DATUK ZAKARIA AHMAD ZABIDI

CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER, PLUS MALAYSIA BERHAD

Datuk Zakaria Ahmad Zabidi, is the Chief Operating Officer (COO) of Projek Lebuhraya Usahasama Berhad and PLUS Malaysia Berhad. A graduate of Civil Engineering from the University of Tasmania, Australia, Datuk Zakaria's passion in the field is reflected as he pursued his Master's in Business Administration (MBA) at Cranfield School of Management, United Kingdom under Renong/UEMG scholarship program in 1997/98.

Datuk Zakaria brings with him over 30 years of increasingly professional roles in PLUS since 1991. In 2017, he assumed his current position as a PLUS Chief Operating Officer, leading in designing and implementing company business strategies, plan, and procedures, establishing policies that promote company culture and progress, overseeing operations of the company and participating in expansion activities (investment, acquisition, corporate alliance, etc.)

On the international front, Datuk Zakaria was the Senior General Manager of UEM Group based in Abu Dhabi and Doha from 2010 overseeing UEM Group's international business interests in Gulf Cooperation Countries (GCC). He was subsequently appointed as the Chief Executive Officer of Uniquest Infra Ventures Ltd, Gurgaon Haryana, India from 2012 to 2017, overseeing four major highway concessions in India. At the same time, he was also appointed as Director of PLUS Expressways International Berhad's subsidiary, amongst others PLUS BKSP Toll Limited and Trichy-Padalur Tollways Private Limited.

Beside his position as PLUS COO, Datuk Zakaria also sits on the Board of Teras Teknologi Sdn Bhd and Lebuhraya Pantai Timur 2 Sdn Bhd, the subsidiaries companies of PLUS Malaysia Berhad.

Datuk Zakaria is currently the President of the Association of Highway Concessionaires Malaysia (PSKLM), the President of the Chartered Institution of Highways and Transportation Malaysian Branch (CIHTMB), the Council Member of Road Engineering Association of Malaysia (REAM) and the Council Member for ITS Malaysia.