

OBITUARY

In Memory of

Dr Ong Leong Boon
Singapore Orthopaedic Association (SOA) President 1983
1946 - 2023



Dr Ong Leong Boon breathed his last peacefully on Sunday, 5 February 2023, with his family Mildred, Shing, Ping, Ming and Ker Yu by his side at home. Dr Ong was a unique man of many talents. He took on challenges in life with gusto, whether it be debating in university, serving the country through politics, Orthopaedic practice, tennis, golf and even crooning. He was a very precise and immaculate surgeon, and had a very successful private practice to attest for his patient's high regard for his skills. Watching him perform surgeries deftly and expertly was indeed a privilege!

Dr Ong was a founder member of the ASEAN Orthopaedic Association, and served as its Secretary General from its inception in 1981 till 2006. Through his charisma, sincerity and personality, he fostered strong friendship and

cooperation amongst the ASEAN countries, helping it grow from strength to strength to now comprised nine countries with over five thousand members. He was the life and soul of ASEAN Orthopaedic Association, whether during the academic discourse at the conferences, or singing at social gatherings thereafter.

Dr Ong was a legend in many ways. I had the honour to observe and work beside him in his practice. He had created an indelible impression on me and many others that had the privilege to associate with him. He had lived an eventful and fruitful life, and served his time well. He will be sorely missed. May he now rest in eternal peace.

Dr Peter Lee

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In Memory of

Dr Seow Kang Hong
Singapore Orthopaedic Association (SOA) President 1994/1995
1950 - 2023



Dr Seow Kang Hong, who was President of the Singapore Orthopaedic Association 1993-94, was a prominent and well-loved member of our fraternity. He served 25 years as a consultant in public service and was the First Director of the Adult Reconstruction Service and subsequently Deputy Head of Department in 1994.

As a surgeon, he was good mentor with a wide and varied skills repertoire - the last generation of surgeons that could adeptly handle paediatrics to geriatrics. The spectrum of his capabilities spanned from club foot correction, spine instrumentation, joint replacements to ligament reconstructions. Surgeries were fast, neat and a joy to watch.

He read widely and will be fondly remembered for his passionate and eloquent defence of the Putti-Platt operation. In early 90s, visiting Professor Charles Rockwood nicknamed him, "Mr Putti." Dr Seow was also skilful in orthopaedic radiology especially in oncology, and astutely gave their correct diagnosis at conferences.

Effectively bilingual, he was regularly invited to lecture on Arthroplasty in China and was honoured with several visiting professorships. A master at good doctor-patient relationships, he had a reputation as a caring and approachable surgeon, that went beyond Singapore. Quite simply, his patients loved him.

He was always impeccably dressed and groomed with a signature bow tie, thanks to his wife who studied dress design in Paris before they married. At the many journal clubs, he graciously hosted, she would serve excellent home cooked dishes.

Dr Seow was a great teacher, mentor and role model for generations of orthopaedic surgeons. We have lost a much-respected colleague and friend. We will miss him.

Dr Paul Chang

OBITUARY

In Memory of

Professor Dr Chairuddin Rasjad
Indonesia Orthopaedic Association (PABOI) Board Member
1946 - 2023



The Orthopaedic and Traumatology Department, Faculty of Medicine at Hasanuddin University (UNHAS) has lost one of its best teachers.

The whole family of the Indonesian Orthopaedic and Traumatology surgeons grieves the passing of Prof. Dr. dr. Chairuddin Rasjad, SpB, SpOT(K), professor and founding father of the Orthopaedic and Traumatology Department at UNHAS who passed away on 2 October 2022.

Prof. dr. Chairuddin Rasjad passed away around 12.52 pm in Dr. Wahidin Sudirohusodo General Hospital at the age of 82 years. He was laid to rest in Panaikang City, Makassar. Family, relatives, colleagues and students from Indonesia and abroad paid their last respects to one of the best Indonesian Orthopaedic and Traumatology Association member.

