

## **SHORT CV**



### **AMBASSADOR ZAINAL ABIDIN BAKAR**

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Ambassador Zainal Abidin Bakar is the Undersecretary for OIC and Regional Cooperation Division, since December 2013. He joined the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Malaysia in January 1988. He holds a B.Sc.(Hons) Geology from University of Keele, UK; a Diploma in Public Administration from the National Administration Institute (INTAN), Malaysia; and a Post-Graduate Diploma in International Relations from Oxford University, UK.

Among key positions he held at the Ministry, included Deputy Director General of Information and Public Diplomacy; Undersecretary for East Asia; and Undersecretary for Information. He was also Principal Assistant Secretary for Information; Assistant Secretary for Americas and Assistant Secretary for South East Asia.

His recent overseas assignment was as Ambassador of Malaysia to Czech Republic. Other postings included as Deputy Chief Mission at Malaysian Embassy in Brussels, Belgium; as Counsellor at Malaysian Embassy in Hanoi, Vietnam; and as Second Secretary at Malaysian Embassy in Tokyo, Japan.