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Dr. Zakariah Abdul Rashid was formerly the Deputy Dean in the School of Postgraduate Studies of the Universiti Putra Malaysia and a Professor of Economics in the same university.

In addition to teaching at both undergraduate and graduate levels, publishing many articles and speaking at seminars and conferences, as well as editing academic journals, he served as Principal Investigator in many research projects. He served as consultant in many research institutes (ASEAN Secretariat, ESCAP, ADB, UNIDO, MIER, EPU, UPEN Selangor, UPEN Pahang, UPEN Johor and UPEN Kelantan) and government task forces, TWG Income distribution and poverty for RMK9. He was invited by the *Chr. Michelsen Institute* of Norway to finalize the Social Accounting Matrix (SAM) report. This was followed by two research works on the Construction of SAM for Income Distribution *and* the Construction of Selangor Input-Output Table, the Contribution of GLCs on the National Economy for Khazanah Nasional. He has been awarded as an Outstanding Consultant by the Universiti Putra Malaysia.

His areas of specialization cover: development economics, input-output economics, international economics, technological obsolescence and change, structural change, Malaysian industrialization, manpower planning, AFTA comparative advantage, textile industry, pharmaceutical industry, chemical industry, Islamic economics, regional economics, SAM, income distribution, subsidy and GST reforms, and minimum wage.