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Introduction

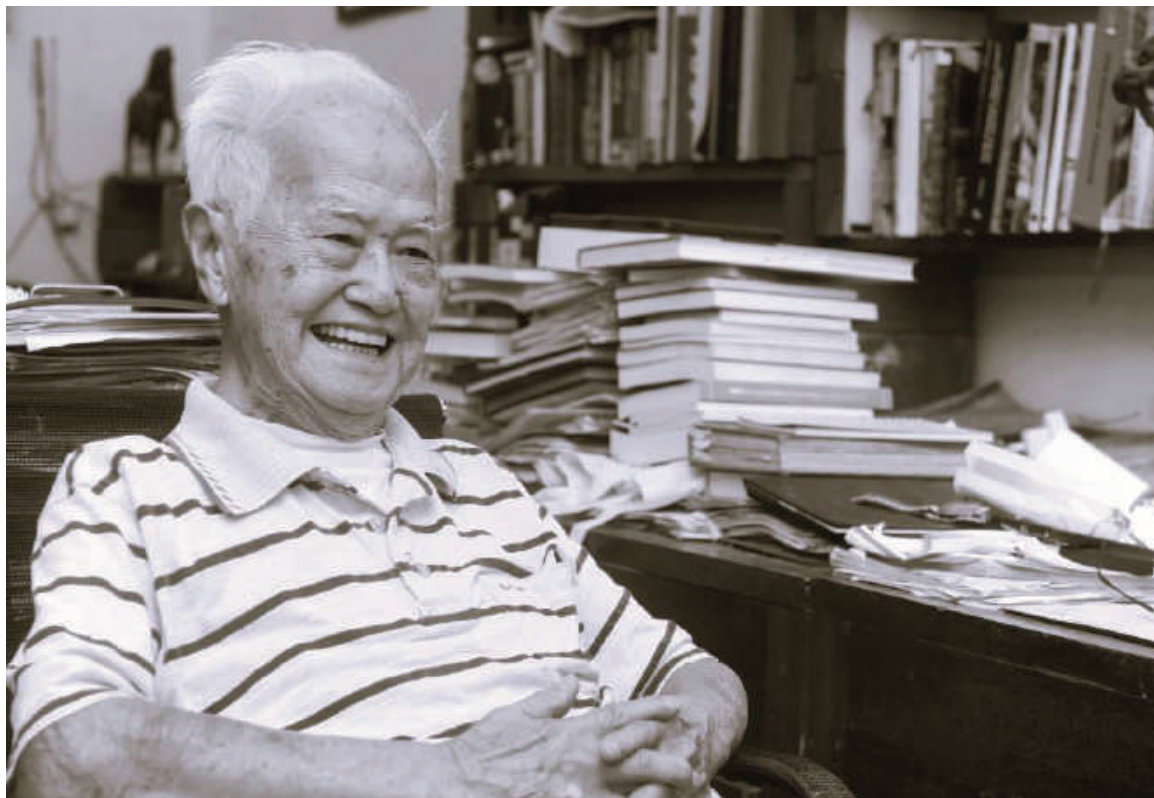
Encapsulating the works of the late Dr. Lim Boo Liat for this end special MNJ issue by the editorial team, undertook almost 2 years since his passing on July 11th, 2020 during the height of the Covid pandemic and the restricted movement control order period for travelling. Many of us had to reach out to our fellow peers, his next of kin and friends to find solace during his demise and in some ways, to pay our respects to this larger-than-life person whom we knew so fondly as '*Uncle or Tan Seri*', and someone who never once hid his wisdom sharing about his innate passion about the natural world of wonders, people and places, early history and his amazing stories.

Dr. Lim Boo Liat was an avid naturalist and conservationist in every aspect who contributed selflessly with the litanies of academic reports, stories to books to research notes he transcribed well beyond the 70 years mark. Skim through any of the past references about the early Malaysian scientific works about indigenous knowledge, reptiles, small mammals, frogs, parasites, etymology findings and preservation of natural heritage buildings, one will be surprised with this legendary figure involvement in every bit of the action, and in June 21st, 2022 after his passing the Google search engine interface (ref: <https://www.google.com/doodles/celebrating-dr-lim-boo-liat>) paid tribute to him with a poignant recognition of his achievements in the advancement of science and natural history, and the displayed iconic wildlife characters that he so tirelessly championed.

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