



As a facilitator of the reality TV show *Adik-adikku* in 2012.

## Dr Azlan Wildan gives back

**OBLIGATION:** Author of *Aku Budak Dekan* wants to inspire graduates

### STELLAR SCHOLAR

#### WHO

Dr Muhammad Noorazlan Abd Aziz (Dr Azlan Wildan)

#### STATUS

Professional Muslim scientist / Activist in non-governmental organisation (PEMBINA)

#### ACADEMIC

Doctorate in Physics

#### WHERE

Universiti Putra Malaysia

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**Y**OUNG PhD holder, 26-year-old Dr Azlan Wildan, or his real name Muhammad Noorazlan Abd Aziz, said one way for him to serve the country is by giving back knowledge to undergraduates.

Azlan graduated from Universiti Putra Malaysia in June, with a doctorate in nanoscience.

He is now a researcher under supervisor Associate Professor Halimah Mohamed Kamari and is awaiting an interview for a senior lecturer position at a public university.

Published in April, Azlan wrote a motivational book, *Aku Budak Dekan*, (with three other writers) sharing tips on how to become an excellent student.

"The book is about becoming outstanding university graduates, that

would benefit them, especially the Malays."

He added that knowledge should be shared.

"I believe it is my obligation to share my knowledge with others and this is my way of giving back to society, especially students."

"I have been active giving motivational talks to secondary students, SPM school leavers and public university graduates."

"This book will come handy for them to become a holistic graduate," he said.

Apart from being a professional scientist, he is also an activist with Persatuan Belia Islam Nasional (PEMBINA), a non-governmental organisation with over a decade's worth of experience ranging from science theory to scientific research and basic management to leadership skill.

A degree holder in physics from the same university, Azlan is the youngest of four siblings.

"I came from a middle-income family and my educational background in the early years were not encouraging."

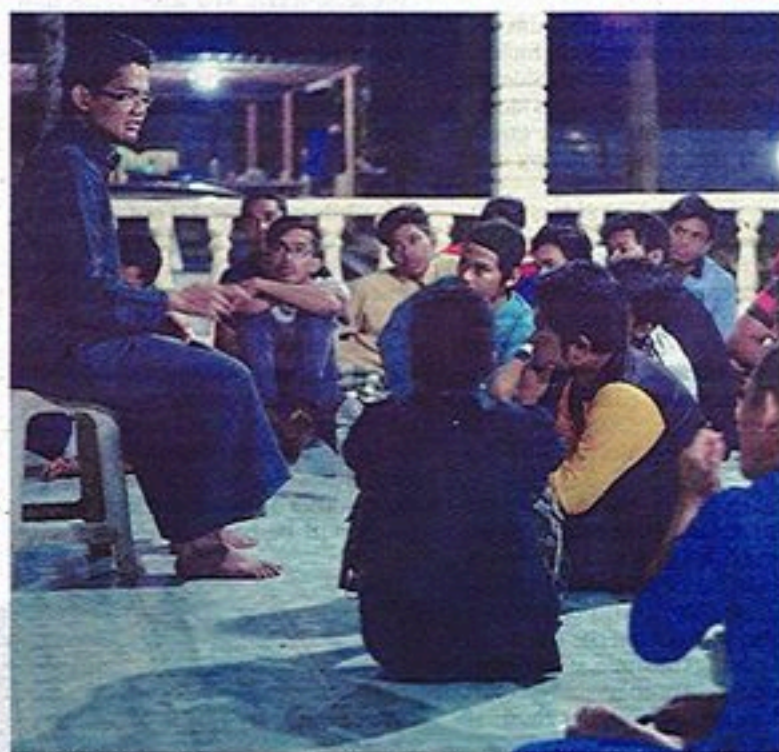
"However, I learnt from previous mistakes and strove harder to be who I am right now."

"I was able to complete my PhD at a young age through the 'fast track' system, without going through the master's programme," he added.

He took three years to finish his PhD.

So far, Azlan has published 11 scientific articles in international publications and attended local and international conferences.

"My research is mainly focused on establishing photonic technologies by creating new material to be



Dr Azlan Wildan giving a speech at Kembara Muslim (KEMM) under PEMBINA Bangi at Gua Batu Maloi, 2014.



Giving a talk on *Aku Budak Dekan* at UITM Puncak Alam, 2016.

used as optical fiber, fiber lasers and telecommunications.

Azlan said he would continue with his studies and like other researchers, one day would like his invention to be patented.

"I've always believed that interest can be developed along the way. If you want to succeed you must dare to try."

"Change will not happen if you don't step up."

As a panel speaker at Kickstart Your Campus Life at International Islamic University, last month under PEMBINA.

