

In Memorium

Professor Emeritus
M.R. Tanyasopak Kasemsan, M.D., FACS, FRCST

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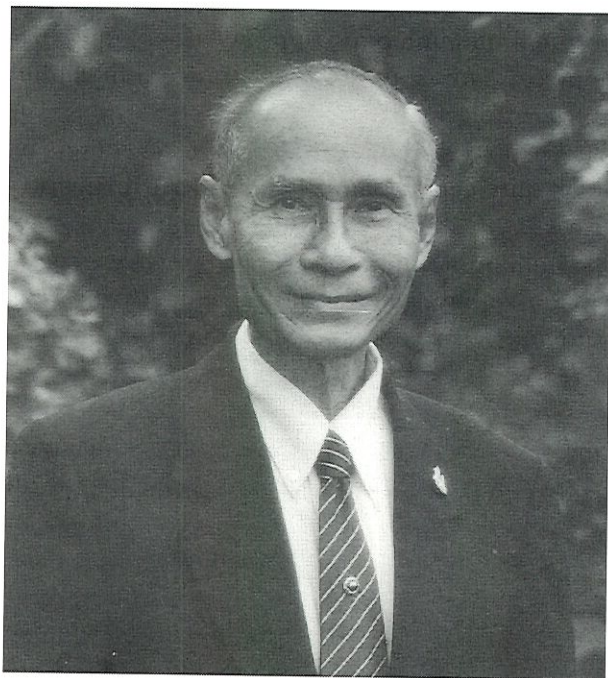
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M.R. Tanyasopak Kasemsan, Foundation Head of the Department of Orthopaedic Surgery and Rehabilitation and Foundation Head of the Department of Family Medicine, Faculty of Medicine, Chiang Mai University, died on June 28, 2000.

Education at Dhepsirind High School, he qualified M.D. at Faculty of Medicine, Siriraj Hospital with Honours and Silver Medal Award in 1952. An outstanding resident of Medicine for two years at Siriraj Hospital, he won Fulbright Travel Grant Scholar for post-graduate course in Surgery and Basic Sciences at Graduate School of Medicine, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, USA. This was followed by a three-year residency training in surgery at Episcopal Hospital in Philadelphia.

After the overseas training, he returned to Thailand in 1960 and joined the Department of Surgery, Faculty of Medicine Chiang Mai University, then the only medical school in the province. His early career was speedily promoted to the Head of the Department of Orthopaedic Surgery and Physical Therapy in 1963, Chairman of Residency Training in General Practice in 1980 and Foundation Head of the Department of Family Medicine in 1989. He was a man of wide interest, including Accident Prevention, Sport Medicine and Geriatric Medicine.

He had given a long and devoted service to



Surgery and Medicine at Chiang Mai University until his retirement and became Professor Emeritus of Chiang Mai University in 1989. He continued as a part-time lecturer to the undergraduates of the Department of Family Medicine in Alternative or Complementary Medicine.

Although after his retirement he continued to have an extremely active life in both writing and sports. His contributions included several short articles, critics and a novel. At the age of seventy, his sport activities hardly diminished. Golfing, tennis, badminton, aerobic dance, jogging, cycling and marathon running were among his interests. He was a man who lived his life to the full.

He fell a victim of carcinoma of the colon in a very advanced stage when first presented in 1998 and surgery was shortly performed.

He recovered well from surgery and continued to live on very courageously. He moved around all over to help cancer patients like himself with advice and encouragement. He had worked through several medias both in writing and T.V. appearance education

on many occasions to bring to the public of how to live with cancer.

He continued to enjoy fairly good health proven by his Victory in his last Mini Marathon 10.2 km. run in Vientiane Loas on Sunday June 6, 2000 only three weeks before his death.

It was indeed a great privilege to have the opportunity to work under him in the Department of Orthopaedic Surgery. Chiang Mai University in 1966. The greatest quality of Prof. M.R. Tanyasopak Kasemsan was his enthusiasm of patient care and teaching. He will be enormously missed by his patients, friends, colleagues and particularly by his wife, three daughters and one son.

The Royal College of Surgeons of Thailand has lost one of its most outstanding fellows.