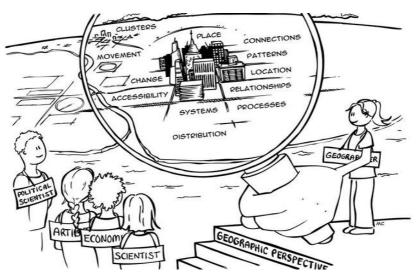


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#### SYNOPSIS

Setting up and institutionalizing a quality framework alongside a quality management system in a higher education institution is an enormous challenge. This is not only due to the fact that quality assurance is a contested concept in higher education but also due to the acute lack of experts and human resources required of such an exercise. Often time universities have to resort to the academicians and academic leadership as strategic thinkers for this purpose. The University of Malaya (UM) is of no exception. From the very initial stage, UM has relied on academicians in the development of the guality management system. Once initiated and formalized, members of the academic staff from various backgrounds and disciplines took the helm of quality management supported by the university's professional and support staff. To date, academic custodians are still entrusted with the leadership of the quality agency as well as its management team. This inaugural lecture, given from the perspective of a geographer in the experience of a guality management strategist, is about the contribution of the power of analogy in quality management. Tapping on the great power of analogy has proven to be a befitting and significant recourse utilized by a geographer in becoming a strategist and leader of the agency, in the absence of any formal qualifications and training in quality management.

#### BIOGRAPHY

Professor Dr. Fauza binti Abdul Ghaffar was born in on 10 July 1956. She completed her Bachelor of Art degree with honours at the University of Malaya (UM) in 1979. After the completion of her Bachelor's degree, she began her career as a tutor at the Department of Geography, Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, UM from 1979 until 1985. In 1982, she received her Master of Art degree in the field of Town and Country Planning from the University of Sheffield, United Kingdom.

She returned to UM in 1986 as a lecturer and then pursued her Doctor of Philosophy degree at the University of Technology, Malaysia from 1993 to 1999. She was promoted to an Associate Professor in 1999, and then to a Professor in 2007. She was also appointed as the Head of the Department of Geography, Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences in 2006 and since 2015, she serves as the Dean of Institute of Graduate Studies.

Professor Fauza Ab. Ghaffar specializes in Human Geography. Her main research interests are urban and regional development studies, social impact studies, international migration, urbanization and urban environmental degradation, and vulnerability studies. Her teaching, research, publication and consultation focuses in these areas of research. She has led numerous research projects as Principal Investigator *including Climate, Poverty & Low Income Economies, Climate Change-Variability and Its Impact on Coastal Ecosystems, Flood Hazards: A Study of Types, Causes, Impacts and Management Policies and their Implementation,* and *Urban Environmental Hazard and Its Impact on the Urban Poor.* There are also other research groups that she was part of during her earlier career stage. These were the Migrant and Health Research with the faculty of Medicine (1990-1994), Mapping Spatial Distribution of Growth and Socio-Economic Development in Malaysia with CEDER (2004-2006),

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Sustainable Economic Development: National and Local Perspectives with United Nations Regional Development Agency, Nagoya (1999-2001), Socio-Economic and Political Impacts of International Migration in Urban Areas of Peninsular Malaysia Health Problems of Foreign Workers in Malaysia. From these researches, she has about 80 publications in journals, chapters in books and proceedings.

Throughout her academic career, Professor Dr. Fauza has also been involved in consultancy projects mainly in social impact studies, socioeconomic development studies and site selection studies for various clients namely, Economic Planning Unit, United Nations Development Projects and Tenaga National Berhad. She has also been involved in strategic research for the Ministry of Higher Education.

