

PROFILE

Royal Professor Ungku Abdul AZIZ was born in London. After receiving primary and secondary education in British Malaya, he studied economics at Raffles College and University of Malaya in Singapore. During World War II, he studied in Japan. In 1952, he was appointed Lecturer at the University of Malaya. Since he was appointed the first Malaysian professor in 1961, he served as Head of the Department of Economics and then Dean of the Faculty of Economics and Administration at the University. In 1968, he was elected the first Malaysian Vice Chancellor. For the last twenty years, he has played a leading role in academic development in Malaysia as well as in the ASEAN, the Association of Southeast Asian Nations. He has promoted Malaysian language in higher education, encouraged Japanese studies among the Malaysians and initiated academic exchanges among Asian countries.

As a scholar in economics, he devoted himself to studying the crucial issue of poverty during the post-independence period of Malaysia, and thus became a leading figure in the study of poverty economics. Professor Aziz has published numerous books on issues such as Rural Development, and Agriculture and the Land System. Among his publishings, *Subdivision of Estates in Malaya 1951-60*, has received high acclaim as it is a product of his field research during the de-colonization period. Furthermore, he has played an important role in the establishment of the Malaysian Economic Association and later became President of the Association. He has remained a pioneer of Malaysian economic disciplines since the 1960's and has created a number of projects based on humanistic and rationalistic approaches. The establishment of cooperatives and the Muslim Pilgrim Savings Fund are a few examples of his initiatives. As a practical scholar of economics, Professor Aziz has made distinguished contributions in many fields outside of the academic community: he is often called upon to give advice and suggestions on the country's policies regarding language, industries, higher education, human resource development, transportation and other subjects closely linked to the welfare of the people. Professor Aziz has also served in important positions at many international organizations including the Economic Committee of Asia and Far East (ECAFE), UNESCO and United Nation's Food and Agricultural organization (FAO).

Professor Aziz remains active in various fields and continues to contribute to the independent development of Asian nations.

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