

Full Name:

**PEHIN ORANG KAYA LAILA WIJAYA
DATO SERI SETIA (DR) HAJI AWANG ABDUL
AZIZ BIN BEGAWAN PEHIN UDANA KHATIB
DATO SERI PADUKA HAJI AWANG UMAR**



- Date of Birth : 20 March 1936
- Place of Birth : Brunei Town
- Nationality : Bruneian
- Marital Status : Married
- Name of Spouse : Datin Paduka Hajah Zaharah binti Haji Idris
- Number of Children : 5 children

I. Educational Background

His Excellency Pehin Dato (Dr) Haji Abdul Aziz started his early schooling at the Roman Catholic School, Brunei Town. From 1950 to 1956, His Excellency proceeded to study at the Sultan Muhammad Jamalul Alam Malay School. After completion of his early schooling, His Excellency studied at Batu Lintang Teachers' College in Kuching, Sarawak, Malaysia for a year and returned to Brunei to continue his studies at Sultan Omar Ali Saifuddien College in Brunei Town up to Secondary 5. His Excellency continued his studies at Woodchester School Gloucestershire, England in 1957 and at the Westminster College of Commerce, London. His Excellency was awarded a Bachelor of Social Science degree in Economics, Politics and Sociology from the University of Birmingham, United Kingdom in 1964.

II. Employment History

His Excellency Pehin Dato (Dr) Haji Abdul Aziz served the Government of His Majesty the Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam by holding various important and prominent positions for almost 41 years such as:

- Administrative Service Officer - 20th October 1964
- Director of Resettlement - 1966
- Controller of Customs and Excise - 1967
- Director of Public Works - 1970
- Director of Establishment - 1971
- Commissioner of Lands - 1972
- Commissioner of Development - 1972
- Chairman of the Municipal Board - 1973
- State Secretary of the State of Brunei - 1974 to 1981
- Acting Chief Minister of the State of Brunei - 1st September 1981 to 31st December 1983.

After Brunei Darussalam gained independence in 1984, His Excellency was appointed as:

- Minister of Education and Health – 1 January 1984 to 1986
- Minister of Communications – 1986 to 1987
- Minister of Education – 30 November 1988 to 24 May 2005.

In addition to the main portfolio, His Excellency also held other special appointments such as:

Brunei Darussalam:

- Member of the State Legislative Council
- Member of the Council of Succession
- Member of the Council of Ministers
- Member of the Privy Council
- Member of the Islamic Religious Council
- Member of the Brunei Investment Advisory Board
- First Deputy Chairman of the Royal Brunei Airlines Board of Directors
- Non-Executive Director of Brunei Shell Petroleum Co. Pte. Ltd.
- Non-Executive Director of Brunei Liquefied Natural Gas Ltd
- Chairman of the National Development Committee
- Secretary to Brunei Defence Council
- Chairman of Brunei Defence Council
- Vice-Chancellor of Universiti Brunei Darussalam (1985-1986 & 1989-1991)
- Chairman of the Supreme National Council of Malay Islamic Monarchy of Brunei Darussalam
- Chairman of the Brunei Darussalam National Accreditation Council
- President of the Brunei Youth Council
- Chairman of the Universiti Brunei Darussalam Council
- Chairman of the National Education Council
- Chairman of the Tahfiz Al-Quran Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Institution

International:

- Member of the Board of Trustees of the Oxford Centre for Islamic Studies United Kingdom (OXCIS) since 15 May 1998
- Deputy Chairman of the ISESCO (Islamic Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation)
- Emeritus Member of the International Council of Education for Teaching

III. Orders and Decorations

His Excellency Pehin Dato (Dr) Haji Abdul Aziz was bestowed the prominent title of *Yang Dimuliakan Pehin Orang Kaya Laila Wijaya* on 5th September 1977 and also the following orders and decorations from the Government of His Majesty the Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam and the government of overseas countries in recognition of His Excellency's excellent service:

Brunei Darussalam:

- Coronation Medal (Gold) – 1968
- The Most Distinguished Order of Paduka Seri Laila Jasa (1st Class) – 1970
- The Most Honourable Order of Seri Paduka Mahkota Brunei (2nd Class) – 1972

- Meritorious Service Medal - 1973
- The Most Blessed Order of Setia Negara Brunei (1st Class) - 1975
- Independence Medal (Gold) - 1984
- Silver Jubilee Medal (Gold) - 1992
- Long Service Medal - 1994

International:

- Grand Cross of The Order of the British Empire (GBE), United Kingdom
- The Most Exalted Order of The White Elephant (Thailand)
- SITARA-1-PAKISTAN (Pakistan), awarded by the Islamic Republic of Pakistan to foreign dignitaries who have rendered outstanding service in the interest of the Ummah, *and*
- Star of Jordan (1st Class), the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan.

IV. Recognition and Fellowship Awards

His Excellency Pehin Dato (Dr) Haji Abdul Aziz has received recognition and numerous fellowship awards acknowledging his contribution in the fields of education, youth, health, Islamic religion and others nationally and internationally.

Brunei Darussalam:

- Youth Leadership Merit Award in 2006
- Outstanding Health Award
- Prominent Religious Award in 2009
- Sultan Haji Omar 'Ali Saifuddien Education Award in conjunction with the nation's Teachers' Day Celebration 2011 to honour his dedication to the Government of His Majesty the Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam mainly in the field of education.



*His Majesty The Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam bestowed the **Sultan Haji Omar 'Ali Saifuddien Education Award** to His Excellency Pehin Dato (Dr) Haji Abdul Aziz in conjunction with the nation's Teachers' Day celebration in 2011.*

International:

- Distinguished Fellow Award, The International Council on Education and Teaching (ICET) in 1995.

V. Honorary Doctorate Awards

His Excellency Pehin Dato (Dr) Haji Abdul Aziz has received honorary awards from various universities, including:

- Honorary Doctorate in Engineering from the Universiti Teknologi Malaysia, Malaysia in 1991
- Honorary Doctorate in Law (LLD) from the University of Birmingham, United Kingdom in July 1994
- Honorary Doctorate in Literature from the Universiti Brunei Darussalam, Brunei Darussalam in 1996
- Fellowship of Royal College of Surgeons from the University of Edinburgh, United Kingdom in 1997
- Honorary Doctorate in Letters from the Aligarh Muslim University, India in 1999, *and*
- Honorary Doctorate in Law (LLD) from the University of Liverpool, United Kingdom on 3 July 2000. →