Midway through her career in 2001, Professor Dr. Fauza was appointed to the Central ISO Committee of the University of Malaya. This marked the beginning of her involvement in the quality journey of the university which lasted in 2015 when she was made Dean of the Institute of Graduate Studies. Her involvement in the Quality Management System started as a member of the initial committee conceptualizing the QMS framework and documentation, to becoming the Document Manager (2002) and Customer Feedback Manager in 2004. In 2006, the Quality Assurance Management Unit (QAMU) was given an official structure and status and she was made the first Head of the Unit. QAMU was officially upgraded into a centre in 2009 renamed the Quality Management and Enhancement Centre (QMEC) with Professor Fauza as the first Director. QMEC's first challenge was aligning the requirements of the MQF's requirement to the existing quality framework of UM and then preparation and organization for the Self-Accreditation Audit by MQA. In 2010, UM was given the Self Accreditation status with the recognition to accredit its own academic programme. The subsequent challenge then was to design a selfaccreditation system and training of its own programme assessor. Whilst managing QMEC, Professor Dr. Fauza produces several publications and paper presentations in Quality related conferences. Under her leadership, UM has organized a Regional Conference on

quality-driven initiatives in December 2007. The papers of the conference were published in its proceeding "Quality-Driven Initiatives: Sharing of Good Practices in Higher Education". She was also an invited speaker at QMS seminars and workshops. This includes the Seminar on Internal-External Quality Assurance (SieQA) I and II in 2014 and 2015 respectively.

Her interest and passion in quality assurance transgresses the university and national boundary. At the national level, Professor Dr. Fauza has sat on various panels of the Malaysian Qualifications Agency (MQA); to name a few: the Panel of Assessor for Institutional Audit, Panel of Assessor for Programme Audit, the committee formulating the Code of Practice for Institutional Audit (COPIA) and panels for both the SETARA and D-SETARA. In 2012. Professor Dr. Fauza was appointed as the Chairman of the Mailis Pengarah Kualiti IPTA by the Ministry of Higher Education. At the regional level, her involvement is in the ASEAN University Network (AUN) Quality Framework. With AUN, she was the Chief Quality Officer for University of Malaya, the Lead Assessor in Programme Level Audit and also Trainer/Facilitator for AUN-QA Framework Trainings. In these capacities, she has led more than 20 programme assessments in universities in the ASEAN region, facilitates 4 QA Training to universities in Cambodia, Laos, Vietnam and Myanmar and recently appointed as AUN-QA expert by the AUN secretariat.

Throughout her service, she was awarded the Award of Excellent Service in 2003, 2004, 2011 and 2013, and for he contribution to the Quality Management in UM she received the *Anugerah Pentadbir Akademik Terbaik bagi PTj bukan Akademik* in 2014.

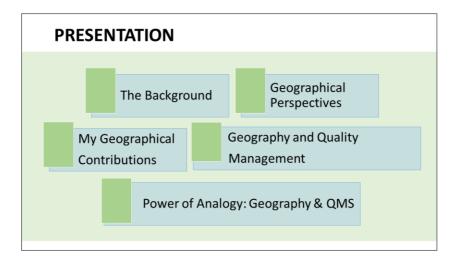
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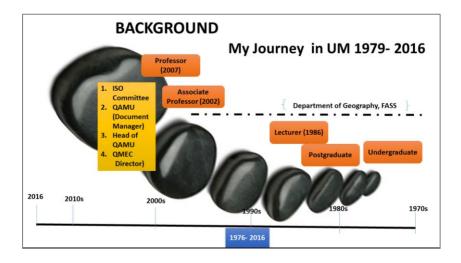
- My husband, Professor Dr. Khairulmaini b. Osman Salleh, my pillar of strength in life
- My mother, Puan Zainah bt. Ahmad for being a supportive and encouraging parents especially in my studies
- My children, Hadi Mukhlis b. Khairulmaini and his wife, Cindy Jasmine, Miqdad b. Khairulmaini and his wife Siti Khatijah bt Muhammad, Maryam bt. Khairulmaini and Muayyad b. Khairulmaini and my wonderful grandson, Alexander Mukhriz b. hadi Mukhlis.
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- All my fellow researchers and lecturers and students.
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Thanks to those that loved me, It made my heart go fonder. Thanks to those who cared, You made me feel important. Thanks to those who entered my life, You made me who I am today. Thanks to those who stayed, You showed me true friendship. Thanks to those who listened, You made me feel like I was worth it. MATERIAL



