

**Professor Dr Mansor bin Fadzil**

**B.Sc. (Mech. Eng), Birmingham University, 1981**

**M. Eng. (Control System Engineering), Sheffield University, 1982**

**Ph. D. (Control System Engineering), Sheffield University, 1985**

Professor Dr Mansor bin Fadzil, aged 54 years old, was born on 1 October 1957. He studied at College Sultan Abdul Hamid, Alor Star for his secondary education and in 1976, was offered a scholarship to study 'A' levels at Worthing College of Technology, United Kingdom. In 1978, he was offered a place to study Mechanical Engineering at the University of Birmingham, United Kingdom. He graduated with a Second Upper Bachelor of Science (Hons) degree in Mechanical Engineering in 1981.

Immediately after finishing his undergraduate studies, he enrolled for postgraduate studies under the scholarship provided by University of Malaya. He obtained his Masters in Control Systems Engineering and Ph.D. in Control System Engineering from University of Sheffield in 1982 and 1985 respectively.

In 1985, he returned to Malaysia to serve as a full-time lecturer at the Faculty of Engineering, University of Malaya. While at University of Malaya, he has held various administrative posts which include Head of CAD/CAM Unit, Director of Distance Learning Centre, Special Assistance to the Vice Chancellor and Director of Multimedia Development Centre. Dr Mansor was responsible for introducing online learning to the lecturers at University of Malaya in 1998.

In 1999, he was seconded to METEOR Distance Learning Sdn. Bhd. (MDLSB) as its Vice President. METEOR is a consortium of eleven (11) Malaysian public universities.

During his initial tenure at METEOR, Dr Mansor was responsible for negotiating the release of distance learning programs from UTM, UM and UUM to be managed by MDLSB. Subsequently, Professor Dr Mansor and his team were requested by the Chairman of METEOR, the late Tan Sri Dato Dr Hj Abdullah Sanusi Ahmad, to prepare the concept paper for the establishment of the nation's first and only open and distance learning university. In June 1999, the concept paper was submitted to the Ministry of Education. METEOR was invited to set up the Open University Malaysia (OUM) in August 1999.

OUM was officially established in August 2000 and registered in May 2001. Its first intake of about 750 students was in August 2000. Professor Dr Mansor opted for optional retirement from University of Malaya in September 2001 so as to join OUM on a full-time basis. He currently serves as the Senior Vice President at OUM.