Obituary

Prof. Dr. Abdul Raouf
(1929–2018)

On 26th March, 2018, an eminent industrial engineer and educationist Prof. Dr. Abdul Raouf passed away peacefully in Lahore.

Professor Abdul Raouf was PhD from University of Windsor, Ontario, Canada. He was Distinguished National Professor of Higher Education Commission (HEC). He had served as Advisor & Professor at University of Management and Technology (UMT), Lahore. Earlier he was Rector of Ghulam Ishaq Khan (GIK) Institute of Engineering Sciences & Technology, Swabi, Pakistan, 1994-2000; Professor, Department of Systems Engineering, King Fahd University of Petroleum & Minerals (KFUPM), Dhahran, Saudi Arabia, 1984-1994; University of Windsor, Canada: Professor of Industrial Engineering, 1983-1984; Professor & Head Department of Industrial Engineering, 1976-1982; OECD Visiting Professor at Middle East Technical University, Ankara, Turkey, 1975-1976; Associate Professor (Industrial Engineering), University of Windsor, Canada, 1968-1974; Assistant Professor (Industrial Engineering), University of Windsor, Canada, 1966-1968; Teaching Fellow, University of Toledo, USA, 1965-1966; Quality-Method Engineer, Canadian Acme Screw & Gear, Toronto, Canada, 1962-1964.

Professor Abdul Raouf was an accomplished industrial engineer. His research areas were Maintenance Engineering and Control Prediction of Human Performance in Man-machine System; and Occupational Safety Application of Operations Research in Optimizing Man-machine System and Total Quality Management.

Prof. Abdul Raouf had earned many honors and awards. The salient ones were Long Life Scholarship Award by University of Management and Technology, 2011; Best Book on Quality Award by Pakistan Institute of Quality Control, 2011; Best Research Paper Award by HEC, 2011; Sitara-i-Imtiaz by Government of Pakistan, 1997; and Agha Hasan Abedi Prize (Best Engineer of the Year Award) by Pakistan Academy of Sciences, 1998.

Professor Raouf was Fellow, Institute of Engineers (Pakistan); Fellow, Institute of Management Services; Fellow, Ergonomics Society (UK); Senior Member, American Institute of Industrial Engineers; Member, Human Factors Society; Member, Human Factors Association of Canada; Professor, Pakistan Engineering Council; Professional Engineer in the Province of Ontario Canada; Member, National Productivity Council, Government of Pakistan; Member, Executive Committee, Pakistan Engineering Council, 1996-99; and Member Vice Chancellors Committee, Engineering Universities/Institutions Government of Pakistan, 1996-99.

Professor Abdul Raouf was an exemplary Muslim, an extremely gifted scholar and teacher, and a humble personality. To his family, he was a pillar of inspiration and support. He is survived by his wife, Dr. Razia Raouf, his brother Iqbal Yousaf, and many loving nephews and nieces in Pakistan, USA and UK.

May Allah Almighty rest his soul in eternal peace and give fortitude to his family to bear this irreparable loss; Aameen.

Dr. Abdul Rashid
Fellow, Pakistan Academy of Sciences