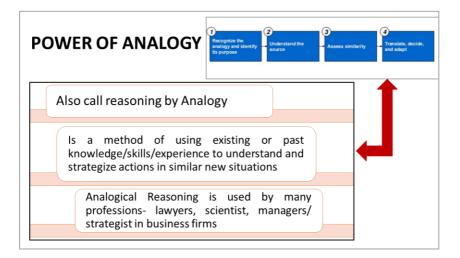


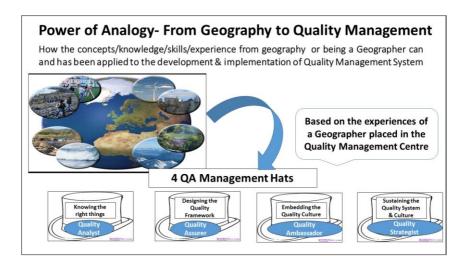


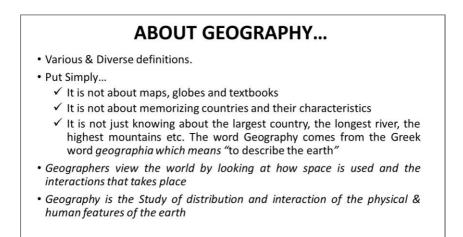


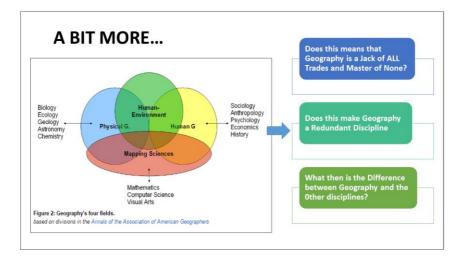
# THIS INAUGURAL LECTURE IS ABOUT A JOURNEY IN UM..

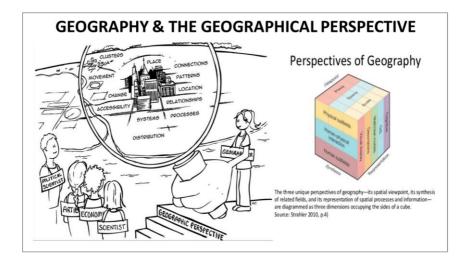
- A 2 prong journey, which started as an academic staff which branches into a service.
- A journey where the earlier knowledge, skills and experiences were tapped on in the new role.
- This lecture thus has a two-pronged message:
- To my fellow geographers and to be geographers; remember to do things (learn/teach/research/provide service) the geographic way.
- To colleagues in management and administration remember that most if not all previous knowledge/skills & experiences can be tapped on in facing new challenges - Tapping on the power of analogy.

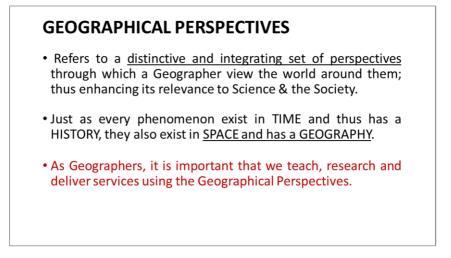


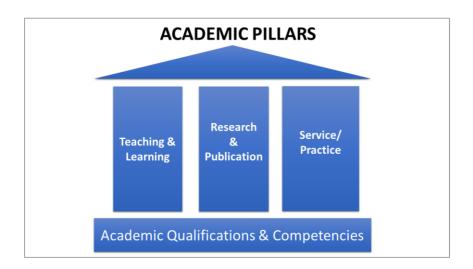














#### Place and Regions

- Place & Space
- differentiation
  Distribution of phenomena and change in time
- Urbanization & City Regions

#### Man-Environment Interactions

- Resource Development
- Population Change
   and mobility
- Sustainable Regional & Urban sustainability

