

Aziz,

It was with great shock and sadness that over the Christmas/ New Year holiday period, we learnt of the tragic passing of Aziz Sattar. He and I first met in the late 90s shortly after Aziz first arrived in Jakarta. at a time when Indonesia was going through one of it's most challenging periods. Over time, Aziz became a leading member of the British community in Jakarta. By now, others will no doubt have fondly remembered him. I would especially like to recall his contribution to the business and wider community and in particular his past membership of BritCham. Aziz joined BritCham soon after his arrival and it wasn't much longer before he was elected to the Board. He took his role seriously and his contributions at our meetings were always well considered and valued. After serving several terms of office, he eventually stepped aside. His daughters were by then of school age and he then volunteered his time as a governor of the then British International School. His period of office was during a period when the school was facing some significant challenges. I was then a member of the school's council of trustees. Aziz was a person of strong principle and was not easily swayed if he believed the majority was not following the right course.

Aziz, had an insurance background, first working in Jakarta with IBS Insurance Broking Services. Aziz's career developed from brokerage to underwriting when he joined QBE General Insurance Indonesia as president director. As Aziz sought to build the business, he had to negotiate a fractious relationship between the local and foreign shareholders. In 2019, when Great Eastern General Insurance acquired the company, the new shareholders made the wise decision of retaining Aziz as CEO. Despite having to overcome and manage the frustrations that day to day life in Indonesia can sometimes throw at us, Aziz loved the country he lived in. He also believed passionately in the importance of the contribution that foreign insurers had to offer to the development of the Indonesian insurance sector. His loss will have left a gap in that industry that will not easily be filled.

Most peoples' first impression of Aziz was that of the epitome of an English gentleman. His character was entirely consistent. He was able, kind and loyal. I have been proud to have known him as a friend and colleague. He will be sorely missed by many, but most of all by his beloved wife, Naniera and daughters Zara and Zane. I am sure all members would wish to join me in offering the family our sincere condolences.

Best regards

John Arnold

Former Chairman of BritCham Indonesia