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**Impressions of Nostalgia**

When Alex Chang Huey Wah Esq., through my secretary Puan Azizah bt. A. Majid, requested me to write my impressions on the publication of quotable quotes from the well-considered and well-researched judgments of my learned brother Mr Justice Dato' Vincent Ng Kim Khoay (or more fondly known as Vincent), it dawned on me that I should precede it with an appropriate caption. Upon reflection, I earnestly wish that the abovementioned title is fitting and meaningful.

Before Vincent's elevation to the High Court in Malaya and, subsequently, to the Court of Appeal Malaysia, he used to appear as an advocate and solicitor regularly in the courts where I was sitting as magistrate and then as president of the sessions court, from 1970 onwards, for some 10 years in the State of Perak.

I now recall, with nostalgia, that when I subsequently practised as an advocate and solicitor of the High Court, from 1 January 1984 to 31 May 1994, I had the occasion to travel on the Malaysian Airlines domestic flight from Kuala Lumpur to Ipoh to do a matter in the Ipoh High Court in January 1992. I was initially not aware that Vincent was travelling on the same flight as a fellow passenger. It was only upon disembarkation in Ipoh that I had the singular privilege and pleasure of meeting Vincent, who was then returning to Ipoh from Kuala Lumpur, on the eve of his elevation to the High Court as a Judicial Commissioner with effect from 1 February 1992. I was more than delighted to have offered the pre-elevation congratulations to him.

The effluxion of time, from Vincent's elevation to his recent retirement, witnessed the passage of some 17 years. Vincent has been a prolific writer. The days of his active practice at the Bar saw him as the eminent editor of the resourceful monthly bulletin

published by the Perak Bar Committee. On the Bench, Vincent's judgments occupy prominent pages of our established law reports. These judgments are clear testimonies of Vincent's passion for the law. They are, manifestly, mirrors of his enormous efforts, intellectual initiatives and scholarly sentiments.

While on the Bench of the Court of Appeal, Vincent had the occasion to be part and parcel of the coram in which I was also a member. Our discussions bore the fruits of interaction of ideas which are of immense importance in the disposal of appeals and related matters in those sittings. His invaluable input had facilitated the preparation and presentation of written judgments, such as *Yeap Boon Hai v. Pendakwa Raya* [2009] 3 AMR 673; *Ketua Pengarah Hasil Dalam Negeri v. Perbadanan Kemajuan Ekonomi Negeri Johor* [2009] 3 AMR 569; *Mengawarti Sdn Bhd v. Ketua Pengarah Hasil Dalam Negeri* (Court of Appeal, Civil Appeal No. W-01-83-97); and *Wong Kiong Hung & Anor v. Chang Siew Lan & Another Appeal* [2009] 4 AMR 64. These are but some of the numerous illustrations of Vincent's active intellectual and professional participation.

This book entitled "Footprints of a Judge's Journey Through Mother Earth", co-authored by advocates and solicitors Alex Chang Huey Wah Esq. and Khoo Guan Huat Esq., contains the most readable crystallizations of the plethora of outstanding spotlights in Vincent's illustrious and meritorious service to our Judiciary. The donations at the launch are gestures of charity towards the Pudu Rotary Club Charity Foundation. The co-authors' assiduous efforts are commendable, especially in the midst of their heavy workload and schedule of duties, as both of them are relatively senior members of the Bar. I congratulate them for their laudable quality assignment.

With the advances in various areas of medical science, may Vincent be blessed with the pink of health again and enjoy his well deserved retirement. Best wishes to Vincent and his family.