and Director of LESTARI, UKM from 2005 to 2013 (i.e. 8 years; and longest serving in the 25 year history of the institute); and recently being appointed again as Director of LESTARI for another three years (Mac 2019 to Feb 2022). He was the Founding Director of PUSPA (Centre for Public and International Relations) of UKM from 2001 to 2004. Prof Mazlin was the Founding Leader of Integrated Water Resources Management (IWRM) Research Group of UKM; and Founding Leader of the Chemicals Management Research Group (CMRG) of UKM. He was the Group Leader (Malaysia Side) on Environmental Risk Management 2012 - 2015 of the Japan Society for Promotion of Science (JSPS) Asian Core Programme on Integrated Watershed Management; and Group Leader of Environmental Management (Malaysia Side) 2001 - 2011 of the JSPS Comprehensive Programme on Environmental Science, Engineering, and Ethics. He was the Leader of Research Group on Chemicals and Hazardous Substances Management and Governance that was recognised as the best FRGS (Social Science) Granted Project by the Ministry of Higher Education Malaysia in 2010. He founded MyNICHE in 2005, i.e. the Malaysian Network on Integrated Management of Chemicals and Hazardous Substances for Environment and Development comprising dynamic partners amongst various stakeholders from government, NGOs, academia, and business/industry associations. He was the

founding member of the ICC, i.e. international coordinating committee of UNCECAR (United Nations University Network for Climate and Ecosystems Change Adaptation Research comprising prominent universities including the University of Tokyo, United Nations University headquartered in Japan; the Australian National University (ANU); Indian Institute of Technology (IIT); the Vietnam National University (VNU); the University of the Philippines; Universitas Gadjah Mada (UGM) of Indonesia; University Peradeniya of Sri Lanka; and UKM of Malaysia; etc. This team went on to develop and run the BRCC (Building Resilience to Climate and Ecosystem Change) Course for several years under leadership of the United Nations University, benefitting many local leaders and professionals from many countries around the world.

Professor Mazlin's expertise is in Environmental Analytical Chemistry and Environmental Management; and his research and outreaching interests include Sustainability Science and Governance for Sustainability; and Education and Capacity Building for Sustainable Development. In terms of research and academic contributions, Professor Mazlin has produced more than 300 publication materials in various forms including journals' manuscripts, proceedings, books, chapters in books, policy papers, guidelines, manuals, and as such. His recent book publication was titled "Rising to the Challenge: Malaysia's Contribution to the SDGs", where it was featured in the United Nations SDSN Global Newsletter. He has been invited as speaker on sustainability issues, nationally and at the ASEAN and Asia Pacific platforms, by various entities, including government agencies, universities, industries, NGOs and communities. In terms of human capital development, he has quite a number of masters and PhD students graduated under his supervision, whereby they are now leaders in academia, government agencies, NGOs and businesses/industries. Professor Mazlin has always been building and nurturing individuals and groups to be pragmatic in their thinking and actions based on several integrated and holistic approaches for sustainable development, including for MDGs then, and now for effective implementation of SDGs at various scales. Prof Mazlin has inspired and motivated many current and future leaders, captains of industries and local authorities to be more adaptable and responsible in addressing sustainable development issues and problems. He has done good in enhancing smart governance via multi-stakeholders' participation, and multi disciplinary modes. In terms of contributions to the country and society,

Professor Mazlin is also actively involved in building the sustainable development solutions network (SDSN) for ASEAN under the initiative of the SDSN Malaysia Chapter. As a member of Board of Trustees of WWF-Malaysia, he has also been advocating for environmental conservation nationally, including in creative efforts to protect threatened endemic species of biodiversity. Professor Mazlin was bestowed the Award of Paduka Mahkota Perak (PMP) by His Royal Highness The Sultan of Perak in 2002; and the Dato' Setia DiRaja Kedah (DSDK) Award with the title Dato' by His Royal Highness The Sultan of Kedah in 2014 for contributions to society and country. Quite recently, in 2018, Prof Minoru Yoneda (Kyoto University) and Prof Dato Mazlin Mokhtar (UKM) produced a book published by Springer titled "Environmental Risk Analysis for Asian-Oriented, Risk-Based Watershed Management: Japan and Malaysia".

Prof Dato Dr Mazlin Mokhtar was selected by the Malaysian Government Special Committee as the recipient of the coveted Langkawi Award for 2017/2018; endorsed

by His Royal Highness The Yang DiPertuan Agong (King of Malaysia) via the office of The Honorable Minister of MESTECC, Malaysia. Prof Mazlin had also been appointed by Government of Malaysia as Chairman of the Executive Committee that evaluated the performance of Lynas Rare Earth Processing Plant; and as Deputy Chairman of the Executive Committee to develop the SOP for Bauxite Mining and Exportation. Prof Mazlin was the thought leader and founding chairman of committee that mooted and developed the already a ten year running programme of Sustainable Schools, a national environmental sustainability award programme, coorganised with Department of Environment, Malaysia, and Ministry of Education, Malaysia, with several other partners from various sector.

Prof Mazlin was also recently awarded a special UNESCO MFIT APFAST research grant to facilitate and accelerate the mainstreaming of science and technology into decision making processes of local authority and stakeholders, including for implementation of SDGs at local level in Langkawi UNESCO Global Geopark."