

ORBITUARY

LEONG TENG KIANG

Dr. Leong Teng Kiang died in hospital on 28 May 1974, after an illness, at the early age of 29. His untimely death came as a great shock to his many friends in the Society.

Leong was an active member of the Society holding the posts of Hon. Treasurer from 1970 to 1972, and Librarian in 1973.

Leong was born on 1 June 1944 in Singapore, and was educated at Victoria School, Singapore. He left behind him a brilliant academic record. In 1964, he was admitted into the University of Singapore direct into the second year of the Science course. In 1966, he graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree and was awarded the University Book Prize. In the following year he obtained First Class Honours in Mathematics.

After his first degree, it was natural that his love for the study of Mathematics secured him the appointment of Research Assistant at the Department of Mathematics, University of Singapore. He obtained his M.Sc degree in 1969 and two years later, he was awarded his Ph.D. In 1969, he was appointed Assistant Lecturer in the Department of Mathematics, University of Singapore, and in 1971, he was promoted to Lecturer.

Within this short span of life, Leong made a mark as a distinguished research worker in radiative transfer and neutron transport. His nine publications in international journals such as Annales of Astrophysique, France, Publications of Astronomical Society of Japan, Monthly Notices of Royal Astronomical Society, London, Astrophysics and Space Science, England, bears good testimony to his ability.

Leong was also a member of the Astronomical Society of Japan and was a part-time National Serviceman(Police). His cheerful and unassuming personality endeared him to all those he met.

He left behind his parents, his wife, his son (14 months old), two brothers, three sisters, and a host of admiring colleagues and friends.

May his soul rest in peace.