



**Citation for
The King Edward VII Cup
awarded in 2001 to
Dato' Teoh Teik Lee DSPN, AMN, DJN.
of the Life Saving Society of Malaysia.**

Dato' Teoh Teik Lee first became associated with the Royal Life Saving Society when, as a student of Physical Education in England, in 1953 he qualified for the Bronze Medallion, Award of Merit and Lifesaving Instructor's Certificate.

On returning to Malaysia in 1954 he was appointed a representative of the Society and successfully trained his first class of Bronze Medallion candidates. In 1955 he was appointed Assistant Superintendent of Physical Education in the Ministry of Education and included lifesaving training as part of Federal courses he organised on behalf of the Ministry. Following advice from the RLSS Chief Secretary he was responsible for ensuring that water safety and lifesaving training were introduced to teachers in state schools. In 1960, following his appointment as Head of the Physical Education Department of the Specialist Teachers' Training Unit, he introduced lifesaving training into the physical education curriculum for teachers

In 1962 he had a meeting with Earl Mountbatten of Burma, then our Grand President, and was invited to form a National Branch of the Royal Life Saving Society in Malaysia. He worked diligently to meet this challenge and in 1964 the Life Saving Society of Malaysia was formed as a Branch of the RLSS. Teoh Teik Lee was elected its first President. In 1967 the newly formed Society was created a Member of the RLSS Commonwealth Council and its formal Instruments of Membership were presented by the Earl Mountbatten at a ceremony at the British High Commission in Kuala Lumpur.

In 1976 Teoh Teik Lee stepped down as Branch President and became Vice President when the Presidency was taken over by Tan Sri Hamdan Sheik Tahir who was then retiring as Director of Education for Malaysia.

During the mid 1980's he played a major role in a Fund Raising Committee that resulted in the raising of sufficient funds to enable the Malaysian Branch to purchase its own Headquarters. For over 40 years he has worked tirelessly to promote lifesaving not only in Malaysia but throughout the Asia Pacific Region. In 1989 he organised the first International Life Saving Conference in Penang that prepared the groundwork for the formation of the Asia Pacific Life Saving Council.

He is the recipient of every honour the Royal Life Saving Society can award. In 1998 the Governor of Penang, bestowed on him the honour of Darjah Setia Pangkuan Negeri for his lifesaving work. This Malaysian Order of Chivalry is conferred on individuals of high position who have contributed unique and valuable services to the State.

Teoh Teik Lee's unselfish dedication and total involvement in lifesaving is an inspiration to lifesavers throughout the Commonwealth and he is jointly awarded the King Edward VII Cup for 2001.