

## **CV - TAN SRI DATO' SERI DR. HAJI MOHAMED ISMAIL MERICAN**

Tan Sri Dato' Seri Dr Haji Mohamed Ismail MERICAN is currently the Pro-Chancellor and Chairman of the Board of Governors of MAHSA University, a Consultant Hepatologist and Internal Medicine Specialist at Prince Court Medical Centre, Malaysia and Chairman of Gadang Holdings Berhad.

From 2005 till 2011, he held the post of the Director-General of Health of Malaysia, President of the Malaysian Medical Council and was a member of the Promotion Board of the Malaysian Civil Service. He was also a member of the Board of Directors of the National Heart Institute, Chairman of the National Committee for Clinical Research, Chairman of Drug Control Authority, Chairman of National Poisons Board, Chairman of Medicine Advertisement Board as well as Chairman of Pharmacy Board.

He obtained his postgraduate degree in United Kingdom in 1980 and underwent endoscopic training in London and Tokyo and was selected the 'Most Outstanding Fellow of the Year' by the Japanese Council for Medical Training in 1987. He received the Commonwealth Fellowship Award by the Commonwealth Scholarship Commission for training in Hepatology at the Royal Free Hospital in London in 1991 and set up the first specialised Hepatology service in Malaysia.

He has received numerous state, national and international awards and several Fellowships from the Royal College of Physicians of London, Edinburgh, Glasgow, the American College of Physicians-American Society of Internal Medicine, the Royal Australasian College of Physicians, the Royal College of Surgeons of Ireland, the Academy of Sciences and Academy of Medicine of Malaysia, the Academy of Family Physicians of Malaysia and the Malaysian Science Association. He was also selected to participate in the 'Leaders in development Course: Managing Political and Economic Change', held at John F Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University.

Tan Sri Ismail was awarded '5 Star Rating for Public Sector Agency' by MAMPU for 2 years in a row (2009 and 2010), the 'Most Eminent Brand Icon Leadership Award' by 'the Brand Laureate' in 2011, the 'CHT Pursuit of Excellence (Medical) Award 2010' by CHT Network in 2010 and the MMA Gold Medal in 2005, amongst other awards.

International appointments include being a Founding Member (on behalf of Malaysia) of the Drugs for Neglected Diseases Initiative (DNDi), together with other original founding members including Médecins San Frontieres (or Doctors without Borders), Oswaldo Cruz Foundation, Brazil, Ministry of Health of

Malaysia, Kenya Medical Research Institute, Kenya, Indian Institute for Medical Research, India, Institute Pasteur France and the WHO/TDR Special Programme for Research and Training in Tropical Diseases (WHO TDR), Overseas Advisor for the Royal College of Physicians of London since 1997, member of the Co-ordinating Committee for MRCP (UK) Examination, Official Examiner for the Membership of the Royal College of Physicians (United Kingdom) Examination since 1997, member of the International Advisory Board of the 19<sup>th</sup> Conference of the Asian Pacific Association for the Study of the Liver, member of the International Scientific Committee of the 'Buenos Aires 30/15: From Alma-Ata to the Millennium Declaration in Argentina in 2007 and Chairman of the Joint Co-ordinating Board of the UNDP/World Bank/ WHO Special Programme for Research and Training in Tropical Diseases (TDR) based at the WHO Headquarters in Geneva for a 2-year term (2001-2003).

Of his management style, many would describe him as a man of few but well-chosen words, conveying vision with brevity and clarity. Holding to the principle that one should not only be knowledgeable but also sensitive to the needs of subordinates, he is well known for his no-nonsense attitude and is obsessed with punctuality, discipline, and decorum.