

Key Hicom player Jamil dies at 72 from lung cancer

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KUALA LUMPUR, Sat. — Tan Sri Jamil Mohd Jan who played a key role in the setting up of Heavy Industries Corporation of Malaysia (Hicom), died today. He was 72.

He is survived by wife Puan Sri Rabeah Othman, 61, and three children — Yusuf, 38, Sarina, 35, and Faizul, 32. He has five grandchildren.

Yusuf said his father had complained of breathing difficulties before he died at 12.45pm at his residence in Jalan Perintis U1/9, Glenmarie Court, Shah Alam.

Jamil, who was diagnosed with lung cancer a year ago had been receiving regular treatment at a hospital in Singapore.

“We brought him back from Singapore last Monday after another session of radiotherapy,” said Yusuf.

Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad and wife Datuk Seri Dr Siti Hasmah Ali were among those who paid their last respects.

“He was a good friend and was instrumental in getting Proton off the ground. He has contributed a lot,” Dr Mahathir said.

Jamil was born on Jan 1, 1930 in Lenggong, Perak, and started his career as assistant chairman of the Ipoh Town Council in 1956.

In 1957, he was appointed Assistant District Officer of Jerantut in Pahang for two years.

Between 1962 and 1965, he was Deputy Controller of the Export Commodities Division of the Ministry of Commerce & Indus-

try, and he was later appointed its Controller.

He was Deputy Secretary-General of the Ministry of Trade and Industry from 1971 to 1972 and was later made chairman of the Federal Industrial Development Authority (now known as Malaysian Industrial Development Authority).

Having been instrumental in establishing Hicom, he served the corporation as chief executive officer from 1981 until he retired in 1995.

Jamil was also the chairman of MECHMAR Corporation (M) Bhd.

He will be buried at the Shah Alam Muslim cemetery at 10am tomorrow.