Prof. Dr. Chairuddin Rasjad, SpB, SpOT(K) was born in Watan Soppeng on 2 May 1940. He completed his medical training in the Faculty of Medicine UNHAS in 1966. Then he completed his specialist training as a general surgeon in the University of Indonesia in 1972 and pursued his interest in becoming an orthopaedic surgeon at the same university in 1975. He then continued his PhD in medical science at

Hiroshima University School of Medicine, Japan in 1991. He became president of the Asean Orthopaedic Association in 1996.

Prof. Chairuddin and his three great companions, namely Prof. Joko Rushadi from Surabaya, Prof. Ahmad Juyo Sugito from Bandung and Prof. Errol Untung Hutagalung from Jakarta were the pioneers of orthopaedics in Indonesia. Each received an orthopaedic expert certificate from Care Medico America, signed by the Chairman of Overseas Care Medico, Dr. Ronald Beetham from Australia.

After completing orthopaedic training, Prof. Chairuddin Rasjad returned to Makassar, South Sulawesi and became the first orthopaedic surgeon in the Eastern Region of Indonesia. The Orthopaedic and Traumatology Learning Centre at UNHAS was established with him as the founding father and two other great teachers. The Orthopaedic and Traumatology Department at UNHAS has expanded and accepts trainees throughout Indonesia to study orthopaedics in Makassar.

According to the 11th Rector of UNHAS and Prof. Chairuddin's former student, Prof. Dr. dr. Idrus Andi Paturusi SpB SpOT (K), Prof. Chairuddin was active in establishing international relationships, especially with Japan. "For his

services, 30 students from UNHAS received scholarships to continue their doctoral studies in Japan," said Prof. Idrus when met in the Department of Orthopaedic Surgery in UNHAS.

His simple appearance described his generous attitude. His pleasure in welcoming his students and colleagues can be seen with hundreds of Malaysian students who studied at the Faculty of Medicine in UNHAS. He also had an excellent relationship with many orthopaedic surgeons in Malaysia. He spent most of his time serving the patients as a professor and paediatric orthopaedic surgeon. Prof. Dr. Sharaf Ibrahim, paediatric orthopaedic surgeon from Hospital Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia, is one of his very close friend.

His outstanding dedication to education and orthopaedic science in Indonesia was documented in his published books (Introduction to Orthopaedic Surgery and Textbook of Surgery) and numerous publications, especially in paediatric orthopaedic science that provided his students a deeper understanding about orthopaedics.

Prof. Chairuddin Rasjad leaves behind his wife, Diana and 5 children (Fadly Ilhamsyah Chairudin Rasjad, Fudhail Ichwansyah Chairuddin Rasjad, Muhdiah Rafiqah Indriana

Rasjad, dr. Ira Anggreyani, Sp. OG, dr. Irma Savitri, Sp. OG(K), M.Kes, Yudith Nurdin, SE). He had 12 grandchildren (Muhammad Ridzky Clay, Muh.Irfan Pratama, Muh.Arfin Pramudya, Muh.Audy Putra Pratama, Sultan Mukti Surya Airlangga, Muhammad Ceko Alifiandra Faisal, Nurul Thahirah Indiana, Allicia Siti Pramesty, Ghaizka Yuki Adreena Faisal) and one great-grandchild (Kikuko Kaira Kinari).

Prof. Chairuddin's contribution to surgery can be seen from his many achievements and awards including from the Japan Orthopaedic and Traumatology Foundation (1999), the Arthur Eyre-Brook gold medal from World Orthopaedic Concern, London (2005), 50 years Medical Faculty UNHAS (2005) and 50 years UNHAS (2006).

