



BOOK TELLS OF FORMER CHIEF SECRETARY'S IMMENSE CONTRIBUTION TO NATION BUILDING

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KUALA LUMPUR: Former chief secretary to the government Tan Sri Abdul Kadir Shamsuddin was among several exemplary civil servants who have contributed immensely to building the nation.

Recounting his father's legacy, Dr Shamsul Bahar Abdul Kadir said his late father had always wanted to document his civil service involvement and experiences but was unable to do so due to his ailing heart condition.

His father's aspirations were finally fulfilled after a biography on Abdul Kadir titled *The Power of Deeds: The Untold Story of Abdul Kadir Shamsuddin* was unveiled during the webinar jointly organised by the Association of Administrative and Diplomatic Services, Institute of Public Administration (Intan) and Universiti Malaya's Business and Economic Faculty, Shamsul Bahar said his father's biography was dedicated to civil servants of yesteryear and their contributions.

"The book is not just a biography but also contains historical review of several defining moments of the country that highlights the role of civil servants and local intellectuals in nation building."

Kadir joined the Malayan civil service (now known as administrative and diplomatic service) in 1952 when he was first posted as an assistant state secretary of Pahang.

He was also entrusted to join the "Malayan Independence" delegation in 1956 as the co-secretary to Tan Sri T.H. Tan and strived towards achieving independence.

Kadir's tenure as a senior civil servant coincided with some major events in the country's history, such as the communist insurgency, the formation of Malaysia in 1963, the Konfrontasi period, and the formation of the National Operations Council as an aftermath of the May 13 riots.

He retired in 1976 after serving as the chief secretary to the government for six years. He died on Nov 8, 1978, at the age of 58, leaving behind his wife and five children.

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