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Husaini Bin Omar (born 10 March 1963) is a Malaysian academic, engineering geologist, researcher and Director General of Higher Education, Ministry of Higher Education, Malaysia from 1 February 2021 until 10 March 2023.

Husaini holds a Bachelor of Science with Honours (Geology) from University of Malaya in 1988 and Master of Science (Engineering Geology) from University of Leeds, United Kingdom in 1995. He subsequently obtained a PhD in System Engineering from Universiti Putra Malaysia in 2001.

Husaini has eight years of industry experience as an engineering geologist before starting his career as a lecturer at the Faculty of Engineering Universiti Putra Malaysia (UPM) in 1996. He enjoyed academic and administrative success until he was appointed Deputy Vice Chancellor (Research and Innovation) of UPM on 15 February 2017 before assuming the position of Vice Chancellor of Universiti Malaysia Kelantan (UMK) on 1 January 2018 until 6 January 2019. In May 2019, he joined Imperial College London as a Professor at the Department of Earth Science and Engineering. He subsequently assumed the duties of Chief Executive Officer of the Malaysian Qualifications Agency (MQA) from 1 June 2020 until 31 January 2021.

Husaini is currently the Founder and Chairman of H&I Capitech Sdn Bhd and Chairman of HYEDU Education Group Sdn Bhd. He is Chairman of the Board of Governors and a Member of the Board of Directors of City University Malaysia and Asia e University (AeU), Chairman of the Board of Trustees of Yayasan City U, and a Member of the Board of Trustees of the Razak School of Government. At the national level, he serves on the Ministry of Higher Education Malaysia (KPT) Vice-Chancellor Selection Committee and on the Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission (SPRM) Board for the Recognition of Certified Integrity Officers (LPPIB). He was previously Chairman of the Board of Directors of Universiti Teknikal Malaysia Melaka (UTeM) from 1 June 2023 to 31 May 2026.

Husaini also serves as International Advisor to Yin Education, Beijing, China, where he contributes his experience in higher education strategy, institutional development, internationalisation and cross-border academic collaboration.

CURRENT APPOINTMENTS

- Member, Board of Trustees, Razak School of Government — 2026-present
- Chairman, HYEDU Education Group Sdn Bhd — 2025-present
- Chairman, H&I Capitech Sdn Bhd — 2023-present
- Chairman, Board of Governors and Member, Board of Directors, City University Malaysia — 2023-present
- Chairman, Board of Trustees, Yayasan City U — 2024-present
- Advisor, ELS Malaysia — 2024-present
- Member, Board of Directors, UCSI College Malaysia — 2024-present
- Member, Board of Governance, Spectrum International University College — 2024-present
- Member, Board of Directors, UMTSea Sdn Bhd — 2024-present

- Member, Board of Governors, Universiti Islam Selangor (UIS) — 2023-present
- Chairman, Board of Governors and Member, Board of Directors, Asia e University (AeU) — 2023-present
- Member, Board of Directors, Universiti Keusahawanan Koperasi Malaysia (UKKM) — 2023-present
- Member, Jawatankuasa Pemilihan Naib Canselor Universiti Awam (Vice-Chancellor Selection Committee), Ministry of Higher Education Malaysia (KPT) — 2023-present
- Member, Lembaga Pengiktirafan Pegawai Integriti Bertauliah (LPPIB), Suruhanjaya Pencegahan Rasuah Malaysia (SPRM) — 2023-present

RESEARCH ACHIEVEMENTS

- MOMBUSHO JICA Fellowship Award, Japan 1998
- British Council Study Grant, UK 2000
- WIPO Gold Medal Award, Geneva International Invention 2000
- National Young Scientist Award, Malaysia 2000
- National Youth Award, Malaysia 2000
- Gold Medal ITEX Invention Show Kuala Lumpur 2000
- Gold Medal INPEX America Invention Show 2001
- Vice Chancellor Fellowship Award, UPM 2003
- Excellence Research Award, UPM 2005
- The MARS Science Award, Malaysian Association of Research Scientist 2011

AWARDS

- DARJAH KEBESARAN DATO' PADUKA MAHKOTA KELANTAN (DPMK), 2018
- DARJAH KEBESARAN DATO' PADUKA MAHKOTA SELANGOR (DPMS), 2016
- DARJAH KEBESARAN SETIA MAHKOTA KELANTAN YANG AMAT TERBILANG (PSK), 2012

EDUCATION

2014	ASEAN Senior Management Development Program	Harvard Business School (HBSACM)
2001	Ph.D. (System Engineering)	Universiti Putra Malaysia
1998	Advanced Certificate, Japanese Geotechnical Society	Japan
1995	M.Sc. (Engineering Geology)	University of Leeds, UK
1988	B.Sc. (Hons.) (Geology)	Universiti Malaya

FORMER BOARD / COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS

Previously served on the following boards and councils:

- Chairman, Board of Directors, Universiti Teknikal Malaysia Melaka (UTeM) — 2023-2026
- Member, Board of Directors, MIGHT (Malaysian Industry-Government Group for High Technology) — 2021-2024
- Member, Board of Directors, UKM (Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia) — 2021-2023

- Member, Board of Directors, UTM (Universiti Teknologi Malaysia) — 2021-2023
- Member, Board of Directors, UiTM (Universiti Teknologi MARA) — 2021-2023
- Member, Board of Trustees, Yayasan Canselor UNITEN — 2021-2023
- Member, Board of Directors, Malaysian Qualifications Agency (MQA) — 2021-2023
- Member, Board of Directors, MyIPO (Intellectual Property Corporation of Malaysia) — 2021-2023
- Member, Board of Directors, Majlis Peperiksaan Malaysia (MPM) — 2018-2019
- Member, Board of Directors, MARDI, Ministry of Agriculture Malaysia — 2017-2019
- Member, Board of Directors, Majlis Penasihat Pengguna Negara KPDNHEP — 2017-2019