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Position: Member at Large – International Paralympic Committee
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President of Malaysian Paralympic Council and
President of Asian Paralympic Committee

Major Contributions to Sport for Athletes with a Disability

- Organizing Chairman of 1st ICC Disabled Sports Leadership for Asia Pacific (1987)
- Founder of Malaysian Paralympic Council (1989) and Acting President of MPC (2006 till now)
- Founder & President of ASEAN Para Sports Federation (2001)
- Host Organizer of IPC World Strategic Planning Congress 2001
- Principal creator of the tradition of ASEAN Para Games (2001)
- Co-Founder & 1st President of Asian Paralympic Committee (APC) (2002 till now)
- IPC Governing Board Member (2002 till now)
- Unification of All-Asia initiative “ APC: The Sports Powerhouse of Asia (2003)
- Founder of “Sports Masters Global Award” for National Paralympic Movement (2005)
- Founder & Chairman of Malaysia Paralympic Cooperative Organisation PARAKOP (2005 till now)
- Organizing Chairman of:

International (Chairman/Advisor *):

- Invacare World Team Wheelchair Tennis Cup ‘Q’ (KL’99)
- 1st Malaysia International Open Wheelchair Tennis C’ship (KL’99)
- 1st Asean Para Games (KL2001)
- 3rd IPC World Powerlifting Championship (KL2002)
- IPC-APC Accredited Technical & Classification Courses (2002-2005)
- APC Strategic Convention Kuala Lumpur 2003
- 3rd Asia Pacific Archery Championship (Shah Alam 2004)
- 4th IPC World Bowls Championship (KL2004)
- 1st Asian Paralympic Badminton Cup (KL2004)
- 1st Asia Wheelchair Basketball Cup (KL2005)
- IWBFB Asia Oceania Junior Championship (KL2005)
- 1st Asia Swimming Championships (KL2005)
- Asia and South Pacific Table Tennis Championships (KL2005)
- Asia and South Pacific Powerlifting Championship (KL2005)
- Asia and South Pacific Boccia Championships (KL2005)
- KL’06 9th FESPIC Games (KL2006)
- IPC Powerlifting Asian Championships (KL2007)
- Asian Women Leadership Summit in Paralympic movement (2008) *

- Patron of the 2009 IPC Shooting Asian Championships, Cheongju City *
- KL'09 5th Asean Para Games (KL2009)
- IPC Powerlifting Asian Championships (2009)
- IPC General Assembly, Kuala Lumpur (2009)

National (Chairman)

- Global Malaysian Sports Masters Award (2005)
 - National Games: Paralimpiad Malaysia for year '96, '98, '00, '02, '04, '06, '08
 - 10th Anniversary Celebration of Malaysian Paralympic Council (1999)
 - 20th Anniversary Celebration of Malaysian Paralympic Council (2009)
- CEO of Malaysian Paralympic Council since 1998 (volunteer position)
 - Chairman of National Paralympic Selection Committee (since 1988)
 - Chairman of the 10-year plan National Paralympic Movement (GPN 2010)
 - Chef-de-Mission of 3 Paralympic Games (Seoul '88, Barcelona'92, Atlanta'96)
 - Vice Chairman of MPC's Building Committee (2009)
 - Protem Chairman of Malaysian Paralympic Academy (2009)

Professional Career

- Ex-Director General of Sports, Ministry of Youth and Sports Malaysia (Retired in 1996 after 32 years of various government services)
- President & Chairman of Para Group of companies

Other Appointments Held

- Founding President, Malaysian Sports Tourism Council (1990 – 2003). Advisor till now.
- Founding President, Sports Masters Foundation (2002-till now);
- President, Carrom Malaysia Association (1997-2008);
- Vice President Asian Carrom Con-federation- ACC (2002-2008);
- Vice President, International Carrom Federation – ICF (2001-2008).
- Chairman, Malaysia-Everest 97' National Project
- Member of IPC Development Working Group (2004)
- Member of IPC Sports Award Committee (2005)
- Member of Sports Advisory Panel of Malaysia (2005-2009)
- Member of National Sports Consultative Council (Chairman - Minister in charge of sports)
- Member of National Disabled Consultative & Coordinating Council (Chairman-Minister in charge of Social Welfare)

Awards and Achievements

- The Federal Government Award A.M.N by HRM The King (1991)
- Distinguished Member of the Honour Society Award by Malaysian Association for Physical Education, Sports Science (1997)
- The Federal Government Award J.S.M by HRM The King (2000)
- A Tribute from IOC for the contribution as a volunteer to the development of sports, friendship & solidarity (2001)
- Malaysia Book of Records for the inauguration of the 1st Asean Para Games (2001)
- The National “ Sports For All” Leadership Award (Tokoh Sukan) by the Ministry of Youth and Sports Malaysia (2002)

- Certificate of Sports Excellence Performance for NGO by Ministry of Youth and Sports Malaysia (2002)
- Global Malaysian Sports Masters Award (2005)
- National Sports Award 2006 – Special Award by National Sports Council of Malaysia
- Darjah Indera Mahkota Pahang (DIMP letter not medal) title “ Dato” by HRH Sultan of Pahang (2006)
- Nominee and 1st runner up for ‘ Sports Administrator of the Year, Award at the 26th Annual Commonwealth Sports Award Ceremony, London (29 November 2006)
- ‘Seni Silat Lincah’ Highest Order Award for Martial Art 2007
- “Tokoh Sukan Negara” by Kementerian Belia dan Sukan Malaysia 20 November 2009

Professional Education

- Certificate of Teaching Profession and Physical Education (PE) Specialist (MTC & STTI)
- Certificate of Sports Management USSA

Hobbies

- Exercise & TV