



Hon. Dato' Seri Mahdzir Khalid
Minister of Education Malaysia

Profile

The Honourable Dato' Seri Mahdzir Khalid, was born on 15 December 1960 in the northern Malaysian state of Kedah. Holding an Honours Bachelors Degree in Education, he began his illustrious 10 year career in the education sector as an education officer and teacher. This stint culminated upon his appointment as a principal of a secondary school located within the interiors of Eastern Malaysia at a relatively young age of 30. This is where he instituted key transformational initiatives as a leader in education in incorporating best practices within the ecosystem.

He then began his foray into politics and quickly assumed various leadership positions at both state and federal Government levels. As evidenced in his professional credential, he has lead social development and poverty eradicating efforts as the Chief Minister of one of the largest states in Malaysia and promoted green technology and collaborative efforts between major industry players and the basic and higher education fraternities. This is to ensure that green technology and environmental sustainability forms a core part of the student learning experience. As the current Minister of Education, he oversees policies at pre-school, school and pre-university levels. In parallel, he is now leading large scale transformation efforts as outlined in the Malaysia Education Blueprint (MEB) 2013-2025 in putting Malaysia as among the world's best in education provision.

As an avid believer in the Education for All (EFA) philosophy, Dato' Seri Mahdzir understands the importance of adopting a people-centric plan of action as a way to achieve EFA goals in a sustainable and accountable manner.

Professional Credential

- Minister of Education (2015 — Present)
- Deputy Minister of Energy, Green Technology and Water (2013-2015)
- Deputy Chairman for Promotion of Tourism under the Ministry of Tourism Malaysia (2008 – 2013)
- Chairman of Muda Agricultural Development Authority (2006-2013)
- Chief Minister of the State of Kedah (2005 — 2008)
- Political Secretary to the Deputy Prime Minister of Malaysia (2000-2004)

Positions Held in Other Organizations

- Chairman of Darul Aman Poverty Eradication Foundation
- Chairman of the National Consultative Co-operative Council