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| I have been grown up in a war-torn country (Afghanistan) that has been embroiled in a series of conflicts and civil & international wars for more than four decades, thus, seeking proper education, provision of health care, access to transportation facilities, human rights, and freedom of speech have always been at its lowest level in this territory, however, I have never allowed these reasons to restrict me from acquiring the knowledge of my interest and experiencing an innovative career since We (as a Family) have always believed that “education & accepting the diversity” is the vital key to putting an end to the provided situation.  Despite an unbalanced socio-economic environment, unstable political establishments, and limited access to the world, I have risen from the dust of ashes to the top of the flames in my life career and have always been prominent in achieving the objectives of my life.  while living desperately in the Refugee Camps in Pakistan, learning the English language at the age of 13 (from 1999 to 2001) in the International Rescue Committee’s (IRC) oriented program, was the wisest decision of my life as it played a crucial role in facilitating a gateway for exchanging my ideas on international platforms and empowered me to access the updated available information from international resources.  After the fall of Kabul in November 2001 and subsequently, upon the establishment of a new democratic government in Afghanistan with the assistance of the U.S.-led coalition forces, the construction industry played a vital role in the development of the country because it was the largest industry in establishing infrastructure for the cities, towns, and country. Thus, I choose to pursue my bachelor's degree in Civil Engineering and got admitted to a public university (Nangarhar University) on a merit basis by securing the higher scores in the General Examination Board – University Entrance Exams (Kankoor) back in 2007.  Furthermore, I have also received an international fully funded postgraduate scholarship from the Turkish Scholarship Organization (YTB) through an open competition to pursue my Master's Degree in Civil Engineering (construction) at Sakarya University. On both occasions, I have always been on the top rank among the fellows in my class.  After completing my bachelor's degree in Civil Engineering, I have started supervising the construction projects with some basic managing authorities, however, after obtaining my postgraduate degree (M.Sc.) in civil engineering (construction), and returning back to my country (Afghanistan), mostly, I have been engaged at the senior management level in supervising the portfolios in diverse sectors that were funded by the international funding organizations such as United Nation Development Program (UNDP), World Bank, United States Agency for International Development (USAID) and Asian Development Bank (ADB). Furthermore, I have also supervised/been involved in the process of several procurements of works and consultancy services and have negotiated business deals ranging from more than USD 200 Million.  As Program Director of the Program Management Office (PMO) from 2016 to 2020, I was responsible for leading the staff in implementing the projects under the FIDIC governed contracts & overall management of the Asian Development Bank's (US$ 1.3 Billion) funded portfolio in the Transport Sector.  In addition, in my recent assignment with the Afghanistan Railway Authority (up to Sep 2021), I was leading the construction portfolio of the organization and supervised the infrastructure works.  During the above-provided timeframe, I could gain wide-ranging experience in managing the portfolios within the organizations in terms of leadership, business risk assessment, tracking the cash flow (disbursement control “Plan vs actual”), effective utilization of human resources, establishing a stable supply chain, and promoting further business opportunities for future development. The challenges I have faced in managing these portfolios have empowered me with extensive competence in determining the bottlenecks laid against the smooth operations of a portfolio within an organization and on-time effective problem resolving capability.  Despite all the above incredible achievements, after getting engaged in the businesses on the international level, I have realized that I have had organic growth in understanding the knowledge of Management and all the techniques that I have accommodated so far, are traditional management practices that may not translate well to accelerate the business of an organization on an international platform, therefore, I have determined that some outstanding issues are still existing which require to be further explored academically.  In order to respond to the aforementioned gaps and enhance my academic knowledge & improve my skills in the field of leadership, supply chain management, strategic management of Human Resources & Organization, and Financial Management & Accounting, I have intended to pursue a Master's Degree in Management to explore each of these areas under the internationally recognized practices.  The Master of Management degree offered by the School of Business at Trent University is in line with my intended academic goals and completing the provided courses for this degree will equip me with sufficient knowledge and skills from the recognized management practices in shaping a successful business module on the international platform after returning back to my country and to establish a new benchmark in my professional career. | | | | |