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Zainul was born on 17 March 1948 and graduated from the University of Singapore (now the National University of Singapore) with BA (Hons) in Economics and Malay Studies.

Zainul has held various prominent positions in the media industry, community development programmes/institutions, the trade union movement and Government of Singapore, including:

Current Appointments

- Ambassador to Kuwait (Non-Resident) and Foreign Minister's Special Envoy to the Middle East
- Corporate Adviser, Temasek International Pte Ltd
- President (Non-Executive), Mini Environment Services Pte Ltd
- Vice Chairman and Director (Non-Executive) of the OM Holdings Limited
- Board Member of The Pacific Insurance Bhd, Malaysia
- Chairman (Non Exec) of Diamond Energy Services Pte Ltd
- Chairman (Non Exec) of VSC Socio-Economics (VSCSE) Pte Ltd
- Advisor, Middle East Business Group, Singapore Business Federation.

He is also currently serving in the following positions:

- Director, Temasek Cares Foundation
- Director, Hj S.M Abdul Jaleel Foundation
- Member of the New York-based The Asia Society's Global Council
- Patron, The Singapore Rugby Union
- Advisor, The Singapore Hockey Federation
- Director, National Volunteer and Philanthropy Centre
- Member, Raffles Institution Board of Governors

Previous Appointments

- Senior Minister of State for Foreign Affairs, and Member of Parliament, Aljunied Group Representation Constituency, 2006 to 2011.
- Minister of State (Foreign Affairs), 2004 to 2005
- Mayor of Northeast Community Development Council, 2001 to 2009
- Senior Parliamentary Secretary (Foreign Affairs), 1998 to 2001
- Member of Parliament, 1996 to 2011
- Member of Governing Council Of Singapore Business Advisors and Consultants Council (SBACC)
- Member of Advisory Panel of HONOR (Singapore)
- Chairman, Malay Heritage Foundation, 2003 to 2010
- General Manager (Int), NTUC Fairprice Co-operative Ltd, 1997 to 1998
- Executive Secretary of Singapore Port Workers' Union, 1997 to 1998
- President of Singapore Islamic Religious Council (MUIS), 1991 to 1996
- Chief Executive Officer of Council for the Development of Singapore Muslim Community (MENDAKI), 1990 to 1996
- Editor of Berita Harian, 1976 to 1983, 1984 to 1990, and 1993 to 1996
- Associate Editor of The Straits Times, 1983 to 1984
- Editor of The Sunday Times, 1981 to 1983
- Chairman of SPH Radio, 2011 to 2014
- Consultant to STP Press (Books Publishing), 2011 to 2014
- Member, NUS Alumni Advisory Board, 2006 to 2014

Other Key Positions Held

- Member, Lee Kuan Yew Distinguished Visitors Programme Committee
- Member of Council for Security Co-operation in the Asia Pacific (CSCAP)
- Member of National Medical Ethics Committee, 1994 to 2000
- Member of Singapore Talent Recruitment (STAR) Committee, 1998 to 2001
- Member of the Institute of Policy Studies (IPS) Advisory Committee, 1990 to 2001
- Member of the National University of Singapore Council, 1980 to 1990

Visits/Conferences

Zainul has participated in various International Conferences including the Williamsburg Conferences on "The Global Security Environment" and "The End of Cold War: Implications for the Asia-Pacific Region"; Leadership Programme on Japan (Japan); Race and Gender: A Measure of Your Success (Poynter Institute, USA); Visit Programmes to Harvard University and Washington DC (November 1995) and Stanford University and Washington DC (October 1996).

His other assignments include study visits to Egypt and Saudi Arabia to examine the question of peace in the Middle East and the Islamic revival; to Indonesia to study Pancasila and Islam; and to Turkey to study secularism and Islam.

Award

Zainul received the Outstanding Young Singaporean Gold Award by Jaycees in 1974.