#### Physical and Socio-Economic Systems & Vulnerability

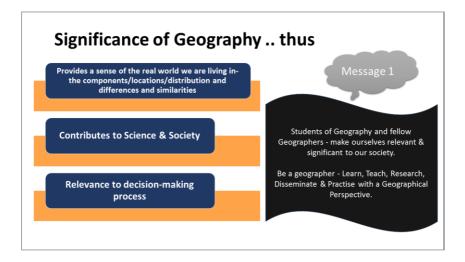
- Climate Change & Vulnerability
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- Environmental Change
   & Low Income Coastal
   Society

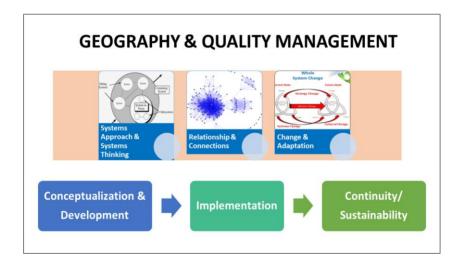
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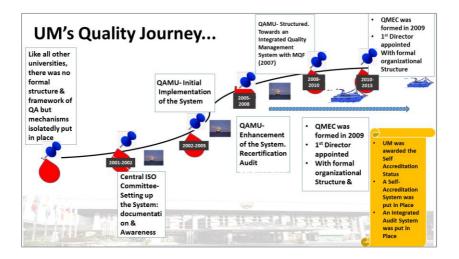
- Malaysia in the Changing World
- Human Geography: Patterns
   and Process
- Locational and Spatial Analysis Urban Development & Regional Planning
- Urban Environment

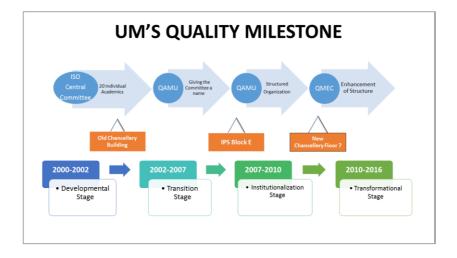
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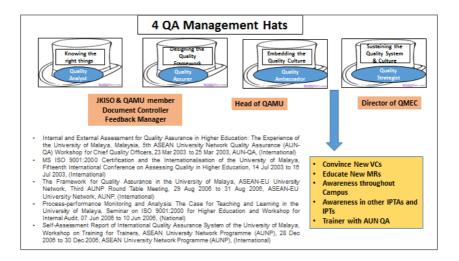
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- Site Selection
- Poverty Mapping
- Social Impact analysis

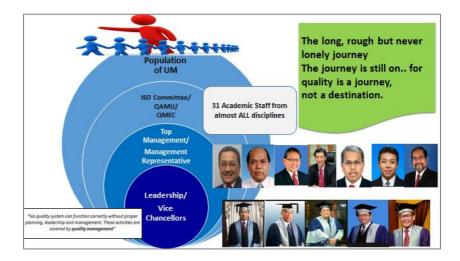










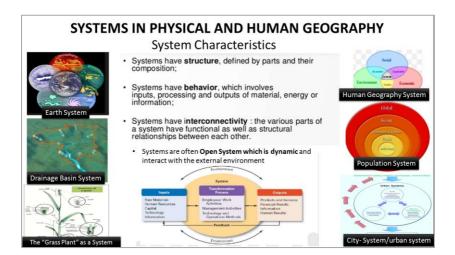


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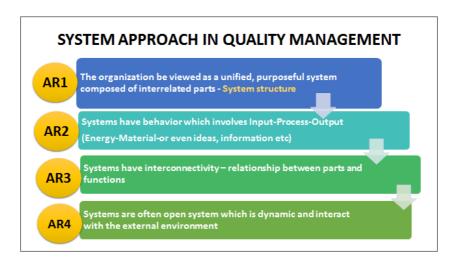


