

## **Keynote Speaker Autobiography**

Professor Dr Zul Azhar acquired his BSc in Physics from Western Michigan University in 1985. He then did his Masters in the same university in the field of Statistical Mechanics.

In 1988 he worked as Tutor at University Sains Malaysia until 1989 when he pursued PhD at the University of Liverpool, United Kingdom.

Between 1993 and 2002, he was a lecturer at University Sains Malaysia. He then joined University Malaysia Perlis (UniMAP) as the Dean of the School of Microelectronic Engineering.

In 2005, he was appointed Deputy Vice Chancellor (Research & Commercialization), followed by Deputy Vice Chancellor (Academic & International Affairs). He then became Vice Chancellor of UniMAP until his term ended in June this year. Throughout his career as teacher, researcher, and university administrator, Professor Zul Azhar has seen and was a part of the big changes that happened in the academic landscape, especially that of the advent of the digital economy and the 4th Industrial Revolution, which brought about a huge impact in the way universities are run and managed. Professor Zul Azhar is now on sabbatical leave until the end of 2019.