

# CHANCELLOR

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## YBhg Dato' Dr Gan Ee Kiang

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Dato' Dr Gan Ee Kiang has been actively involved in the International Medical University (IMU) since 2005 when he was appointed a member of the Board of Governors. He later served as Pro-Chancellor from 2014 to 2017.

Dr Gan completed his secondary education in Bukit Mertajam High School and matriculation in Coburg High School in Melbourne. He graduated in Pharmacology (Hons) from the University of Western Australia and was awarded a National Health and Medical Research Council scholarship to pursue his PhD in Pharmacology under Professor M. F. Lockett, a world renowned Pharmacologist from the University of London. Dr Gan obtained his PhD in 1972 for his thesis, "Intra-renal Secretion of Renin".

He joined Universiti Sains Malaysia (USM) as a Lecturer in the School of Pharmaceutical Sciences, being promoted to associate professor in 1977, professor in 1990 and senior professor in 1994. He was appointed Deputy Dean in 1977, Acting Dean in 1979 and Dean of School of Pharmaceutical Sciences for 17 years from 1979-95. During his tenure as a Dean, the School gained international prominence in clinical pharmacy education as well as consultancy services and research and development (R&D) activities. During this time, he was instrumental in setting up three new centres at USM: the Drug Research Centre in 1981, the National Poison Centre in 1995, and the National Doping Control Centre in 1996.

He has published two books and contributed to over 100 scientific/professional publications and is a co-inventor of two patented inventions. He also served as member of the editorial board of several professional journals. As an eminent figure in the industry, he was appointed, on three occasions, as a WHO temporary advisor. He was invited speaker at various professional meetings in USA, Europe and Asia and visiting fellow and external examiner to universities in United Kingdom, USA, Australia, and Malaysia respectively.

Dr Gan was the first Malaysian member of the "International Health Advisory Panel of the United States Pharmacopoeia Convention (USP)", a position he held from 1990-95. He was also a panel member of the "National Panel for Best Inventor Award MOSTI (Ministry of Science, Technology and Innovation)" for almost 10 years, and the Malaysian Drug Control Authority (DCA) for eight years.

His passion in research commercialisation and innovation, led him to establish USAINS, the commercial arm of USM to help generate income through technology transfer, commercialisation of R&D results and making available University expertise and facilities to serve the public and the private sector. It was the first company incorporated

by a public university in Malaysia with the approval of the Ministry of Finance and the Ministry of Education. He was the Managing Director of the group from 1999-2013.

In line with his interest in linking the public and the private sector, Dr Gan has done consultancy works for private equity.

Dr Gan has also been active in community services. He was Past President of the Rotary Club of Bayan Baru in Penang which led many charitable projects. He is also a life member of Persatuan Mencegah Dadah Malaysia (PEMADAM).

Recognised for his outstanding service to the country, Dr Gan has been conferred several awards and accolades. Among them the Pingat Kelakuan Terpuji (PKT) in 1986, Bintang Cemerlang Negeri (BCN) in 1997, Johan Mangku Negara (JMN) in 1999 and Darjah Setia Pangkuan Negeri (DSPN) in 2004. For his contribution to Pharmacy Education, Dr Gan was the second person in Asia to be awarded "The Donald C Brodie, PhD Award" by the Pan Pacific Foundation in Honolulu, Hawaii in 1991.