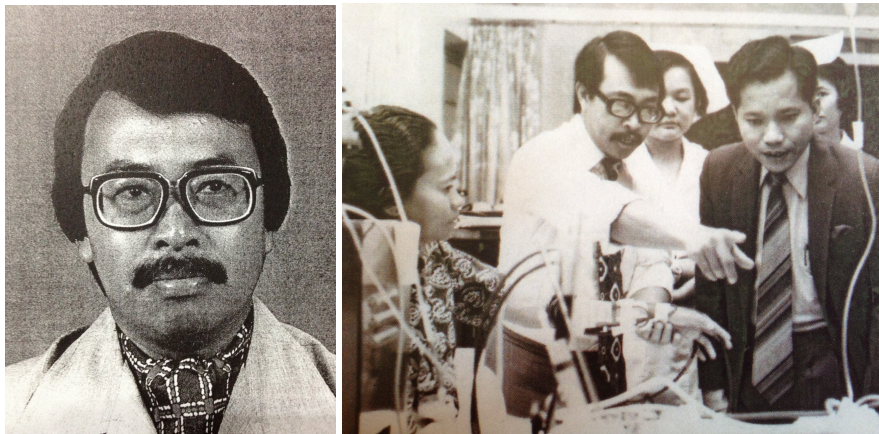


Healthcare Pioneers: Dato Hussain Bin Md Daud



Left: Dato Hussain (picture source; Commemorative book on the official opening of RIPAS Hospital). Right: Dato Hussain showing the Guest of Honour (Pehin Aziz) during a visit to one of the ward (picture source; 100 Years of Caring 1907-2007 Together towards a healthy nation).

Dato Hussain Daud graduated from the University of Glasgow, Scotland in 1968. He joined the Brunei Medical Service in 1970 after completion of his housemanship. He joined as a medical officer under the charge of Dato Hart (*BIMJ* 2011;7:191) in the internal medicine in the Brunei General Hospital. Dato Hj Hussain was from Kampong Ayer (Water Village) in Pekan Brunei (now Bandar Seri Begawan) and the youngest of many siblings. He studied in the Brunei Government English School (Kajang English School) and later in the Sultan Omar Ali Saifuddin (SOAS) College. He later went to the United Kingdom to study the 'A' level before entering medical school.

Dato Hussain was appointed as the Medical Superintendent when the health service was moved the Brunei General Hospital to the RIPAS Hospital in 1984. He was later appointed as the Director of Medical Services, when his predecessor, Dato Johar Noordin (*BIMJ* 2012;8:229) was appointed the Minister of Health. During his term as the Medical Superintendent and later Director of Medical Services, healthcare services continued to expand and

improved with the introduction of computerised tomographic (CT) scanning in RIPAS Hospital (1987), medical records computerised system (1988), introduction of universal hepatitis B vaccination (1988), use of water ambulance (1989) and the laboratory Scientific services (1990). Several health clinics (HCs) were also started: Sungai Hanching HC (1990), Tutong HC (1990) and Sengkurong Silver Jubilee HC (1991). During his term as Director of Medical Services, prohibition of smoking at all Ministry of Health building was enforced (August 1990) and requirement of health warnings on cigarettes packaging.

Dato Hussain retired from the service in 1994. After retirement, he worked for several years as a member of Public Service Commission and helped to recruit doctors for the Ministry of Health. Dato Hussain is married to Datin Siti Hajar (ex Director of Pharmaceutical services, Ministry of Health and assistant Director of Medical Services). The tradition of serving the government in the medical service is continued by Dato Hussain's daughter who is trained in geriatric medicine.