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Father of modern road safety

PROFESSOR Datuk Dr Radin Umar Radin Sohadi's contributions to road safety included the first motorcycle lane in the world along our federal expressway which had the positive outcome of reducing motorcycle deaths by 70 per cent on this road. He also pioneered the effort to set up MIROS and road safety education in schools. Radin's intervention model was also the foundation stone of the First Road Safety Plan 2006-2010. He was always the reference point and would always find the time to contribute and assist. His many other firsts included leading the Miros crash investigation team and driving other programmes such as the first instrumented car to test driver aptitude, the new curriculum for drivers and other initiatives, including seatbelts, helmets, visibility and rear under-run for lorries. Radin has not only been the towering personality in road safety but a towering Malaysian with the highest integrity, professionalism and ideals. A true friend always. Will always be fondly remembered and cherished.

- **Datuk Suret Singh**

Former Director-General of Road Safety

Reply: Radin, 53, died of liver cancer at the Serdang Hospital at 4.15am last Sunday. The former director-general of the Malaysian Institute of Road Safety Research (Miros) and Universiti Putra Malaysia (UPM) vice-chancellor had been battling with the killer disease for the past four years. He was a strong believer in road safety research, invention and initiative, and widely regarded as the father of modern road safety in Malaysia. Radin also headed 14 research projects and produced over 100 journal publications of high impact, apart from receiving 22 awards and recognition both locally and overseas. CBT paid tribute to him on behalf of all Malaysians when we awarded him with a Special Mention Award at last year's Truck of the Year Awards.