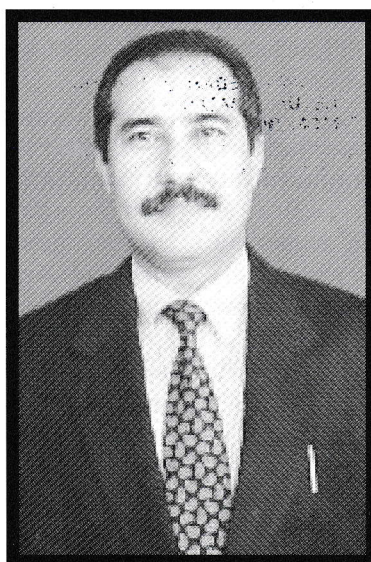


## OBITUARY



**1953 – 2005**

Dr. Abdurrahman graduated in School of Medicine, Airlangga University, Surabaya in 1980 and became an Orthopaedic Surgeon in 1989. He attained a Post Graduate Diploma of Medicine in Palliative Care of Edith Cowan University, Perth, Western Australia in February 2000. Since then, he played a robust role in palliative medicine in Dr. Soetomo General Hospital and is noted regionally for his work on Musculoskeletal Oncology. He was the Head of Musculoskeletal Oncology Division in Soetomo Hospital and served as Chairman of the Indonesian Musculoskeletal Tumour Association from 2003 to 2005.

Abdurrahman inaugurated the Dr. Soetomo Hospital Tissue Bank in 2002 when he hosted the Asia Pacific Association of Surgical Tissue Banking as the Organising Chairman. He was Chairman of Indonesian Tissue Bank Association from 2001 to 2005. He became President of APASTB from 2002 to 2004. During his term as President, he actively promoted tissue banking in the region.

He was appointed Chairman of the Indonesian Orthopaedic Association for the period 2005 to 2007 but he declined the appointment last year due to his illness.

He passed away on 18 Feb 2005 due to an illness. His departure will be sadly missed by his family – he leaves behind a wife and three children and also by all Orthopaedic colleagues in Indonesia and in countries in the Western Pacific Region and beyond. He will always be remembered by all of us as an astute surgeon, a senior consultant dedicated to his work, a good leader and good and caring friend by all of us. His demise will be a great loss not only to Indonesia but also to countries in the region and beyond.