

## About Me

✘ DR. NIK ROSKIMAN ABDUL SAMAD was born in Kelantan, Malaysia, on 27 March 1968. Currently he serves as the Director of Media Centre for Institute of Islamic Understanding Malaysia (IKIM), an agency under the purview of Prime Minister's Department. Prior to that, he was appointed as the Radio IKIMfm Director on April 5, 2010. When IKIMfm and TV IKIM Division were merged on February 22, 2012, Roskiman was promoted as the Director of Media Centre IKIM. Prior to joining the media centre, he was a fellow at the IKIM Centre for Training and Consultancy (PPLI) which provided workshops and trainings. He used to be a lecturer at the International Islamic University Malaysia (IIUM) prior to joining IKIM. Roskiman served as Senior Assistant Registrar of the International Institute of Islamic Thought and Civilization (ISTAC) Malaysia under the leadership of the eminent scholar, Tan Sri Prof. Dr. Syed Muhammad Naquib al-Attas. After graduating from IIUM with a Bachelor's degree in Economics in 1994, he embarked on his Master's at ISTAC and successfully completed his M.A. in 2000. In 1997, Roskiman left for Sudan to enhance his mastery of Arabic Language at the Centre of Arabic Studies, International University of Africa, Khartoum. He then spent four years from 2004 at the Islamic and Middle Eastern Studies, University of Edinburgh, Scotland, United Kingdom, pursuing his doctoral studies (PhD) from 2004-2008. There, he was under the supervision of renown Orientalist in the History of Malaya, Professor Dr. William Roff (d.2013); as well as Professor Dr. Carole Hillenbrand and Dr. Ayman Shihadeh. However, he obtained his doctoral degree (Ph.D) from the Academy of Islamic Studies, University of Malaya, Kuala Lumpur with a dissertation entitled "*Some aspects of spiritual thoughts of Shaykh 'Abd Al-Samad Al-Falimbani (d. 1243/1828)*". The thesis was supervised by Associate Prof. Dr. Wan Suhaimi Wan Abdullah.

His M.A. thesis, which he completed under the supervision of a Turkish historian, Professor Dr. Mehmet Ipşirli, was selected for publication by ISTAC-- IIUM as a book titled, *The Administrative Ethics of Al-Ghazzālī with Reference to His Naṣīhat al-Mulūk*. Roskiman regularly contributes his writings to the press and magazines. His monthly column appears in the Q&A magazine published by Galeri Ilmu Sdn. Bhd. He also writes for Berita Harian newspapers. His main interest is in Ethics, and Islamic Mysticism and now to include Media Broadcasting as well.

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