

DATO' DR NARIMAH AWIN

Academic qualifications:

MBBS (Assam Medical College Dibrugarh India, 1976),
MPH (Philippines, 1983)

Work experience

- Retired as Director of Family Health Development Ministry of Health Malaysia in January 2007, after serving the government of Malaysia in the MOH for almost 30 years
- Served as external examiner for master programme in Public Health, and in Family Medicine for local universities in Malaysia
- Presented more than 200 papers in various topics in Public Health at seminars, conferences, scientific meetings; 145 of these papers have been published in a book of 6 volumes with the overall title "PUBLIC HEALTH: A MULTIFACETED DISCIPLINE OF MEDICINE"
- Served as Regional Advisor for Maternal and Reproductive Health at the WHO Regional office for Western Pacific (WPRO) in Manila and W.H.O. for South East Asia Region (SEARO) in New Delhi, retired in May 2013. In these posts, provided technical assistance to 8 countries in WPRO and 11 countries in SEARO, and contributed to the development of policies, standards, norms and guidelines in several areas
- Was awarded the Kazue McLaren Award Oct 2014 from the Asia Pacific Consortium for Public Health
- Since retirement from WHO in 2013, had served (and continues to serve) as consultant to WHO and UNICEF Myanmar, in the area of reproductive, sexual , maternal and child health
- Serves as technical expert from time to time for several international and regional NGOs, in the area of maternal, reproductive and child health

Special interest areas (in Public Health):

- Family Health, especially maternal, child reproductive and sexual health and rights
- Primary Health Care
- General Public Health - impact of "driving forces" on health, esp. ageing, urbanization, globalization; global health
- Health and gender
- Health as a human rights especially related to medical ethics, sociocultural determinants of health and health care reform to ensure universal access to health