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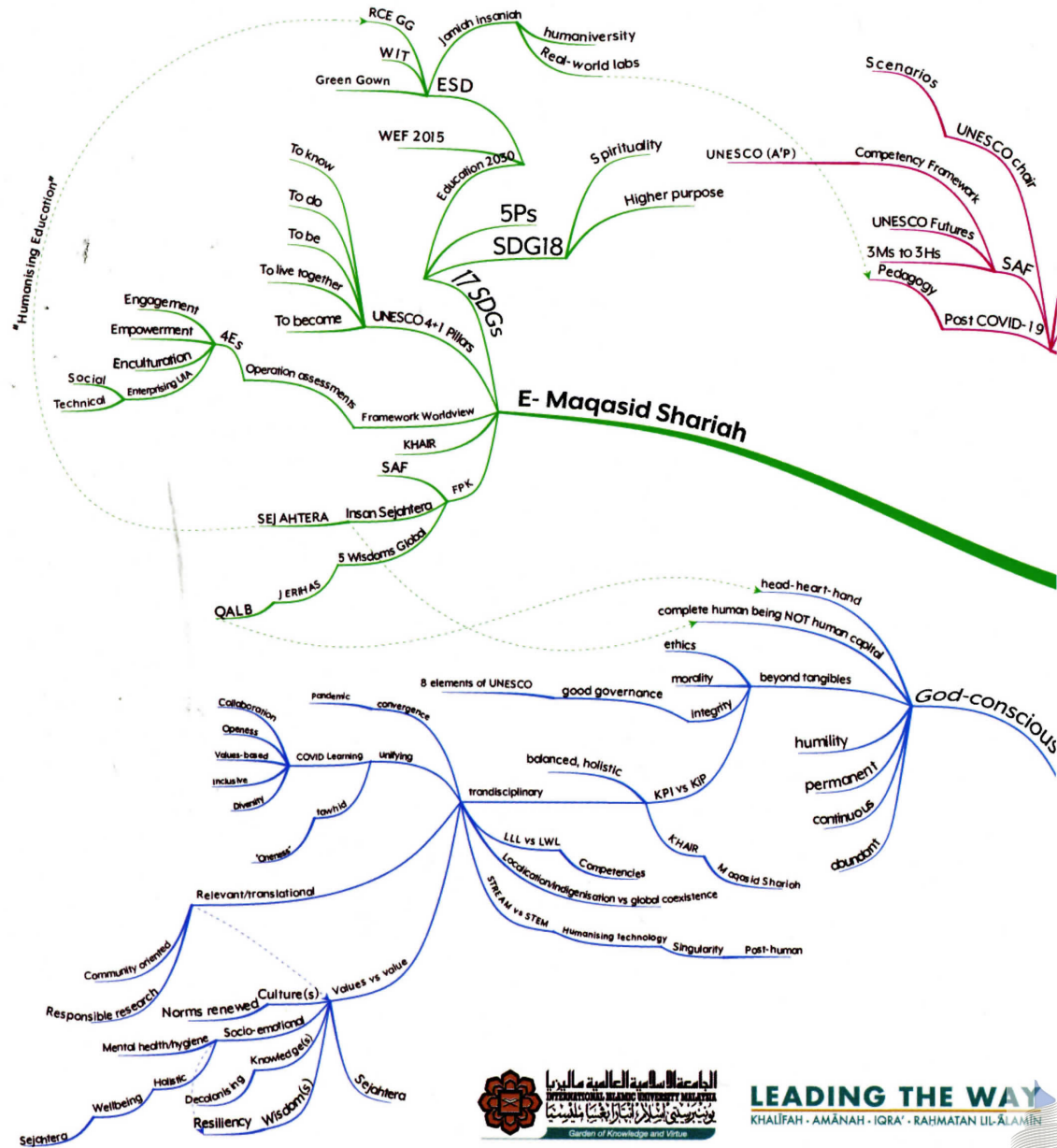
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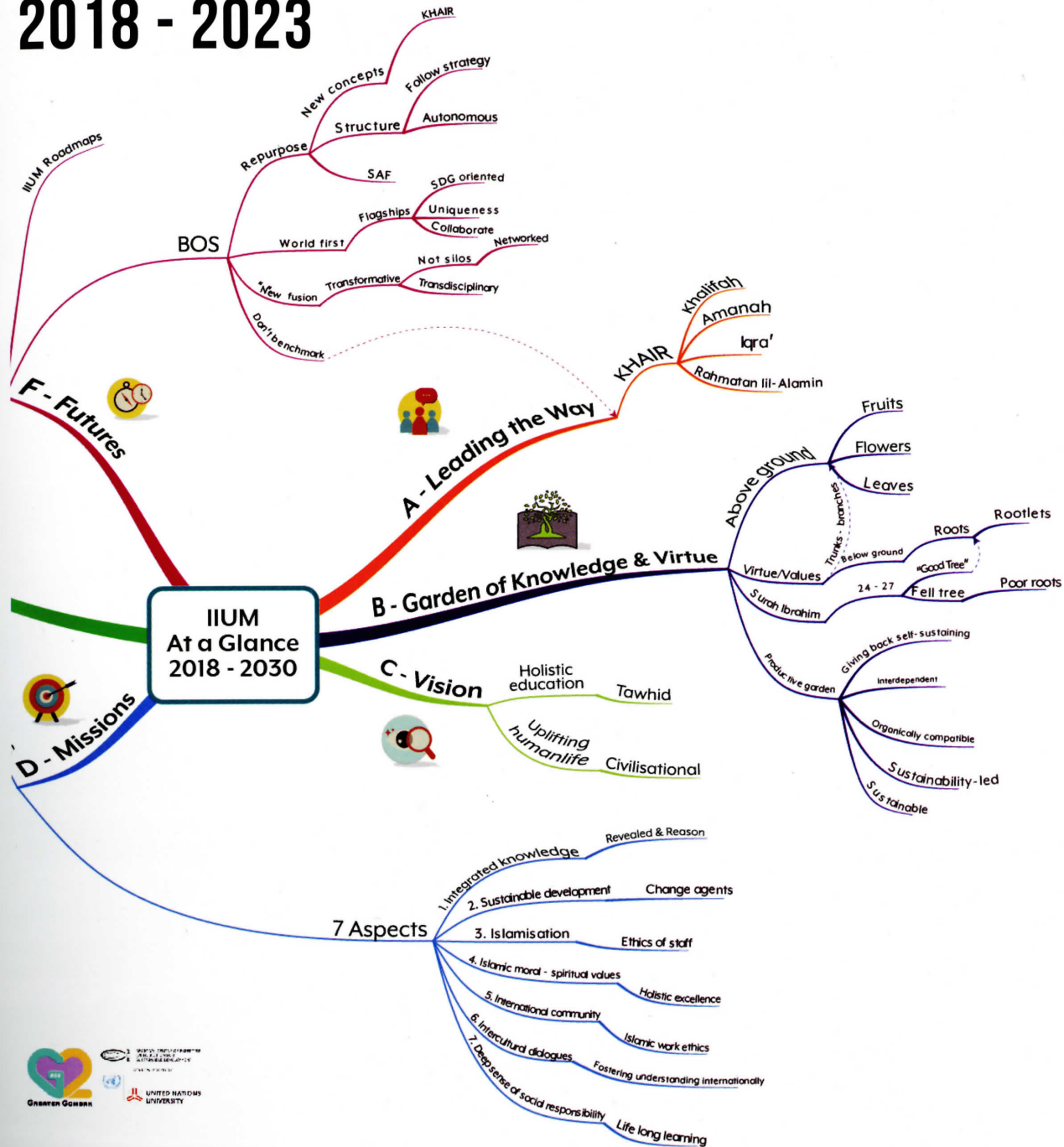
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MESSAGE

