



Government House
CANBERRA ACT 2600

8 July 2022

Honorary Award – July 2022

The Governor-General is pleased to announce the following award:

HONORARY MEDAL (OAM) IN THE GENERAL DIVISION

Dato LIM Kian Hock, Malaysia

For service to Australia-Malaysia relations, particularly to commemorating the role played by Australians in Sarawak, Malaysia, during World War II.

By His Excellency's command

Paul Singer MVO

Official Secretary to the Governor-General

AWARDED AN HONORARY MEDAL (OAM)
IN THE GENERAL DIVISION OF THE ORDER OF AUSTRALIA

Dato LIM Kian Hock, Malaysia

For service to Australia-Malaysia relations, particularly to commemorating the role played by Australians in Sarawak, Malaysia, during World War II.

Dato Lim Kian Hock's passion and advocacy for bilateral relations between Malaysia and Australia has contributed to the relationship between the two countries, particularly in the sphere of military service.

For decades, Dato Lim has dedicated himself to commemorating the Australian Armed Forces, and those who served alongside them, between 1942 and 1945 in World War II. His work in collaborating, directing and developing the Sarawak Tourism Federation, History and Heritage Development Committee, is a reflection of his larger vision of documenting this history and paying homage to all the Allied Prisoners of War and the Australian Army Liberators who entered Sarawak during the occupation to finally bring freedom to local people. Moreover, in 2013 he campaigned and advocated for the permanent recognition of the Australian Z-Units for their gallantry, with the support of the Bario Rurum Kelabit Committee and Communities, the Malaysian Armed Forces, the Sarawak Tourism Federation (STF) Heritage Development Committee, the late Jack Tredrea, the commando's families and friends, and all well-wishers.

Dato Lim is held in high esteem by Australian World War II veterans and their families who acknowledge his efforts in "keeping the spirit of the ANZAC alive in Sarawak." Without Dato Lim's dedication and commitment, and the strong support of the Committee, the STF Heritage Development Committee, Ministry of Tourism, Arts and Culture, Sarawak Museum, Kuching City Councils of Kuching South and Kuching North, the Royal Malaysian Police, the Malaysian Armed Forces and their veterans, Government Departments, and Agencies, the Borneo Exhibitions Group Inc.(BEG) W.A, authors of wartime history and all well-wishers, much of Sarawak wartime history, including the Australian war component, would have been forgotten and lost.

On the basis of his longstanding service to Australian-Malaysian relations, Dato Lim Kian Hock has been formally recognised with an honorary Medal in the General Division of the Order of Australia (OAM).