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Brief Biography of Datuk Dr. M. S. Pillay

Datuk Dr. M.S.Pillay started his career as a Bridge Engineer with Minconsult Engineering. He was one of the first Public Health engineers to join the Ministry of Health in 1976. He was a pioneer engineer who led the Rural Water supply and Sanitation Program in Kedah and Perak. In 1978 he was awarded a WHO scholarship to do his masters in public health specializing in environmental health at the University of Minnesota USA.

From 1980 till 1986 he served as the Director of the Technical Unit in the Ministry of Housing and Local Government doing urban engineering. This is where he was involved in Urban sewerage development, urban Municipal waste management, urban roads and urban drainage. In 1986 he returned to the Ministry of Health, Malaysia as the Chief Public Health Engineer and Deputy Director of Engineering.

In 1991 Datuk Pillay was awarded a JPA scholarship to do his PhD in Preventive medicine and Environmental health at the University of Iowa in USA.

He assumed the role of Director of Engineering services in the Ministry of health in 1994 where he headed many environmental health programs and was credited for leading the privatization of Hospital support services, establishment of clinical waste management, drinking water quality monitoring and surveillance program, the rural water supply and sanitation program and many other related programs.

In 2005 he assumed the post of Deputy Director General of Health in charge of Research and Technical support overseeing many programs in the Ministry of Health.

He retired in 2008 and was recruited by WHO to serve as an environmental health adviser in China and later became the senior health adviser in China until 2014 when he retired from the United nations. He was the person who drafted the NEHAP for China which is now a state Council Directive that is implemented. He was also directing the climate change and health project in china in addition to numerous other environmental health programs.

In March this year he has assumed the post of Adviser to the Minister of Health Malaysia.