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SUMMARY

PhD candidate in Communication with expertise in teaching, research, and leadership. Skilled in AI applications, sustainable practices, and cross-cultural collaboration, with hands-on experience in special needs education, mental health research and program coordination. Eager to drive innovation in education, technology, or community development.

EDUCATION

2024 – 2026: **PhD in Communication**

Centre for Communication, Teaching and Learning

Universiti Teknologi Brunei (#=9 in QS ASEAN Technology and Engineering Universities 2025)

Brunei Darussalam

2022 – 2023: **Master (MSc) Management and Technology**

School of Business | European Foundation for Management Development (EFMD) Accredited

Universiti Teknologi Brunei | Brunei Darussalam

Distinction

2018 – 2022: **Bachelor of Arts (Honours) in Sociology and Anthropology**

Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences

Universiti Brunei Darussalam (#=356 QS World University Rankings 2025)

Brunei Darussalam

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Aug 2024 – 2025: Graduate Teaching Assistant - Universiti Teknologi Brunei | Brunei Darussalam

- Module Course – Delivered Modules LG 1401 Effective Communication, CI1102 Fundamentals of Information Systems, Undergraduate and Graduate level. Supported academic development through tailored instruction and mentorship. Provided tailored instruction and mentorship, enhancing student academic and personal development.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Aug 2023 – Dec 2023: **Special Needs Program Coordinator - Learning Ladders Society | Brunei Darussalam**

- Led tailored intervention strategies for 10 children (ages 7–18) with autism, collaborating with government agencies and therapists, improving outcomes by 8% using applied behaviour analysis.
- Secured \$60,000 in sponsorships from semi-government partners, expanding services, and reduced administrative tasks by 20% through optimised resource management.

Jan 2021 – Apr 2021: **Teacher and Curriculum Developer Intern – Miftah Un-Nur Islamic International School | Brunei Darussalam**

- Facilitated training sessions, taught, and mentored students through instruction and guidance, while fostering their academic, social, and emotional development by utilising individualised support, positive reinforcement, mindfulness, and relaxation techniques. Drafted and revised behaviour plans and collaborated effectively with special needs children, resulting in 6% improvement in behaviour for students with Down Syndrome and Autism.
- Taught English, general sciences, and physical education, while also assisting in the development of the school's IB curriculum and adapting these to meet the technological standards and specific requirements of each special needs student.

Aug 2020 – Dec 2020: **Logistics and Administration Intern – Bank Islam Brunei Darussalam (BIBD ALAF) | Brunei Darussalam**

- Mentored and enhanced teaching methodologies to a diverse group, including 7 tuition teachers and support staff. Led a BIBD Advocating “Life-Long Learning Program” which integrates Islamic values with academics and technological excellence. This exposure broadened the students’ understanding of diverse study fields and potential career opportunities to 365 underprivileged students, and 15 single mothers from underprivileged areas in Brunei Darussalam, ensuring access to education, fostering self-sufficiency, and community engagement.

- Developed and delivered impactful workshops, resulting in a notable 15% improvement in educational outcomes among underprivileged students. Managed all team lead operations, administration tasks, oversaw vendor relationships, public and government affairs, including form creation, inventory maintenance, and reducing discrepancies by 30% through vigilant oversight. Maintained accurate minutes for 50+ meetings, facilitating effective decision-making and accountability.

RESEARCH PUBLICATION

Journal Paper:

- **Rahim, A.,** Yueh, L. K., Salleh, S. M., Mumin, M. A., Ibrahim, F., & Padilla-Valdez, N. (2025). **Evaluating mental health facilitation in Brunei's higher education: Student perspectives.** *Edelweiss Applied Science and Technology*, 9(5), 1071–1090. <https://doi.org/10.55214/25768484.v9i5.7087> (Published 2025-5-12) Scopus Indexed Journal
- Mumin, M. A., Ahmad, A., Yusof, H. N., **Rahim, A.,** & Afdanizan, N. (2025). **Communicative Language Attitude and Language Choices of Bruneian Youths.** *Forum for Linguistic Studies*, 7(7), 540–564. <https://doi.org/10.30564/fls.v7i7.9996> (Published 2025-7-7) Scopus Indexed Journal
- Afdanizan, N., Mumin, M. A., Padilla-Valdez, N., Yueh, L. K., & **Rahim, A.** (2025). **Evaluating institutional support systems for teacher well-being and work-life balance in Brunei Darussalam:** Policies and practical outcomes. *Edelweiss Applied Science and Technology*, 9(7), 983–997. <https://doi.org/10.55214/25768484.v9i7.8794> (Published 2025-7-12) Scopus Indexed Journal
- **Conversations About the Homeland:** Pakistanis in Brunei Darussalam, published in Emerald Publishing, Southeast Asia: A Multidisciplinary Journal (Accepted 2025)

