PETALING JAYA: Former Universiti Putra Malaysia (UPM) vice-chancellor Datuk Dr Radin Umar Radin Sohadi has died. He was 53.

His son Mundzir Radin Umar said Dr Radin Umar was diagnosed with colon cancer in February 2010, which then spread and affected his liver.

He died of liver failure at 4.15am yesterday morning.

Dr Radin Umar, who previously served as director-general of both the Higher Education Department and the Malaysian Institute of Road Safety Research, stepped down as UPM vice-chancellor in December 2012.

He leaves behind his wife Datin Norsham Ahmad, five children and four grandchildren.