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ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR CHAI KIM HAI MBBS, DipBact

Associate Professor Chai Kim Hai, head of the Department of Medical Microbiology, Faculty of Medicine, University of Malaya passed away on the 24th January, 1981. He was 47.

Chai Kim Hai was born on 15th May, 1933 and was educated at the Kajang High School (1946–52) and the Victoria Institution, Kuala Lumpur (1953–54). He studied medicine at the University of Singapore where he graduated with MB BS in 1962. He then proceeded to the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine where he read bacteriology and obtained the Diploma in Bacteriology in 1965.

Upon graduation from the University of Singapore, Professor Chai did his housemanship at the Kuala Lumpur General Hospital following which he was appointed Medical Officer at the Kuala Kubu Bahru District Hospital for a brief period. He joined the newly established

Faculty of Medicine, University of Malaya in Kuala Lumpur as an assistant lecturer in September 1963. On his return from London he was promoted lecturer in Medical Microbiology. In 1975 he was made an associate professor and a consultant in the University Hospital as well as being appointed head of the Department of Medical Microbiology. Professor Chai was interested in the field of antibiotics and published papers on bacterial susceptibility to various antibiotics in the local situation.

Professor Chai will be remembered by his students and colleagues as a kind and friendly person. He had a great sense of humour and was extremely generous to his students. He was a connoisseur of exotic Chinese cooking. Professor Chai, a beloved teacher and friend will be missed by us all.

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