

Gregory Chia-A Man For All Seasons

GREGORY CHIA PEK LEONG, was a man for all seasons. He was for many years and at the time of his death on Sept 12, 1981, president of the High School Old Boys' Association. He was an active member of the school Board of Governors serving for many years as its treasurer.

Chia was born on June 25, 1920, and educated at the Malacca High School and was active as a cadet officer. Destined to be a civil servant, he joined the General Clerical Service as a clerk in 1940 and served in various capacities until the Japanese Occupation when he did volunteer service in Singapore. He was promoted Assistant District Officer and served in Jasin (1957), Alor Gajah (1959-69) and Melaka Tengah until his retirement in 1975 as Collector of Land Revenue.

He also gave much of his time to various social organisations and in particular, Malacca Lions International.

A deeply religious man, he was the secretary and warden of St Francis

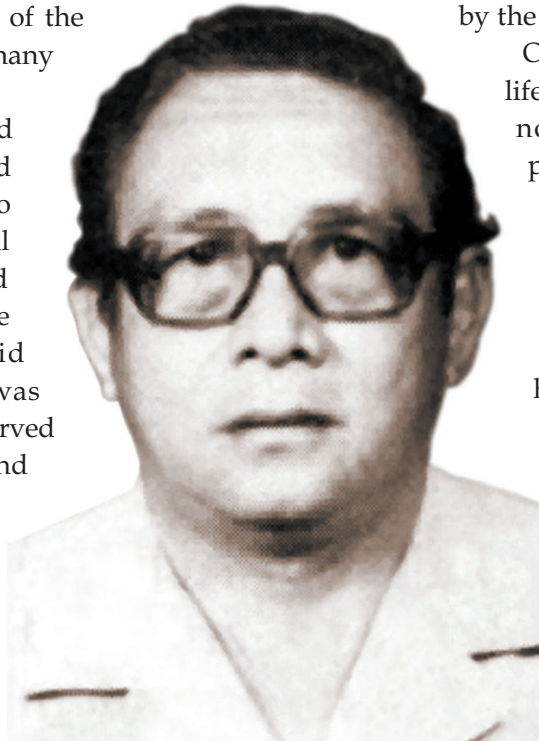
Church, Malacca, for more than 10 years. He was also an active member of The Society of St Vincent de Paul. He was awarded the PJK for meritorious service by the Yang di-Pertua Negeri Melaka.

One who sought the simple pleasures of life, he took up hunting, a weekend affair no doubt by the many years of rural posting.

He loved fishing and many joyful days (and nights) saw him in the Straits of Malacca fishing off his boat which he named "Carolina". He also revelled in golf. Retirement from public service gave him a yen to travel and he took in the Far East, Europe and the United States.

A gentle strain ran through him.

His wife and children will miss a loving and devoted husband/father. His friends will miss his lively chuckle and unorthodox "pantuns" at the HSOBA. The school has lost an illustrious son.



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