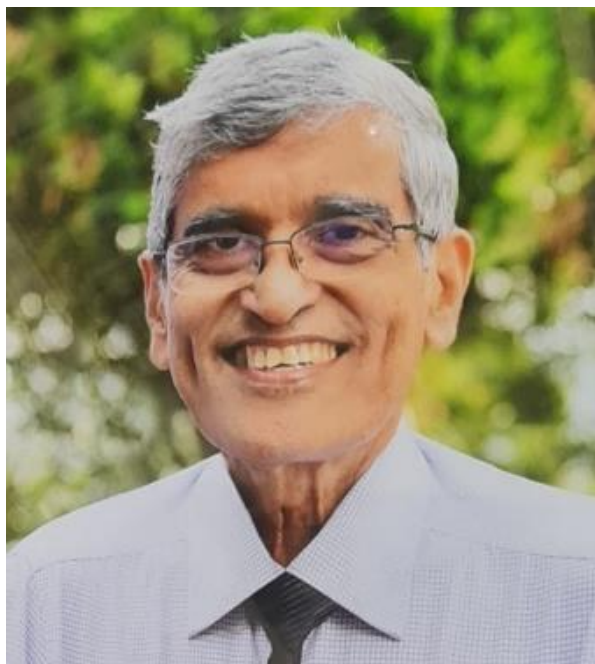


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A tribute to a Sri Lankan legend in anatomy – Professor Tilak Richard Weerasooriya 20/11/1950 to 20/02/2022



Tilak Richard Weerasooriya,
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Emeritus Professor Tilak Richard Weerasooriya, beloved husband of Emeritus Professor Mirani Vasanthamala Weerasooriya and beloved father of Senal, Sahan and Semali Weerasooriya started his career as a Probationary Lecturer in Department of Anatomy, Faculty of Medicine, University of Peradeniya, his alma mater and subsequently joined Department of Anatomy Faculty of Medicine, University of Ruhuna.

After completing his postgraduate studies in Japan, he served Faculty of Medicine, University of Ruhuna in the capacity of a Senior Lecturer, a Professor and a Senior

Professor in Anatomy teaching generations of undergraduates “the art of learning Anatomy.”

Being a man abide by rules, he successfully held the position of Dean, Faculty of Medicine, University of Ruhuna from 2008 to 2011. During this period, his visionary leadership contributed immensely for the establishment of Faculty of Medicine at the General Sir John Kotelawala Defence University.

His pioneering work on Andrology, changed the lives of many families in the South. Apart from being an Anatomist and an Andrologist, he was a master musician & singer, a dancer, a chef, a marksman, a carpenter, and an angler, and above all a remarkable human being.

His skillful touch, gentle ways, humble nature and strong decisions taught lessons to many of us to shape our lives as professionals. Though we are sad by his early departure, we are ever so thankful to him for being such an extraordinary character capable of changing the lives of people around him.

Enjoying every moment in life: it was indeed a life well-lived!

May he rest in Peace!

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