



TAN SRI DATUK SURIYADI BIN HALIM OMAR

DIRECTOR OF THE AIAC



Tan Sri Datuk Suriyadi bin Halim Omar was born in Seremban, Negeri Sembilan on 8th May 1951. He graduated with Honours from the University of Warwick with a Bachelor of Laws, and was admitted as a Barrister-at-Law from The Honourable Society of Lincoln's Inn in 1975. Tan Sri Datuk Suriyadi has had a long and distinguished legal career having spent 42 years in the Judicial & Legal Service, and the Malaysian Judiciary.

He started his career as a Legal Officer in the Kuala Lumpur High Court in 1975, and subsequently served in various roles, amongst others, as a Magistrate in Malacca, a Deputy Public Prosecutor in Negeri Sembilan, a Sessions Court Judge, a Federal Counsel for the Ministry of Home Affairs, as well as in government agencies such as the Inland Revenue Board and the Malaysian Anti-Corruption Agency. In 1992, he was appointed as the Deputy Head of the Prosecution Division for the Attorney General's Chambers.

Tan Sri Datuk Suriyadi was appointed as a Judicial Commissioner on 1st November 1994 and was confirmed as a High Court Judge on 12th January 1996. He served at the Malacca, Kelantan, and Shah Alam High Courts. He was then elevated to the Court of Appeal in 2006 and four years later, Tan Sri Datuk Suriyadi was appointed as a Federal Court Judge. He retired on 7th November 2017 pursuant to the requirement for mandatory retirement of judges in Malaysia reaching 66 years of age, with an extension of 6 months.

Since then, Tan Sri Datuk Suriyadi serves as a Member of the Judicial Appointments Commission, having been appointed for a two-year term by the Prime Minister of Malaysia, the Right Honourable Tan Sri Dato' Hj. Muhyiddin bin Hj. Mohd. Yassin on 4th September 2020.

Tan Sri Datuk Suriyadi was appointed as the Director of the AIAC by the Government of Malaysia, following its consultation with the Asian-African Legal Consultative Organization (AALCO) on 1st December 2020. His appointment as Director of the AIAC, as announced by The Honourable Dato' Takiyuddin bin Hj. Hassan, Minister in the Prime Minister's Department (Parliament and Law), is for a two-year term from 2020 to 2022.

For his services to the nation, Tan Sri Datuk Suriyadi was conferred a *Panglima Setia Mahkota (P.S.M)* in 2012, *Darjah Dato' Paduka Mahkota Selangor (D.P.M.S)* in 2006, *Darjah Mulia Seri Melaka (D.M.S.M)* in 1995, and *Kesatria Mangku Negara (K.M.N)* in 1992.
