

# Dato' Dr Mahani Zainal Abidin (1954 - 2013) Biography

The late Dato' Dr Mahani Zainal Abidin was the Chief Executive of the Institute of Strategic and International Studies (ISIS) Malaysia from January 2010 until her demise on 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2013. Previously, from May 2007 to December 2009, she was the Director General of ISIS.

Dato' Dr Mahani obtained a PhD in Development Economics from the University of London in 1992. She was Professor in the Department of Applied Economics at the Faculty of Economics and Administration, University of Malaya until 2007. Her research interests were industrialization and economic transformation, international trade and regional integration.

In 1998, Dato' Dr Mahani was appointed a member of the Working Group for the National Economic Action Council, a body established by the Malaysian Government to formulate measures to initiate recovery from the economic and financial crisis of 1997/98. In 2001, she was appointed as the Head, Special Consultancy Team on Globalization of the National Economic Action Council, and from 2005 to 2007 she worked as the Deputy Director-General, Department of Higher Education, Ministry of Higher Education Malaysia.

Dato' Dr Mahani was a Board Member of the Employees Provident Fund from 1998 to 2000, Deputy Chairman of the National Accreditation Board from 2003 to 2007 and a Council Member of the National Economic Advisory Council (NEAC) from 2009 to 2011.



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She was also a Trustee of Yayasan 1Malaysia, Commissioner of Land Public Transport Commission, Deputy President of the Malaysian Economic Association and Member of International Steering Committee for the Pacific Trade & Development (PAFTAD).

She is the author of *The Malaysian Crisis Management Model: Rewriting the Rules*, which was published in 2002.