

## **Professor Dato' Dr Mohd Hair bin Bejo**

Professor Dato' Dr Mohd Hair bin Bejo obtained his Doctor of Veterinary Medicine (DVM) from Universiti Putra Malaysia (UPM) in 1985 and PhD in the field of Veterinary Pathology at the University of Liverpool, England in 1990. In 1993, he did his post graduate training in the field of Avian Medicine and Pathology at the University of Georgia, Athens, USA.

He is currently the Director of Putra Science Park UPM, a Fellow of the Academy Sciences of Malaysia (FASc), Founding Fellow of Malaysian College of Veterinary Specialists (MCVS), the President of Association of Institutions of Tropical Veterinary Medicine (AITVM), President of the World's Poultry Science Association (WPSA) Malaysia Branch and President of MCVS.

He was the former Dean of Faculty of Veterinary Medicine, UPM (2012 to 2019) and former President Elect (2018 to 2019) and Treasurer (2003 to 2018) of Asian Association of Veterinary Schools (AAVS), Secretary of South East Asia Veterinary School Association (SEAVSA) (2010 to 2012), member of Malaysia Veterinary Council (2012 to 2019) and Chairman of Executive Board of Malaysia One Health University Networks (MyOHUN) (2013-2019).

In 2005 and 2015 he has successfully commercialised a safe and effective MyVAC UPM93 Infectious Bursal Disease (IBD) Vaccine and MyHatch UPM93 IBD Vaccine for chickens, respectively for national and international markets. He is also currently active in research and development of COVID-19 vaccines.

Professor Dato' Hair-Bejo was bestowed with several awards such as Merdeka Award (2018), Dato' - Sultan Sharafuddin Idris Shah (D.S.I.S.) (2018), the National Academic Award (AAN) for being the top national inventor (2011), the World Veterinary Poultry Association – Merial Innovation in Vaccine Award (2016), a Public Sector Quality Award 2008, Vice Chancellor Fellowship Award (Special Academic Putra Award) 2018. In 2012, he was recognized as one of the Top Research Scientists Malaysia by Academy Sciences of Malaysia.

He has an excellent record of publications with Scopus *h*-index of 27, total citations of 2326, published 218 papers in cited index and refereed journals, and has 12 Intellectual Property including seven patents, one trademark, one copyright and one trade secret. Under his supervision 52 PhD, 46 Masters and 69 final year project students were successfully completed and graduated. Professor Dato' Hair-Bejo has the resilience and confidence to lead and contribute towards advancement and discovery of new knowledge, wealth creation, and a caring and loving society.