Obituary

Juraimi bin Samsuri

It is with great regret that we have to record the sad demise of Juraimi bin Samsuri, who was the artist of the Singapore Botanic Gardens. Juraimi, as usual, reported for duty on 30.6.71 but just before noon asked to be excused from work for the rest of the day, as he was not feeling well. He returned home, and at about 2.00 p.m. collapsed suddenly and passed away. He leaves behind a widow and five children.

Of simple taste and quiet disposition, Juraimi was born in Singapore on 14th April, 1923. He was educated at the Tanglin Besar Malay School and Victoria School, where he excelled in art. He had no specialised training, but through perseverance and hardwork mastered the technique in line drawing and painting.

He joined the Botanic Gardens service in 1942 as a Label Printer and because of his talents in the field of art he was subsequently appointed as the Gardens' artist. He served under many prominent botanists and horticulturists including Holttum, Corner, Henderson, Furtado, Ewart, Addison, Purseglove, the late Sinclair, H. M. Burkhill, Chew and others. His drawings and paintings in their publications bear testimony to his skill as an artist. In the last three years before his death he showed a great interest in photography and was responsible for taking many of the pictures which were required, especially for horticultural work in the Department; but it is as an artist of botanical drawings that he will be well remembered. He did not confine his interest only to his work as an artist, but also assisted wholeheartedly in the diverse extension work of the Department.

He is sadly missed by his many colleagues and friends. To his widow and children, we extend our deepest sympathy. A.G.A.