

Press Release by Public Bank

Tan Sri Datuk Seri Utama Thong Yaw Hong, 1930 - 2015

The Members of the Board, Management and staff of Public Bank and its subsidiaries express their deepest condolences to the family of the late Tan Sri Datuk Seri Utama Thong Yaw Hong, the Co-Chairman of Public Bank, who passed away peacefully on 28 May 2015 following a period of illness.

Tan Sri Datuk Seri Utama Thong Yaw Hong was appointed as Chairman of Public Bank in 1986 and re-designated as Co-Chairman in 2002. He had also served as Co-Chairman of various companies in the Public Bank Group, which included Public Islamic Bank Berhad; Public Investment Bank Berhad; Public Mutual Berhad; Public Financial Holdings Ltd, Public Bank (Hong Kong) Ltd and Cambodian Public Bank Plc.

Tan Sri Datuk Seri Utama Thong Yaw Hong had an illustrious career with the Government of Malaysia, primarily in the fields of socio-economic development planning and finance. He had served in the Economic Planning Unit in the Prime Minister's Department since 1957 and became its Director-General from 1971 to 1978 and served as Secretary-General, Ministry of Finance from 1979 until his retirement in 1986.

The Chairman of Public Bank, Tan Sri Dato' Sri Dr. Teh Hong Piow said today, "We are indeed greatly saddened by the loss. The Boards of Directors of the Public Bank Group acknowledge Tan Sri Datuk Seri Utama Thong Yaw Hong's par excellence calibre and his invaluable contributions over his 29 years with the Public Bank Group.

Tan Sri Datuk Seri Utama Thong Yaw Hong will always be remembered for his stature in the Government service and corporate world. We will miss him."

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