The Constitutional Head

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

In the name of Allah (SWT), the Most Gracious, the Most Merciful. All praise be to Allah (SWT) for enabling me to witness the 40th anniversary celebration of the International Islamic University Malaysia with which my family has been associated since its inception in 1983. The University has grown physically and academically, from its modest Petaling Jaya campus to its resplendent Gombak, Kuala Lumpur, and Kuantan campus today, and from a mere 153 students graduating in the first convocation to producing about 114,158 graduates by 2022 with high morals and values. Many of these graduates rose to positions of influence serving their countries with dedication and making positive contributions to the welfare of the ummah.

During the 40 years of its existence, the University has produced outstanding scholars in almost all areas of knowledge laced with humility, modesty, and forbearance as enshrined in the Qur'an and the Sunnah of the Prophet (SAW). These scholars are concerned with the plight of

the Muslim Ummah and are involved with the concept of Islamisation of knowledge which gained momentum in the 1980s. It is pleasing to know that the university, all through the 40 years, has taken this project of Islamisation seriously to produce a generation of scholars who would probe the boundaries of knowledge and synchronise modern knowledge with the teachings of the Qur'an and Sunnah in a holistic manner. The University, over the four decades, has performed well by providing educational opportunities of quality for Malaysian and international students, and by providing broad and needed services to the community, locally and globally.

The University has been acknowledged as the leading centre of excellence in research and innovation to restore the progressive role of the ummah in all

branches of knowledge. It is gratifying to note that the Prime Minister of Malaysia declared the IIUM, in 2013, as the Premier International Islamic University. Subsequently, the Director of the Islamic Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (ISESCO), on 17 December 2014, recognised the IIUM, as the Premier International Islamic Research University. Recently, in 2020, IIUM was officially recognised as the Regional Centre of Expertise (RCE) on Education for Sustainable Development. Also, IIUM is the first university in Asia and in the Muslim world to win the Sustainability Institution of the Year in the 2020 International Green Gown Awards.

All these achievements and accolades are due to the sincere dedication and hard work of the leaders and staff of the University. It has professors and

students, supported by dedicated administrative staff, constantly seeking higher levels of knowledge.

These achievements are indeed a manifestation of the extraordinary timelessness of the University with regard to its vision and mission.

