

FROM A VILLAGE BOY TO AN ADMINISTRATOR



From left, Tan Sri Salleh (UTM Pro-Chancellor), Dr. Wahid (UTM Vice-Chancellor), Hishammuddin (Defense Minister), Tun Abdullah, Fatini, Anna and Dr. Zaini Ujang (Education Ministry Secretary General)

KUALA LUMPUR, 28 August 2014 – Universiti Teknologi Malaysia (UTM) held a book launching ceremony of Tun Abdullah Ayub; A Story of an Administrator by the author Datin Seri Fatini Yaacob and Toh Puan Anna Abdul Rane. The event was officiated by Dato' Seri Hishammuddin Tun Hussein, Minister of Defense.

The book highlights about Abdullah Ayub, was born on 3 January 1926 in Sitiawan Perak. During the Japanese era, he became a Nihongo language teacher in his hometown. After that, he continued his education at Raffles College (later University of Malaya) in Singapore. Upon his excellence he received the Queen's Scholar and continued his studies at Cambridge University, England. In 1954-1971, he joined various Malaysia civil services. He became a private secretary to Tunku Abdul Rahman (Malaysia's first Prime Minister), served with three of the Prime Ministers and served in key positions in the civil service; the Director General of the Civil Service, the Chief Secretary to the Treasury and finally the State Chief Secretary 1979 - 1981. He was appointed as UTM Pro-Chancellor (1998 - 2011) and a Senator in the Senate House (2001 - 2004) and until now at the age of 87 years, he's still active in his village development.

He was among the administrators involved with the implementation of high-impact government policies, of the new economic policy (NEP), which aims to eradicate poverty among the Malays and redistribution towards unity and national integration.

The publication of this book will enrich the academic treasures of the country, as well as the catalyst in fostering dedication, responsibility, integrity, and patriotism for the sake of the religion, race and country. This book is suitable to all groups, specifically the public service servants, researchers, students, and students with exemplary and become the catalyst in fostering dedication, responsibility, integrity, and patriotism for the sake of sacrifice and serve to the nation, religion and race.

"Tun Abdullah Ayub: A Story of an Administrator", tells the journey of a village boy who cross the heights of various; the reign of England, the Japanese occupation, the independence and the complete meaning of independence. He is a genuine nationalist, very dutiful without expecting any return, praise, appreciation, not even crossed his mind to be remembered and admired.

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