

Thaiyub Khan bin M.M. Othuman Aliar
(12th December 1942 – 23rd January 2012)



Thaiyub Khan was born on 12 December 1942 and would have celebrated his 70th birthday on 12 December 2012. Born in India and raised in Pulau Pinang, he joined the Malaysian government as a Court Interpreter in the year 1963.

Thereon, driven by a passion for self-betterment, he rose the ranks to be appointed as the Senior Assistant Official Assignee, Selangor in the year 1989. He was also a man with a plan and had his LL.B (Hons) degree in hand by the time he chose to optionally retire from government service after having served the Malaysian Government for more than 28 years.

Studying for an external degree was no challenge for this extraordinary man who went to bed with an additional mathematics textbook as his bedside reading material. Thaiyub Khan passed each year of his LL.B exams purely by self-study.

Thaiyub Khan chambered with the firm of Messrs Raja, Darryl and Loh for only 6 months and was admitted to the Malaysian Bar in 1992 and founded the firm of Thaiyub Khan Othuman and Co thereafter.

Thaiyub Khan led an illustrious career as an Advocate and Solicitor of the High Court of Malaya and he is known as one of the foremost authorities in Malaysian insolvency law and practice. His interest in the law was apparent as he found great joy in discussing legal principles with fellow members of the Bar and at home with the two of his children who followed in his footsteps to become lawyers. It was perhaps his penchant for mathematics that provided his logical and rational approach to the application of the law. He frequently offered advice and consultation to insolvency law practitioners and banking lawyers alike and has numerous reported decisions to his credit. His reported cases range from High Court to the Federal Court decisions and are quoted as authorities all over Malaysia.

Thaiyub Khan was well-known for his approachable, jovial and friendly nature and was ever ready to offer his assistance at any given time. He had always put everyone in his life before himself and by this, had touched many hearts. His family will bear testament to the fact that he had never expected any recognition in return and will always be remembered and treasured.

A peaceful man in the way he led his life, he was obviously blessed to have been able to pass away peacefully in his sleep on the early hours of 23 January 2012.

Thaiyub Khan had led a full and illustrious life and is missed by family and friends. He leaves behind loving wife Mariam Sanesah Abdullah, whom he would credit as the guiding light behind his every success in life. He also leaves 3 children, Azizi, Azman Ali and Anita – the latter 2 being Advocates and Solicitors of the High Court of Malaya.