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A passion for the conservation of historic cities and local heritage remains a key driver of her research and works. Besides these, her research interests also lie in the emerging issues of urban regeneration, urban morphology, landscape and cultural heritage with emphasis on sustaining the built and natural environment as well as human wellbeing. The overall aim of her current research is twofold - to advance understanding about values of heritage in built environment and to develop methods for assessing the perceptual consequences of urbanization and development in fragile environments. From 2011- to 2020, she has tangled herself in numerous research grants and collaborations, including grants by the Selangor State Government, Ministry of Higher Education Malaysia, National Evaluation Institute of Malaysia, Lembaga Muzium Negeri Terengganu, Institute Darul Ridzwan and Think City Grants Programme. To date she has also led more than 10 national grants and international collaborations with neighboring countries like Indonesia and Thailand.

Drawing on her ongoing research and practice, she has also involved in the landscape and urban design studio, community landscape design, landscape ecology, Islamic gardens, landscape and cultural heritage courses since January 2001 until present. To her postgraduate teaching activities, she added a passionate involvement in research methodology, which she developed in a series of talks and workshops on 'What makes a good research?' at University Gadjah Mada, Universitas Aisyiyah Jogjakarta and Universitas Alauddin, Makassar.

To date, she has presented more than 50 papers at international conferences, published more than 40 refereed articles in international publications, refereed Conference Proceedings, Abstract Books, and reviewed papers for numbers of Scopus and WOS journal articles. Amongst the awards she had received included Best Staff Award 2018 and 4 Golden Award as the Best Research Poster during UKM Rampai Penyelidik 2019. In line with her forte and passion in research and publication, she has been appointed by UKM as the chief editor for the International Journal of Malay World and Civilization or previously known as SARI by ATMA since 2018.

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