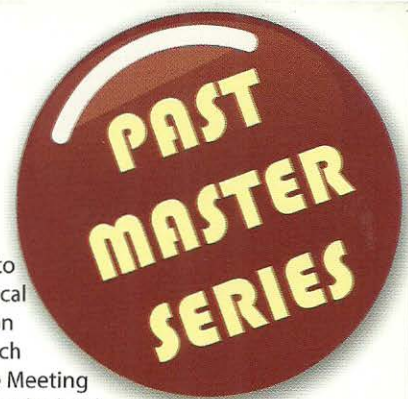


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He continued specialist training at the Royal College of Physicians, London and Royal College of Surgeons, England and passed as a pathologist in 1962. Becoming a Registrar in the Department of Pathology, Royal Free Hospital, School of Medicine, London in 1962 he was later promoted to Senior Registrar in the same department. He was accepted as a member of the College of Pathologists, London in 1964. Dr. Ungku Omar commenced writing of his Ph.D thesis in Clinical Chemistry entitled "Electrolytes in isolated human leucocytes" in 1965 and was accepted as a member of the Institute of Biology, London in the same year. He became an honorary member of the American College of American Pathologists, USA in 1967. Upon completion of his Ph.D, he was appointed the Director of IMR. He published more than 40 scientific papers in his research area during his lifetime.

Dr. Ungku Omar held many posts, among them, Director of IMR, Director of Anti-Malaria Campaign under Ministry of Health Malaysia, Director of Medical Laboratories and Health Malaysia, Director of the National Blood and Transfusion Services, Chairman of the Islamic College Council, Member of the Board of Directors of Yayasan Tunku Abdul Rahman, Board of Directors of Dewan Bahasa dan Pustaka (DBP), Executive Program Chairman of the Anti-Malaria Committee, Chairman of the Anti-Malaria Taskforce Committee, Chairman of Standards Institute of Malaysia (forerunner to SIRIM), Biological and Medicinal Industry Standards, Council Chairman of the Medical Terminology Committee recognized by DBP, Member of the Specialists Committee (Ministry of Health Malaysia), Member of the National Leprosy Committee, Board Member of Hospital Assistants, Chairman of Whitley Council Institutes of Research, Lecturer of the National Civic Centre (Ministry of Information),

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Committee Meeting (Philippines, Thailand and Malaysia), Board Member of the Southeast Asian Medical and Educational Cooperation (SEAMEC) for Tropical Medicine, Member of the UNESCO Social Sciences Committee, Member of the Higher Education Council, Member of the National Administrative Development Committee (Prime Minister's Department), Board of Directors Institute of Standards Malaysia (Ministry of Trade and Industry), Member of the UKM Founding Committee, and Secretary General of the Association of Senior Government Officers.

Dr. Ungku Omar was accorded the medal Darjah Setia Mahkota (DSM) by the Yang di-Pertuan Agong in Jun 1967 and the Darjah Kerabat Yang Amat Dihormati (DK) by the Sultan of Johor in October 1967. He was bestowed the title of Professor by Universitas Indonesia. He died on 15 February 1969 at age 38 years. He is best remembered for envisioning a future where poor, rural youths may also participate in scientific and technological advancements.

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"Every great advance in science has issued from a new audacity of the imagination."

John Dewey

Ungku Omar Ungku Ahmad (1931-1969), was an influential Malaysian physician and clinical chemist. Born on 18 January in Johor Bahru, he attended Malay schools in Kluang, Segamat, Pontian and Tangkak in Johor between 1938-1944, and the Johor Religious School until he passed standard 6. Completing his secondary education at the Malay College in Kuala Kangsar, he entered directly into second year at the King Edward VII College (University of Malaya, Singapore) graduating with an MBBS in 1957. Dr. Ungku Omar begun his career as a houseman in Johor Bahru in 1957 and then became a medical and research officer at the Institute for Medical Research (IMR) Kuala Lumpur until