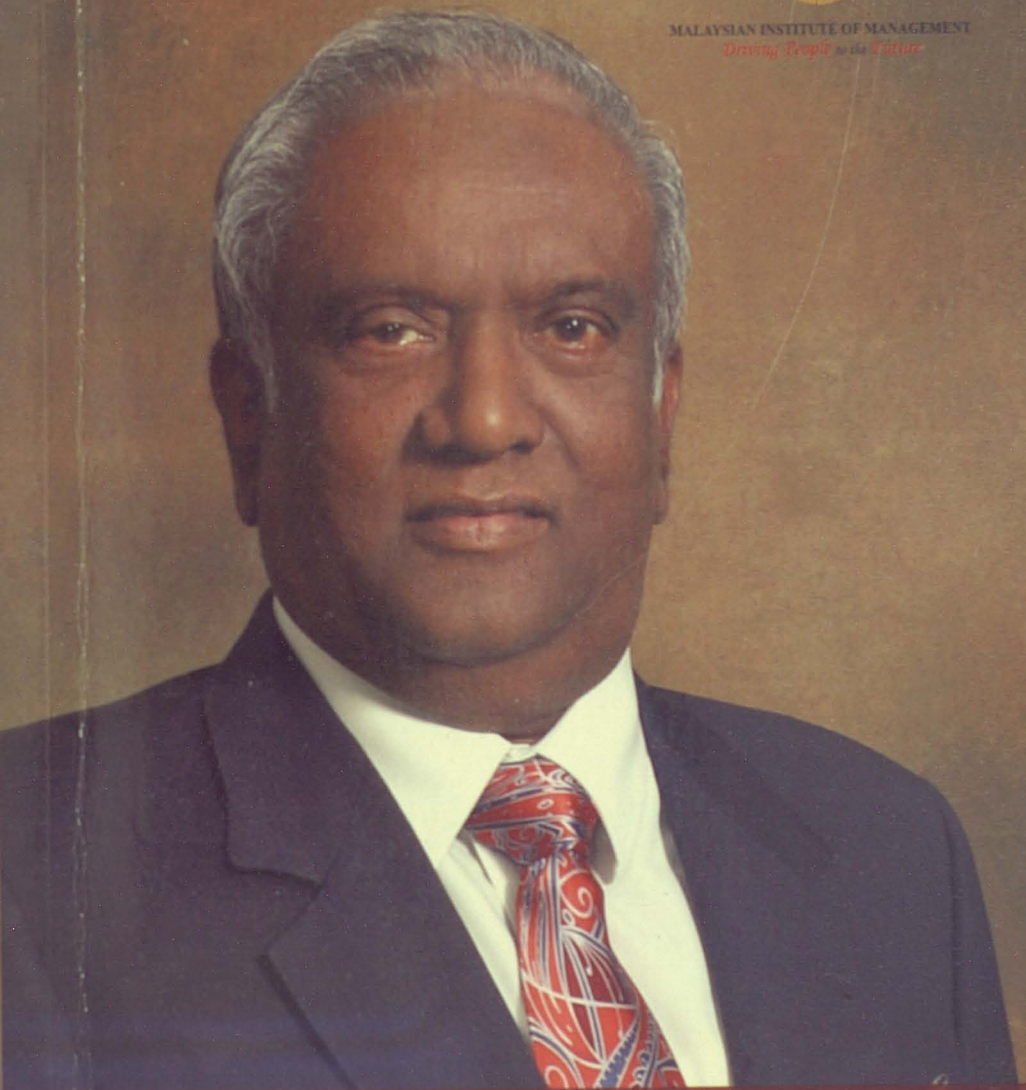




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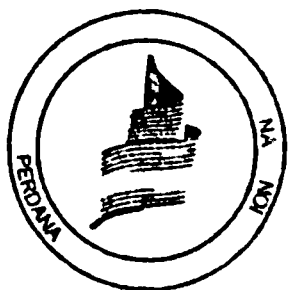
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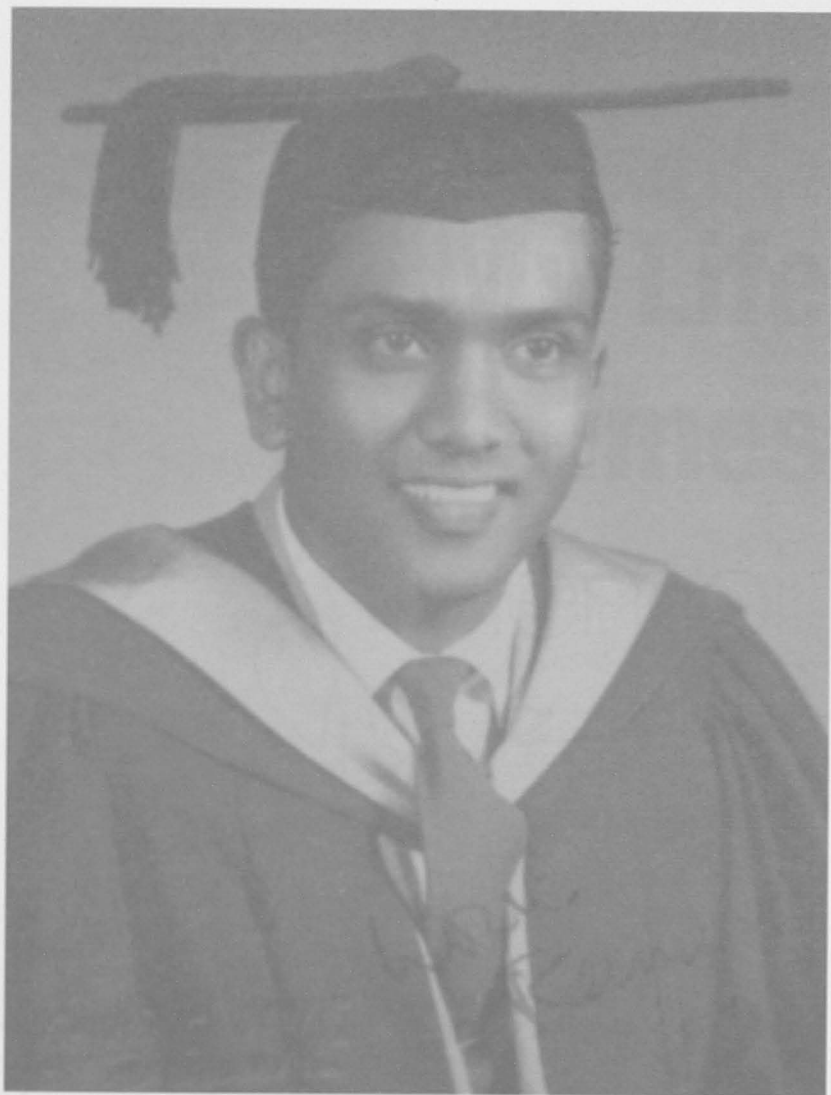
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and my loving Mother,  
Ruth Navaratnam,  
who continue to inspire  
me in countless ways*

*Mum and Dad's wedding in 1934*



*My graduation in 1959, BA (Hons) Economics,  
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