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## Saving Billions Through Value Management

Born in Pasir Mas, Kelantan, Mohd Mazlan had little inkling of the professional path he would later embark on. As he sifted through university brochures, he was drawn to quantity surveying (QS), a profession rooted in project management and cost computations. With a father who ran a small contracting business and had suffered from unscrupulous clients, Mazlan felt an urge to help and make a change.

Mohd Mazlan accrued an impressive academic record, obtaining his diploma and bachelor's in quantity surveying from UTM, followed by an MBA from Stirling University, Scotland, and a PhD in value management from Universiti Teknologi MARA.

Starting as a Technical Assistant QS with the Malaysian Public Works Department (1981), he then transitioned to PETRONAS (1981–1985) as a management executive for the group's property department before establishing his quantity surveying firm, MCM Associates (1993 to date).

What truly set him apart was his pioneering work in value management (VM) in Malaysia, which became his life's calling. Mohd Mazlan was the first Certified Value Management Practitioner in the country and founded MCM Value Sdn. Bhd. (1999). MCM Value garnered the "Selangor Excellence Business Awards 2014" that were jointly organised by the Malay Chamber of Commerce Selangor and The Readers International Magazine. He also became the founding president of the Institute of Value Management Malaysia (IVMM) (2000–2010).

Mohd Mazlan is a strong advocate for VM as it ensures efficiency, transparency, and fair pricing. He has successfully infused VM practices into both the public and private sectors, significantly contributing to the elevation of construction and infrastructure projects across Malaysia.

Working closely with Associate Professor Roy Barton from Canberra University, Mohd Mazlan has been instrumental in propagating VM in Malaysia since Barton introduced it in 1986. His book on the subject, "Value Management: Principles and Applications" (2002), has become a reference guide for the Malaysian government and institutes of higher learning.

Thanks to his tireless efforts over the years, the value management methodology was made a mandatory measure for all government-based projects and programmes above RM50 million in 2010, something of which Mohd Mazlan is proud. Throughout his career, Mohd Mazlan estimates savings of RM17.7 billion for the Malaysian government through VM practices.

He has led numerous VM workshops and consulted on major infrastructure projects, including Kuala Lumpur International Airport 2, Duta Ulu-Kelang Expressway (DUKE), Sungai Besi-Ulu Kelang Elevated Motorway (SUKEL), Pan Borneo Highway (for both Sarawak and Sabah), KL-Karak Motorway (KLK), and New Pantai Motorway (NPE 2).

Mohd Mazlan has made noteworthy contributions in both academia and professional circles, earning him memberships and fellowships in numerous prestigious organisations. Formerly an Associate Professor and the Head of the Quantity Surveying Department at UTM, he also served as an Adjunct Professor at Universiti Teknologi Malaysia, University of Malaya and currently as Adjunct Professor at UNIMAS. He is a registered quantity surveyor with the Board of Quantity Surveyors, Malaysia.



Front cover of The Malaysian Business Magazine, 2012.

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He is the first Malaysian to receive a Fellowship from the IVMM (2001). He is also a Fellow of the Royal Institution of Surveyors Malaysia (RISM) and the Malaysian Institute of Management (MIM). Currently, he leads the Bumiputra Quantity Surveying Consultant's Association (2022-2024).

Internationally, he broke new ground as the first non-Australian to be accepted as a member of the Institute of Value Management, Australia (1990). He is an international member of the Society of American Value Engineers (SAVE) (2008 to date). He is appointed as the first Patron of the Institute of Value Management Australia (IVMA) for a period of five years effectively from 18 September 2022.

Balancing his professional pursuits, Mohd Mazlan is also a board member for the Foundation for Orphanage Welfare in Kelantan and enjoys spending quality time with his family and relatives.

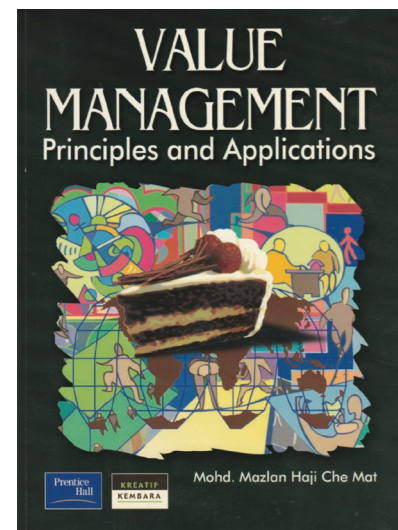
What fuels Mohd Mazlan's zeal for his work is his uncompromising commitment to integrity, aimed at uplifting his profession and the construction industry at large. His journey is one of relentless ambition, unwavering integrity, and a keen understanding of the power of value management.

In 2022, he was conferred Bintang Darjah Kebesaran Dato' Paduka Jiwa Mahkota Kelantan Yang Amat Mulia (D.J.M.K) by His Royal Highness Sultan Muhammad V Kelantan Darul Naim.

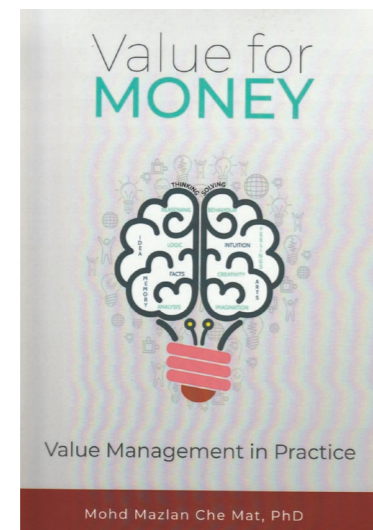
His story serves as an inspiration not just to aspiring quantity surveyors and VM practitioners but to anyone striving for excellence and innovation in their field.

Books written by Dato' Sr Dr. Mohd Mazlan.

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1 - Value For Money – Value Management in Practice (2020)  
– MCM Value Sdn. Bhd. (ISBN 978-967-18709)

2 - Value Management: Principles and Applications  
– Prentice Hall & Kreatif Kembara (2002) First Print (ISBN 983-2473-85-3)



DASH Highway.




KLIA 2, Sepang.



VM Workshop, Kuala Lumpur.





“Your outlook shapes your actions; choose to see setbacks as opportunities, because there’s always a better way of doing things.”