Prof. Ts. Dr. Mohd Rosli Hainin, 53, is from Temerloh, Pahang. He is currently the Deputy Vice Chancellor (Academics and International) at Universiti Malaysia Pahang (UMP). He has been seconded to UMP for three years starting November 2019 to Oct 2022. Prior to that, he was with Universiti Teknologi Malaysia (UTM) for 29 years. Prof Rosli is the only Malaysian who graduated with a PhD from the National Center for Asphalt Technology (NCAT), Auburn University, Alabama, USA, a top-notch research centre in the world in Highway Engineering. He published more than 400 publications including 300 journal articles with h-index of 32 (Top 13 in Highway Engineering based on Google Scholar). He has been actively involved in research with about RM 4 million worth of grants and supervised more than 100 Masters and Phd students. Prof Rosli was the Head of Laboratory for 8 years and Head of the Pavement and Transportation Research Group for 5 years. He was also the Chairman of UTM Book Publication Panel for 4 years. Prof Rosli was also the Head of Department for 5 years, Deputy Dean of Academics for 2 years and the Associate Chair of School of Civil Engineering UTM in charge of Academics and Student Development for the last 2 years. He is an Associate Research Fellow at GEOTROPIK Research Centre UTM, a renowned center of excellence in the areas of environment, geotechnics, geoinformation and pavement engineering.

Prof Rosli's fields of interest are highway design, technology and materials. He is a member of Association of Asphalt Paving Technologists (AAPT), USA, committee of Education Fund for Road Engineering Association of Malaysia (REAM), and an executive committee of International Committee of Pavement Technology (ICPT). He is also the Chief Editor for Jurnal Teknologi (Special Issue) and the Editor for three International journals. Dr Rosli was the past Chairman of the GEOCON 2013. He was the Chairman for the 1st International Conference on Highway and Transportation (ICHITRA 2019). Some of his achievements are UTM Excellent Service Award (2003, 2008, 2013), three times Index Journal Award, winning the Gold and Silver Medal in Malaysian Road Conference and Exhibition 2014, Gold Medal in International Innovation and Exhibition (ITEX) 2013, Bronze Award at the International Conference and Exhibition (PECIPTA 2013) and Bronze Prize at the Seoul International Invention Fair (SIIF 2013). He was also awarded with Best Supervision, Consultancy and Publication Award by the Faculty. As a team leader, he managed to secure for the Best Research Group 2017 and 2018 in the Faculty and also help Faculty to win two times Academic Quality Award.

Since his service at UMP, Prof Rosli has assisted UMP in terms of academic recognition with a marked jump in QS Asia ranking from 188 in 2019 to 133 in 2021 and with 5 subjects listed in Top 400 in QS World Ranking. Among the 4 Malaysian Technical University Network, UMP is ranked 1<sup>st</sup>, and among Public Universities, UMP is ranked number 9 out of 20. As to further enhance academic reputation, emphases on digitalization, IR 4.0 and higher TVET are strategized. Collaborations with German and China universities and industries are among the initiatives to uplift the TVET quality and internalisation, and UMP is committed to championing towards that.

Prof Rosli is happily married with Marina Abdullah and blessed with 7 children, Aiman (29), Afifah (27), Amin (25), Adli (23), Aisyah (22), Arif (18), Azzahra (10), one daughter-in-law, Ain (28) and one granddaughter, Medina (3). Recently, Prof Rosli was awarded as Tokoh Alumni Sekolah Menengah Alkhairiah Temerloh Pahang, as one of the ex-outstanding students that lives up to the name of the school.