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Tan Sri Dato Seri Dr Hj Mohd Ismail Merican, who retired as Director General of Health and President of the Malaysian Medical Council on 4 March 2011, has had a distinguished career devoting his whole working life to patients and the public health.

He graduated from the University of Malaya in 1975 and obtained the Membership of the Royal College of Physicians, by examination, in 1980.

Tan Sri was then appointed Clinical Specialist in Kuala Kangsar and Taiping Hospitals before his appointment as Consultant Physician in Penang General Hospital in 1985. He was promoted to Senior Consultant Physician and Hepatologist at Kuala Lumpur Hospital in 1991 and Selayang Hospital in 1995, both posts of which he still holds. He was appointed Deputy Director General of Health in 1998 and Director General of Health in 2005.

He was elected to the Fellowship of the Royal Colleges of Physicians of London, Edinburgh and Glasgow in 1991 and 1996 respectively, the Fellowship of the Academy of Medicine of Malaysia in 1996, the Fellowship of the Academy of Sciences of Malaysia in 2007, and the Honorary Fellowship of the American College of Physicians, Royal Australasian College of Physicians, Academy of Family

Physicians of Malaysia, Malaysian Scientific Association and the Royal College of Surgeons of Ireland, the previous recipients of which included Nelson Mandela and Mother Theresa.

Tan Sri has been the Overseas Advisor of the Royal College of Physicians of London and an examiner for the Membership of the Royal Colleges of Physicians of the United Kingdom since 1997.

He has received numerous awards and accolades from various states, the federal government, and national and international professional organizations. One of the most significant was the federal government's award of 5 star rating for public sector agency in 2009 and 2010, a tribute to his professional leadership in the Ministry of Health.

Tan Sri was responsible for establishing the first specialised hepatology unit in Malaysia, initially at Hospital Kuala Lumpur, in 1992, and at Hospital Selayang, since 1999, and the Network of Clinical Research Centres. He initiated numerous measures which enhanced patient safety and quality of care.

His passion for teaching is renowned and is reflected in numerous adjunct university appointments as Consultant and Professor. He has been President of various scientific and professional organizations. He initiated the annual Liver Update and continues as its Organizing Chairman. He has been active internationally including the World Health Organization, Associations for the Study of the Liver, Co-ordinating Centre for Good Clinical Practice and Drugs for Neglected Diseases Initiative, serving as Chairman, advisor and member.

Tan Sri has 78 publications and has been an invited speaker at more than 150 national and international scientific meetings.

The Council wishes Tan Sri, who is a gem of a professional, a well earned retirement. His legacy is that he continues to be a role model for doctors.