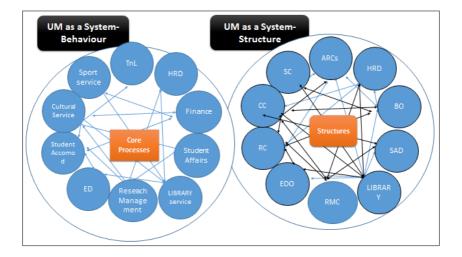
# THE SYSTEMS APPROACH & QUALITY MANAGEMENT

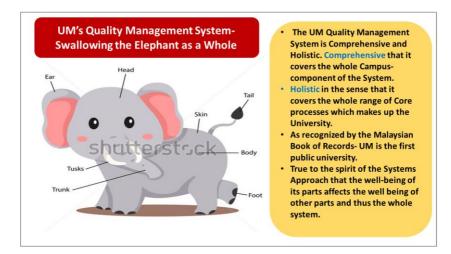
- The Systems Approach in Geography was based on the General Systems Theory by Bertalanffy (1968), called the Father of the Systems Approach.
- A system is an organized collection of highly integrated parts/components designed to achieve an output/desired goal.
- Physical Geography studies the physical processes and interactions among four physical System-Atmosphere-Land-Water-Life. Within each system there are also processes and interactions of the sub components.
- Human Geography studies the human processes and interactions between and within the social-economic-political-belief system. Similarly within each system there are also processes and interactions.



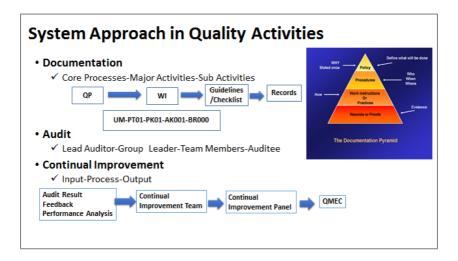


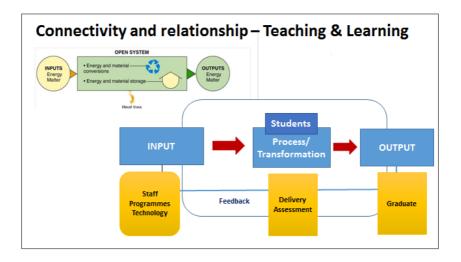


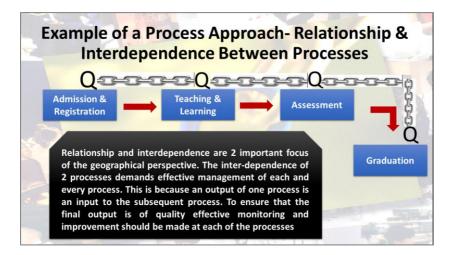




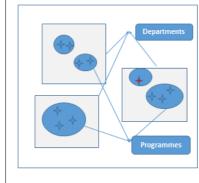




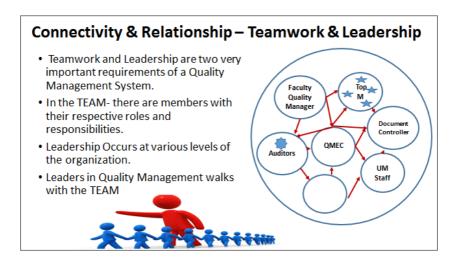


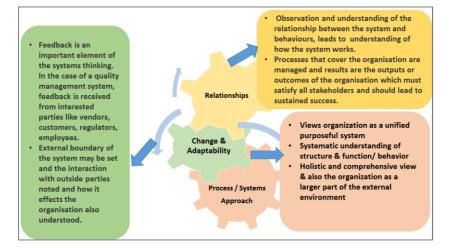


# **Connectivity & Relationship - Recurring NCs**



- Recurring NCs reflects an ineffective Corrective Action which might not lie in the Action or strategy itself but rather to the APPROACH that the Action is implemented.
- This is the result of an isolated approach, where the corrective action is only enforced upon to the place of the NC.
- The Quality Manager must ensure that the corrective actions be implemented holistically.





