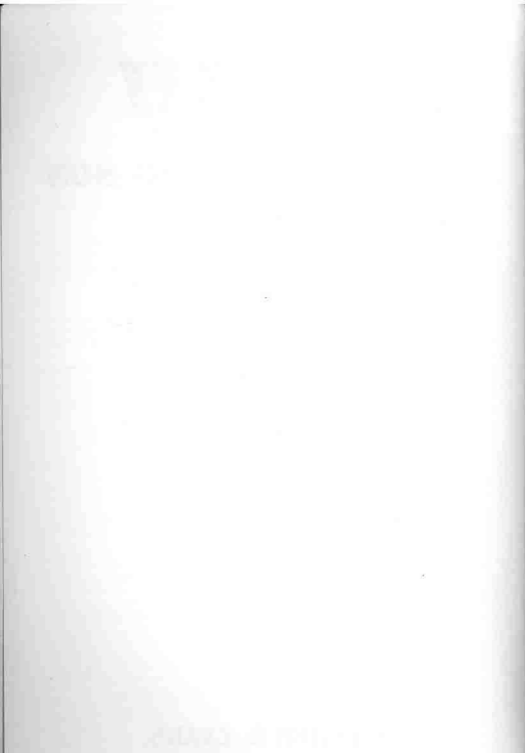


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THE AUTHOR'S PROFILE

Datuk Stephen R. Evans was born in a small village in Keningau, called Kampong Bariawa Laut, during the Chartered Company's rule in British North Borneo (Sabah).

He Holds a B.Sc. and MA degrees in Public Administration, and Diplomas in Journalism and Agriculture, which he earned from British and American Universities. He was awarded a Colombo Plan Scholarship by the Government of New Zealand to study Public Administration and local Government in 1966.

He was a member of Parliament from 8th August, 1974 to 1st June, 1977 and a Senator from 15th December, 1977 to 20th June, 1978, and was re-elected as a Member of Parliament from 15th July, 1978 to 29th March, 1982. He stood for the State General Elections in 1986 and was elected as a member of the Legislative Assembly from 5th May, 1986 to 26th June, 1990. He did not seek re-election in the State General Elections held on 17th July, 1990.

He was awarded a PGDK, Commander of the Order of Kinabalu (second class Datukship), by the State Government in 1977 and on the 16th September, 1989, he was again conferred the State's highest award, SPDK, Grand Commander of the order of Kinabalu (first class Datukship).

Datuk Evans has written several books published locally by the Borneo Literature Bureau and by Overseas Publishers. He was also the winner twice in Literature Competition, organised by the Borneo Literature Bureau, Kuching, Sarawak.

Datuk Evans studied in a Japanese Primary School in Keningau, during the Japanese occupation in Sabah. Among the subjects taught in School were Nippon Go (Japanese Language). The one and only comprehensive textbook was Tadashi Nippon Go. The Japanese language/characters taught in School during the war, were Katakana, Hirakana and Kanji. Kanji was very similar to the Chinese characters. Other subjects were also taught, including flag-hoisting ceremony and the mass singing of the Japanese National anthem Kimigayo. After the War he continued his education in Roman Catholic Mission Schools in Sandakan, Kota Kinabalu, and Kuching, Sarawak, before pursuing further education overseas.

The Author's father, Mr. Richard F. Evans, had been serving the then North Borneo Chartered Company's Government as a District Officer in Kota Belud, Kudat, Papar, Mempakul, Tuaran, Tenom, Keningau and Tambunan, from 1921 to 1936 and also as Resident of West Coast (Jesselton) now called Kota Kinabalu, from 1937 to 1942, and continued his services with the British North Borneo Government after the Japanese surrendered in 1945 until his retirement in 1947. He is now 89 years old, and was interned by the Japanese during the Second World War, first at Batu Tiga, Jesselton, and later at the P.O.W. camp at Kuching, Sarawak.

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