

# **Prof. Dr. Zaleha Kamaruddin**

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Professor Dato' Sri Dr. Zaleha Kamarudin is an internationally acclaimed academic. She is a legal expert, an award-winning researcher and the author of 20 books. She was appointed the first female rector of the International Islamic University Malaysia, making her the first woman to head an Islamic university in the Muslim world. She was recently appointed as a Shariah Appellate Court judge of Terengganu and also a member of OIC Women Advisory Council. She has also served as a council member of the Malaysian Women Advisory Council and the Selangor Council of Religious Affairs and a member of the Fatwa Committee of Selangor and Pahang. She is also involved in drafting model Islamic laws through her appointment as a member of the Technical Committee on Sharia and Civil Laws, Department of Islamic Religious Affairs, Prime Minister's Department since 2005 and serves as an appointed member in the National Religious Council. In May 2012, she delivered a keynote speech at a High-Level Thematic Debate at the UN headquarters in New York and the prestigious 13th Al-Sanhuri Annual Lecture at Harvard Law School. Professor Zaleha was invited from 2014 until present by the Permanent Bureau of The Hague Conference on Private International Law to present keynote addresses on cross-border child abduction and children's right at The Hague, Kuala Lumpur, Malta, Tokyo and Macau.

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