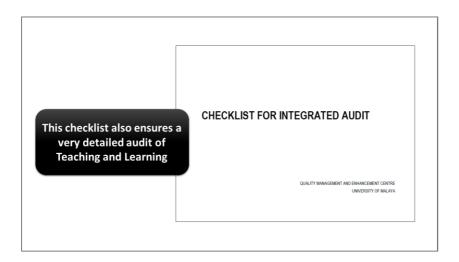
## SYSTEMS APPROACH IN QMS: ADVANTAGE TO THE ORGANIZATION

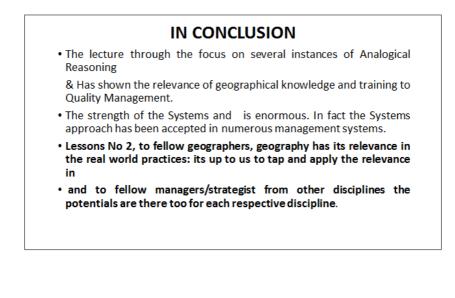
- A system oriented quality manager/strategist make decision only they have identified the impact of the decision on the entire system; not only certain components.
- They must intertwine their department with the whole system ie the organization and communicate with all departments and employees. This also applies to quality managers and strategist at lower levels.
- Identifying, understanding and managing interrelated process as a system contribute to the organization effectiveness and efficiency in achieving its objectives.
- This approach also avoids managers to analyze problem in isolation and encourage an integrated approach to problem solving.

# AR4 Connections- Association between 2 phenomena/places etc In Quality Management, the ability to make connections between framework or even standards between frameworks is very important. There are 2 scenarios: In case where an organization has to make a choice on which QA framework to adopt. The case where the organization has to integrate and ultimately adapt a new quality standard. In both cases the ability to make connection between the requirements of the framework is very important. In UM, this came with the enforcement of the MQF and the status of Self-Accreditation, when we were already implementing the QMS based on the MS ISO 9001:2008 in which Teaching & Learning is one of the Core processes.

# Contd

- There was this worry of having 2 QA frameworks which means 2 set of documentations and 2 set of audits and perhaps 2 group of auditors.
- When UM management decided that we maintained the 2 frameworks: we were confronted with the challenge of integrating the requirements of Code of Practice of Programme Accreditation to that of the UM QMS on Teaching and Learning which has seven (7) Quality Procedures and about 85 Work Instructions.
- Analyzing each sets of requirements and matching them both to identify connections. Based on the connections of each standards of COPIA- QMS requirements and the ISO requirements we came up with a <u>Checklist for</u> <u>Integrated Audit.</u>
- This means that although we have 2 frameworks, UM shall only have 1 internal audit-based on this Manual. This Manual since became the reference point for other IPTAs.





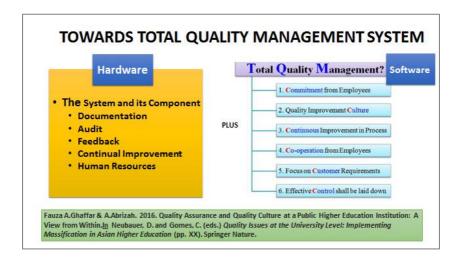
# QUALITY MANAGEMENT @ UM

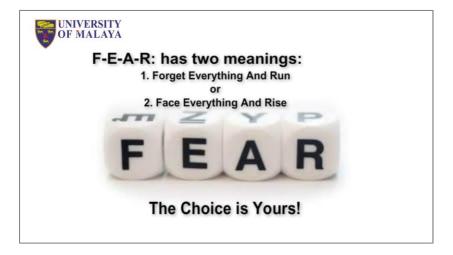
- QMS @ UM has travelled 15 years.
- Systems are in place.
- Principles of QMS are well entrenched.
- However, there are still challenges ahead...

# FUTURE CHALLENGES..

- Quality in Higher Education is to stay.
- Becoming more complex with requirement of Quality Framework from various quarters including professional bodies, thus integration would be difficult.
- Systems approach in QMS is still relevant & needed.
- Quality Management is becoming more challenging.
- UM perhaps should be thinking of moving on to Total Quality Management.
- The Journey continues...









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