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It is with profound sadness and emotion that we announce the passing of Datuk Abdul Hamid Ibrahim, President of the World Veterans Federation, on 5 October 2014 at 22.17, after a battle against cancer, diagnosed recently, in July 2014.

His parting is a great loss to the international veteran community.

Mr. Ibrahim has been actively involved in the activities of the World Veterans Federation since 1982 and has held several important positions in the organization. Elected Vice President in 1988, he occupied this position until his election as Treasurer General in 1997 and then as President in 2000, post which he held to date.

During his fourteen years as President of the WVF, Datuk Abdul Hamid Ibrahim has visited many member associations and their governments, always with the aim of passing on his message and his conviction that there is always room for improvement. He was devoted to the betterment of the situation of veterans, strongly believing that, even in the most developed countries, governments can and should do more for their veterans.

In 2006, he oversaw the complete reworking of the WVF Constitution and restructuring of the Executive Board. In 2008 he launched the Walk for Peace project and over the last five years has been implementing the first WVF Five Year Strategic Plan with a view to increasing the public profile of the WVF and identifying ways to face up to the financial crisis the Federation has been experiencing.

Datuk Abdul Hamid Ibrahim will be remembered for his kindness, for his calm and dignified manner, and for his tireless devotion to the World Veterans Federation for so many years. He will be greatly missed by all those who had the pleasure of knowing him and working with him.

Born in Johor Bahru, Malaysia on 10 September 1937 Datuk Abdul Hamid Ibrahim had his early education at the English College Johor Bahru and the Royal Military College Port Dickson. He joined the Malaysian Army as an Officer Cadet in 1956 and was sent for training in the United Kingdom at the Officer Cadet School Eaton Hall and the Royal Military Academy Sandhurst.

On completion of his training in 1958, he was commissioned as a Regular Officer in the Royal Malay Regiment. He served at various Regimental and Staff appointments and was a Directing Staff at the Malaysian Armed Forces Staff College. During his military career, he was selected to attend several local and overseas courses including the Army Staff College in England in 1967 and the Joint Services Staff College in Australia in 1973.

After taking early retirement in 1974 to go into business, he decided to devote himself to the cause of veterans and ex-servicemen by joining the Ex-Services Association of Malaysia. He held various senior positions in the Association.

In 1983, he was appointed as a Senator in the Malaysia to represent veterans and ex-servicemen in his country.

He was President of the Malaysian Armed Forces Veterans Council and a Council Member of the Government Pensioners Association of Malaysia.

Among numerous honours and awards for services to his country, he was bestowed in 2002 with the Order of Panglima Jasa Negara which carries the title "Datuk". He also received honours and awards from several other countries for his services to the veteran community around the world.

Datuk Abdul Hamid Ibrahim is survived by his wife, Datin Samihani Abdullah, their four children and eight grandchildren, to whom we extend our most sincere condolences at this very difficult time.

Mr. Jacques Goujat, Deputy President will assume the Presidency of the World Veterans Federation until the next elections, which will take place during the 28th General Assembly in Sopot, Poland from 31 August-3 September 2015.

Messages of condolence may be sent to the WVF Secretariat who will forward them to his family.