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## **UG's Council and UG's Foundation Mourn the loss of Dr. Yesu Persaud: Tiger in the Stars**

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It is with deep sadness that I learned of the death of Dr. Yesu Persaud, one of four recipients of the UG's Inaugural Honorary Doctorate in 2018 conferred by the Council, chaired by my predecessor, Professor Nigel Harris. That act symbolizes the high esteem and the pride of place that Dr. Persaud will forever hold in the University Community. He was a generous benefactor to the University. But he was much more. My interaction with him in the period of my chancellorship leaves an indelible impression of a man with abounding compassion and commitment to Guyana's development, an exemplar of what it means to be a champion of cohesion, equity, peace and love.

I speak also on behalf of the Trustees and ex-officio members of the Board of the recently incorporated University of Guyana Foundation, which I have the honour to chair, in expressing profound regret that Dr. Persaud will not be physically present when the Foundation, including distinguished associates in USA, Canada, the UK and around the globe, is officially launched in February 2022. On the preliminary agenda is a tribute to him by Vice Chancellor Professor Paloma Mohamed. She would no doubt reveal the transcendent spirit of this icon beyond his philanthropy. He not only contributed to many University of Guyana initiatives, stamped with his generosity of spirit, sponsorship and goodwill, but also provided the seed money for the Foundation that beckons further contributions to the sustainable future of the national University and its global recognition. For these and so many more, UG's Council, of which he was a past member, UG's Foundation, of which he was an honorary trustee, and the entire University Community will ever record an inadequate appreciation.

It was with pleasure that on September 10, 2021, I participated in the launch of the first in the Guyanese Exemplar Series of pocket books focusing on the life and works of outstanding Guyanese coordinated by the University of Guyana Press (UGP) and the Philanthropy, Alumni and Civic Engagement (PACE) Office of the Vice Chancellor. It is most fitting that this pocket book is a companion to Dr. Persaud's must-read autobiography, **Tiger in the Stars** (2014). It is futuristic in its presentation, portraying the imagery of achievements of this magnificent human being that could be grasped by all, even the very young.

We extend the deep emotions of our condolences in particular to his wife, daughter Urmie; sons, Rohan and Ray; and the rest of Dr. Persaud's family. It is our hope that they will take comfort in knowing that the landmark outreach enterprise by the University in which Dr. Persaud participated just prior to his 93rd birthday, was intended to convey to him what an inspiration he has been and how his legendary legacy will be immortalized for the outstanding contributions he made to the University, Guyana, the Caribbean, and the World.

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