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Dr. Ruzita obtained her B. Economics (Hons.) from the IIUM, her M.A. (Economics) from Northwestern University, USA, and her Ph.D. (Managerial Economics), from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, USA. She has served at the IIUM since 1987, and currently she is a Professor at the Department of Economics, IIUM. She was Deputy Dean (Academic) of the Kulliyyah of Economics & Management Sciences from 2005 to 2007 and currently she is the Head of the Disability Services Unit, IIUM. She was Editor of the *IIUM Journal of Economics & Management* (currently known as the *International Journal of Economics, Management & Accounting*) for the periods 1995-2004 and 2008-2011.

She was presented with the Special Award (for Academic Achievement) for Persons with Disabilities in Conjunction with the International Persons with Disabilities Day, by the Ministry of Women, Family and Community Development (MWFCD), Malaysia, for the Year 2012. She was a Member of the National Council of the Persons with Disabilities, under the MWFCD from January 2013 to December 2016. During her term, in August 2014, she was appointed as the Co-Chairman of the Committee on Universal Design and the Built Environment of the National Council of the Persons with Disabilities.

She was appointed by the Ministry of Education as a member of the National Education Advisory Council for the term 2018-2020. She is currently a member of the Panel of Advisors for YB Senator Datuk Ras Adiba Radzi, representative of persons with disabilities in the Upper House, Parliament of Malaysia. She has also been appointed as one the Advisors of the Persons with Disabilities Division of the Ministry of Communications & Multimedia, Malaysia. Her research works include “*Understanding National Implementation of the UN CRPD in Malaysia: A Two-Phased, Mixed Methods Approach,*” under the Institute of Disability & Public Policy, American University, USA, dan Universiti Malaya, and “*Kajian Peluang Pekerjaan Orang Kurang Upaya di Malaysia,*” commissioned by Social Institute of Malaysia under the Ministry of Women, Family & Community Development.