

DATUK ABDUL HAMID IBRAHIM **PRESIDENT OF THE WORLD VETERANS FEDERATION**



Datuk Abdul Hamid Ibrahim was born in Johor Bahru, Malaysia in 1937. He had his early education at the English College in Johor Bahru and the Royal Military College in Port Dickson.



He joined the Malaysian Army as an Officer Cadet in 1956 and was sent for further training in the United Kingdom at the Officer Cadet School Eaton Hall and the Royal Military Academy Sandhurst.

On completion of his training in 1958, he was commissioned as a Regular Officer in the Royal Malay Regiment. He served at various Regimental and Staff appointments and was an Instructor at the Malaysian Armed Forces Staff College. During his career, he was selected to attend several local and overseas courses including the Army Staff College in England in 1967 and the Joint Services Staff College in Australia in 1973.

He opted out for an early retirement in 1975. Since then, he has devoted much of his time to the cause of veterans and ex-servicemen. He joined the Ex-Services Association of Malaysia in 1975 and held various senior positions of the Association. He was appointed as a Senator in the Malaysian Senate to represent veterans in the Malaysian Parliament from 1983 to 1989.

Currently, he is actively involved in a number of non-governmental organisations in Malaysia. He is the President of the Malaysian Armed Forces Veterans Council and a Council Member of the Government Pensioners Association of Malaysia.

At the international level, he has been very actively involved in the activities of the World Veterans Federation since 1982 and has held several important positions in the organisation. He is currently the President of the Federation. He was elected as President in 2000 and was re-elected in 2003 and in 2006.

He has been bestowed with a number honours and awards for services to his country. In 2002, he was bestowed with one of the highest Malaysian honours which carries the title "Datuk". He has also received several honours and awards from other countries for his services to the veterans at the international level.

Hamid Ibrahim is married to Samihani Abdullah. They have four grown up children who are residing in different parts of the world and eight grand-children. The both travel extensively and play golf in their spare time.

