

Chancellor



YBhg Dato' Dr Amir Abbas
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Dato' Dr Amir Abbas hails from the state of Perak and had his early education in Taiping. He read medicine at the University of Malaya in Singapore and graduated with MBBS in 1961. Upon graduation he returned to Malaysia and served the Ministry of Health as a medical officer in Kuala Kangsar, Kuala Lumpur and Ipoh before he was appointed as a research officer at the Institute for Medical Research (IMR). In 1967 he left for the United Kingdom to pursue his postgraduate studies. There he obtained the Diploma in Tropical Medicine and Hygiene from the University of Liverpool and passed his examinations for Membership of the Royal College of Physicians. He returned to Malaysia in 1969 and was appointed the Head of the Rural Health Research Department at the IMR.

In 1972 he was selected by the government to establish the new Medical Faculty at Universiti

Kebangsaan Malaysia (UKM) and was the Foundation Dean of the Faculty from 1972 – 1975 when he left the university for private practice.

Dato' Dr Amir has vast experience in the field of medicine, both in the public and private sector. He played a key role in establishing the then Subang Jaya Medical Centre and was the Medical Director and consultant physician there from 1985 – 1987. Dato' Dr Amir had been a member of the Councils of both Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia and the University of Malaya. He was a past President of the College of Physicians of Malaysia and a Fellow of the Academy of Medicine of Malaysia. In recognition of his significant contributions to the development of medicine in Malaysia, Dato' Dr Amir was conferred the Honorary Doctor of Medicine Science by UKM in 2001.

Today Dato' Dr Amir still runs an active medical practice and is the Managing Director of Meditek Equipment

Sdn Bhd, a company that provides consultancy in medical equipment.

IMU has also benefitted tremendously from Dato' Dr Amir's wisdom and experience. Dato' Dr Amir was a member of the Board of Governors from 2006 – 2013 and the Pro-Chancellor of the University from 2011 to 2013. It is indeed IMU's privilege to have such a distinguished personality as Dato' Dr Amir in our establishment. The appointment of Dato' Dr Amir as Chancellor will further enhance the prestige of our University and bring us to ever greater heights, in terms of our intellectual development as well as our standing in the field of medicine and health.

Ladies and gentlemen, I have the privilege and honour of presenting Dato' Dr Amir Abbas, for installation as the new Chancellor of the International Medical University.