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Professor Adeeba Kamarulzaman FRACP

Professor Kamarulzaman graduated from Monash University and trained in Internal Medicine and Infectious Diseases in Melbourne Australia. Upon returning to Malaysia in 1997, she developed the discipline of infectious diseases and established its clinical unit at the Universiti Malaya Medical Centre, Malaysia's oldest and largest teaching hospital. In 2001 she was made a Professor of Medicine and Infectious Diseases at Universiti Malaya and is currently an adjunct Associate Professor at Yale University.

In 2008 Professor Kamarulzaman established the Centre of Excellence for Research in AIDS (CERiA) at Universiti Malaya and is a founding member of TREAT Asia, an HIV regional research network. Her research focuses on the epidemiology, treatment and prevention of HIV in key populations particularly people who inject drugs, prisoners and men-who-have-sex-with-men. She collaborates extensively with colleagues from the Asia Pacific region, US and UK and has worked on numerous projects with WHO, UNAIDS and UNODC.

Professor Kamarulzaman was Dean of the Faculty of Medicine, Universiti Malaya between 2011 and 2019. Under her leadership, the medical undergraduate and postgraduate programs underwent extensive transformation and through strategic research programs, saw a large surge in research output and innovations which helped propel the university into a leading regional and global institution.

In addition to her clinical and academic commitments, Professor Kamarulzaman has been actively involved in the community response to HIV/AIDS in Malaysia and globally. She was President of the Malaysian AIDS Council from 2006 to 2010, an umbrella body of civil society organizations. In 2004 she established the Malaysian Harm Reduction Working Group at the Malaysian AIDS Council and led the successful advocacy and implementation of harm reduction to address HIV infection amongst people who inject drugs. She remains as the Chairman of the Malaysian AIDS Foundation, a Trust whose role is to raise funds for HIV programmes implemented by the Malaysian AIDS Council. In this capacity, she continues to advocate and oversee the implementation, expansion and sustainability of HIV/AIDS programmes across the country. She is currently actively involved in advocating for drug policy reform in Malaysia including the abolishment of death penalty and for a health and public based response to substance use.

In 2020, Professor Kamarulzaman was elected President of the International AIDS Society the world's largest independent association of HIV professionals. She has played leading roles in several regional and international organizations including TREAT Asia, the International Society of Infectious Diseases, and was Co-Chair of the WHO Strategic and Technical Advisory Group on HIV and UNAIDS's Scientific Expert Panel for UNAIDS.

Professor Kamarulzaman also played a critical role in Malaysia's COVID-19 pandemic response as a clinician and public health expert and was advisor to the national and several state governments. She is currently a member of Malaysia's National Recovery Council.

In April 2015 she was honoured with an Honorary Doctor of Laws from her alma mater, Monash University, for her outstanding achievements in medicine.

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