

## In Memory of Assoc. Prof. Dato' Dr. Vellayan Subramaniam: Former lecturer of Faculty of Pharmacy UiTM



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“Professor, Professor”, his booming voice greeted me every time we crossed paths, smiling ear-to-ear with his elephant-printed tie. A man with a BIG personality, he was. We mourn his passing, yet we will always remember his contributions to veterinary medicine and wildlife conservation. He would try to preserve as many roadkills as possible from his drive to work in Puncak Alam. “The staff need to learn”, he said. Always a teacher and a true educator.

Born in 1952, Dato' Dr. Vellayan began his journey with an affection for animals that drove him to pursue a veterinary degree from Madras Veterinary College. His academic journey continued at Universiti Putra Malaysia, where he collaborated on groundbreaking research with Cambridge University. This early dedication to science and animal welfare set the stage for a career marked by innovation and compassion.

Dr. Vellayan's tenure at Zoo Negara was nothing short of transformative. As the chief veterinarian and later assistant director, he spearheaded the establishment of a state-of-the-art veterinary hospital, a testament to his commitment to advancing animal care in Malaysia. His parasitology and tropical medicine expertise earned him numerous accolades, including the prestigious Sandosham Gold Medal in 2021. He helped us build the Faculty of Pharmacy's animal facility from his joining in 2013 until 15 October 2023. Beyond his professional achievements, Dr. Vellayan was a man of immense kindness and generosity. We could always count on him for friendship and advice.



As we bid farewell to Dr. Vellayan, let us remember his profound impact on the lives of countless animals and people. His life's work has left an indelible mark on veterinary medicine, staff and students of the Faculty of Pharmacy and everyone in UiTM. We honour his memory by advocating for the causes he held dear and striving to emulate his unwavering commitment to improving the world.

Rest in peace, Dato' Dr. Vellayan Subramaniam. The hearts of the people you touched and the lives you saved will reflect your legacy. Farewell, our Zoo man!



## A MAN WITH A BIG HEART

In loving memory of

Dato' Dr.  
Vellayan  
Subramaniam

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*When someone you  
love becomes a  
memory, his memory  
becomes a treasure.*



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