

# *Tribute to the late Harold George Wong*



The IAJ regrets the passing of the late Harold Wong on Friday, June 16, 2023. He was a stalwart of the General Insurance Industry in Jamaica. Harold worked in the General Insurance Industry for over 45 years in a number of different capacities at both Insurance Companies and Brokerage Houses.

Harold was a Fellow of the Chartered Insurance Institute in the United Kingdom carrying the designation "FCII" His extensive knowledge of the Insurance was recognized beyond the shores of Jamaica and he also served as an Insurance Regulator in the Turks and Caicos Islands. Harold was one of the leading lecturers at the College of Insurance and Professional Studies CIPS and was actually still lecturing two weeks before his untimely death.

Harry was at his best when he was talking about Insurance, the information oozed from his brain with both clarity and authority. He was indeed an excellent communicator. There are many persons who are knowledgeable on a subject, but do not teach well, Harry's advantage was his ability to do both.

Over the years from time to time he was asked by both the companies he worked for and other persons in the industry to explain the features of insurance which are often misunderstood by the public. Harry had the knack of explaining complex things in language that most people could understand

.His wise words on Insurance was heard on radio and viewed on television as well as in magazines. He was called to represent the Insurance Industry many times at public forums. He was a sounding board to us at Insurance Association of Jamaica (IAJ). At times when we needed clarification on insurance matters to respond to clients queries, we would simply give Harry a call. When we had public seminars, we could always depend on him to represent us to speak on an array of different topics. When we had congestion with our arbitration cases, we would call on Harry to serve on panels where we would use his vast knowledge and experience to assist us in adjudicating motor claims to help clear any back log we had.

Harry has left us, but we have inherited a legacy from him, many of his students will remember the issues he clarified for them in class. we still have articles in our magazines and on our website written by Harry which will continue to explain the benefit of insurance to cynical policyholders and the public. As a lasting testimony to his work and scholarship, he has done what many Jamaican professionals have failed to put his thoughts in writing, he wrote a book entitled, "Insurance - Protecting of Assets, Liabilities and Profits". His work will therefore be eternal I will encourage persons especially young ones in the Insurance Industry to purchase his book. Harry, may your soul rest in peace and may light perpetual shine on you, you will be missed.