Book Chapter:

- Book chapter '**Breaking Barriers to Wellness, Brunei's New COR Framework for Higher Education**', published in Springer. Wellbeing Book. This will be published in *Navigating into Mental Wellbeing* (Editors: Dr Meredian Alam, Dr Nicholas Pang Tze Ping, and Dr Shariza Wahyuna Shahrin), publisher: Springer Nature, Singapore. (Accepted for publication 2025).

Conference:

- **Super Museum AI Summit**
Universiti Teknologi Brunei (July 21, 2025): Participated in a one-day international conference hosted by the U.S. Embassy, Company E, and George Mason University, exploring AI and VR for cultural heritage. Gained skills in digital content creation and virtual museum design.
- **International Conference on Ocean Sustainability**
Universiti Brunei Darussalam (June 16, 2025): Engaged with global experts on sustainable marine practices, enhancing knowledge in environmental conservation.
- **International Conference on Communication and Language in Asia-Pacific Regions: Connections, Collaboration and Sustainability**
Universiti Brunei Darussalam (May 27–28, 2025): Collaborated with regional experts on communication and linguistic diversity, strengthening intercultural skills.
- **10th International Conference on Language and Education 2024 (ICLE '24)**
Kasetsart University, Thailand (December 3–5, 2024): Presented a research article on mental health in education. Collaborated with international Professors and peers, strengthening skills in academic presentation and cross-cultural academic exchange.

AWARDS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

2024: Awarded a Universiti Teknologi Brunei Scholarship

2024: Awarded a full sponsorship for Youth Leadership Camp in Kashmir held April 26th – 28th at Muzaffarabad, Kashmir.

2023: Awarded Distinction Student Excellence Awards for Master's (MSc) Management and Technology

2019: Awarded a Brunei Darussalam Government Scholarship for Undergraduate studies

2017: Awarded Outstanding Chair at RYMUN for Debate Club, Model United Nations, Roots International School, Pakistan

TRAINING AND COURSES

- Master Trainer for the AI-Ready ASEAN Programme (2025)
- Graduate Teaching Assistant, Universiti Teknologi Brunei (2024)
- Empowering Youth: Building Capacity Low code & No code Technology, Islamic World Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (ICESCO) (2024)
- Shell LiveWire Brunei Bright Ideas Business and Entrepreneurship Program certification, which includes Business Ideas, Project Planning, Legal Processes, and Financial Management (2020)

CERTIFICATION

- AI Webinar Series “Transforming How We Work, Heal, Eat, and Learn”, hosted by Johns Hopkins University (USA) (2025)
- Nevermore Academy Theatrical Drama, High Commission of Bangladesh to Brunei Darussalam and Reading & Literacy Association (2023)
- Picnic for Peace, More to Bloom Kids’ program for the Brunei December Festival (2020)
- Organised a Donation Drive that helped 50 underprivileged families (2019)
- Ambassador for Executive International Affairs and Student Ambassador (EIASA) (2018 – 2019)
- Registrar and receptionist for the UBD Career Fair in 2018 and 2019 (2018-2019)

LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE

- Represented Universiti Teknologi Brunei (UTB) for the European Foundation of Management Development (EFMD) at accreditation meeting Q&A sessions, successfully contributing to UTB School of Business accreditation (2023)

SKILLS

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| • AI and Digital Content Creation | • Teaching/Coaching | • Leadership and Collaboration |
| • Academic Publication/ Presentation | • Data Analysis | • Social Media Management |

ACADEMIC PROFILES

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2. https://scholar.google.com/citations?authuser=1&user=C_vUT60AAAAJ
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REFERENCES

Dr Nena Padilla-Valdez | Senior Assistant Professor & Dean of Centre for Communication, Teaching and Learning | Universiti Teknologi Brunei
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