Prof. Chairuddin Rasjad's departure certainly made many people feel lost. However, his enthusiasm and memories can still be felt by students, colleagues and people who knew him. May his deeds be rewarded by Allah and the family left behind are given patience. Your spirit will always be with us. *Au revoir, Prof. Chairuddin Rasjad.*

Dr Jainal Arifin, SpOT(K)

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In Memory of

Professor Dr Hermawan Nagar Rasyid
Indonesia Orthopaedic Association (PABOI) Board Member
1957 - 2023



On 9 March 2023, the ASEAN Orthopaedic Association lost one of its preeminent doctors, researcher, lecturer, inventor and life-long learner. Prof. Dr. dr. Hermawan Nagar Rasyid SpOT(K), M.T(BME), PhD, surrounded by his loving family, colleagues and students passed away due to illness at the age of 65. He was a second-generation orthopaedic surgeon who followed his father's legacy, one of founders of the Indonesian Orthopaedic Association (IOA) Prof. DR. dr. Nagar Rasyid Nasution, SpBO. He was a loving and caring husband to his wife and an affectionate and benevolent father to his two children, including our IOA member, dr. Renaldi Prasetia, SpOT (K), M. Kes, AIFO.

Prof. Hermawan has always been known for his orthopaedic and traumatology craftsmanship. His education started in 1985 when he studied medicine and later became an orthopaedic surgeon at the Faculty of Medicine in Padjadjaran University (UNPAD). He continued his specialization at Tokai University, focusing on shoulder surgery. His interest also included biomedical engineering and was proved by his outstanding accomplishments in a double-degree doctoral study at Bandung's Institute of Technology (ITB) and the University Medical Centre Groningen, Netherlands. He received numerous awards from the Indonesian government and associations for his

dedicated work as an orthopaedic surgeon. He was awarded for his work on antibiotic beads template in 2016 by the IOA. During the last ten years, he received multiple awards from government institutions. He was awarded by the President of Indonesia a Satyalancana Karya Satya twice, the first in 2006 and the second in Satyalancana Karya Satya XXX Tahun in 2016. In 2011, the Dean of the Medical Faculty UNPAD gave him a patent for his work on "*Klem pengencang pada alat fiksasi eksterna untuk menyambung tulang patah*". He wrote numerous scientific papers and studies over the last three decades of his career as an orthopaedic surgeon.

Throughout his life, he has been a dedicated orthopaedic surgeon and teaching staff in the Department of Orthopaedics and Traumatology Faculty of Medicine, UNPAD /Hasan Sadikin General Hospital (RSHS) Bandung (1997-2023). Prof. Hermawan was appointed as Chief of the Orthopaedics and Traumatology Educational Program, Faculty of Medicine, UNPAD from 2010-2018, in conjunction with the Head of Committee on Ethical Health Research in RSHS (2011-2018) and Head of the Sports Injury Division, Department of Orthopaedics and Traumatology UNPAD/ RSHS. He became the Head of the Orthopaedics and Traumatology Department, Faculty of Medicine, UNPAD/ RSHS from 2018-2021. His last

contribution to UNPAD was the agreement with ITB to protect the education-research collaboration between the two institutions.

He was one of the founders and patrons of several national and international orthopaedic associations such as the Sports Section of the Asia Pacific Orthopaedic Association, Indonesian Orthopaedic Society for Sports Medicine and Arthroscopy and Indonesian Shoulder and Elbow Society.

Prof. Hermawan actively participated in community events. He was a leader for Yayasan Penderita Anak Cacat, West Java. Prof. Hermawan was a role model who showed and inspired people around him that a doctor can be dedicated to both medical and community work.

On his final days, Prof. Hermawan refused to be defeated by his illness - he continued teaching his students, performing surgeries and examining patients. Above all of his scientific achievements, Prof. Hermawan will always be known as a gentle husband, a loving father, and a caring grandfather to his family. He will be deeply missed by his family, colleagues, students and everyone who knew him.

Dr Renaldi Prasetya Hermawan Nagar Rasyid, SpOT(K)