These achievements also justify the 40th anniversary celebration of the University. This should also be a reminder to the University community to continue its struggle to meet the new challenges and changes emanating from the evolving world.

With the intelligence, imagination and dedication to scale greater heights, the University should be able to innovate and work much more effectively so that IIUM continues to be a shining beacon to lead the way as “The Garden of Knowledge and Virtue.”

HER MAJESTY

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Constitutional Head of the International Islamic University Malaysia



FOREWORD

The Honourable President

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

The 40th anniversary of the University provides an opportunity to celebrate the past, evaluate the present, and foresee the future. Founded upon the principles laid down in the Qur'an and the Sunnah, the International Islamic University Malaysia (IIUM) is one of the largest educational institutions in the Muslim world. It is also truly global providing high-quality education and inculcating Islamic values, discipline, and character in all students. Though an English-speaking public university that helps to promote its global perspective, it also requires students to learn Arabic language so that they could access the Islamic heritage and be comfortable with those living in the Middle East and the Arab world.

I would like to congratulate the University for its achievements, challenges, and growth over time. This volume celebrating the University's 40th anniversary describes and analyses the features of the University, the changes that have been made, and demonstrate the

possibilities that have been realised over the past forty years. It captures the success story through various chapters, helps build a sense of pride and connection among alumni, faculty, staff, and students, and fosters a shared understanding of the institution's values and purpose.

I feel blessed to be a part of IIUM as we celebrate the 40th anniversary of its establishment. IIUM has come a long way in making its presence felt in Malaysia and across the globe. The 40th anniversary celebration is an indication of IIUM's commitment and hard work to be a centre of excellence leading the way and sharing the wisdom through the spirit of Islam. I pray to Allah, the Almighty, to shower His mercy and blessings upon all those who have contributed toward making this University truly a garden of knowledge and virtue.

TAN SRI SAMSUDIN OSMAN
President
International Islamic University
Malaysia



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PERSPECTIVES

The Honourable Rector

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

This book is a celebration of the 40th anniversary of International Islamic University Malaysia (IIUM). *Alḥamdulillāh*, the university has made an indelible mark on the academic world and beyond. From its humble beginnings in 1983 to its current status as a world-class teaching and research institution, IIUM has come a long way, and its achievements over the past four decades are well-worth celebrating.

As we highlight the momentous event, it is essential to acknowledge the vision, dedication, and hard work of the founders, leaders, staff, students, and alumni whose commitments to excellence have made this institution truly a garden of knowledge and virtue generating and disseminating endeavour pushing the boundaries for the betterment of human life and civilisation as the *amānah* (trust). But IIUM is more than just a place of academic excellence. It is a community that fosters growth, learning, discovery, and relationships, focused at improving the ummah beginning with the community surrounding it and beyond.



IIUM has been referred to as “Premier Global Islamic University” and is officially recognised as a “UNESCO Unitwin Chair on Futures Studies: Anticipation for Sustainability and Wellbeing.” This Chair is unique because of its emphasis on spirituality as the framework for sustainability and wellbeing in a holistic way. IIUM has also been accorded “Sustainability Institution of the Year” as winner of the prestigious Green Gown International Award for the year 2020. The feat honoured IIUM as not only the first Malaysian recipient but also being the first in Asia as well as the Muslim world. The highlight of the hard work is the acknowledgement

of “RCE Greater Gombak” by the United Nations University, Institute of Advanced Sustainability Studies on 1 April 2020. The IIUM is the first Islamic university to be acknowledged as the lead agency for the RCE (Regional Centre of Expertise) on education for sustainable development.

As the University climbs greater heights, it will undoubtedly continue to make significant contributions to society and the global repository of knowledge and wisdom. The University will continue to nurture bold visionary agenda of humanising education as a mercy to the entire universe (*rahmatan lil ‘alamīn*).

This book reaffirms the aspiration to lead the way in redefining the boundaries of knowledge and education for the future.

In this book, we hear from some of the individuals whose lives have been transformed by their experiences here, and we get to see how the University has impacted them over the years as the institution evolved at the same time.

**DZULKIFLI ABDUL RAZAK,
PROF. EMERITUS TAN SRI
DATO’**

Rector
International Islamic University
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This volume commemorates the 40th anniversary of the International Islamic University Malaysia by showcasing its rich history and diverse accomplishments. It offers a comprehensive overview of the University's past, present and future. Through engaging essays, personal anecdotes, and thought-provoking analyses, readers will gain a deeper understanding of the university's role in shaping higher education, driving innovation, and empowering communities.

From the University's humble beginnings to its current status as an international multi-award winning institution of sustainability, this volume captures the spirit of excellence that has defined the University for four decades. It celebrates the contributions of the people who have made the University what it is today and offers a glimpse into what the future holds. *IUM at 40: Leading the Way* is a must-read as it exhibits the Islamicity and the international character of the University community with all international exposure and cultural amalgamation. The University community, composed of dedicated intellectuals, scholars, students, and workers, is motivated by the Islamic worldview and code of ethics as an integral part of its work culture. They are humble and honest in their dealings with others and are leading the way to actualise *rahmatan lil 'ālamīn*, mercy to all the creations.

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