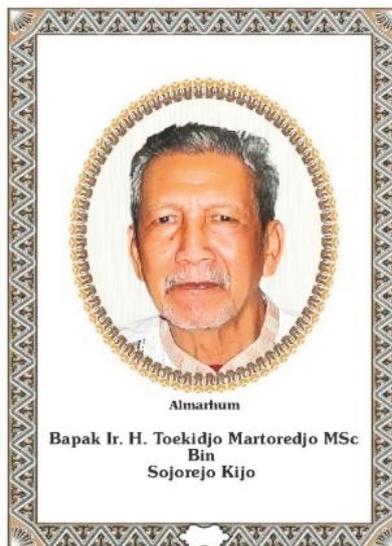




Obituary



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Mr. Ir. Toekidjo Martoredjo, M.Sc. was born in Ponorogo, on April 21, 1937, to Sojoredjo Kijo and Rasikin. He was married to Sri Sedyastuti, they have 3 sons, 1 daughter, and 17 grandchildren. He enrolled the Faculty of Agriculture Universitas Gadjah Mada (UGM) in 1958 and graduated from the Department of Agronomy in 1966 which at that time was known as Bercocok Tanam Umum (BTU) section. In 1976 he was granted with Colombo Plan Scholarship to study at Queen University of Belfast, Northern Ireland, UK. His research was on the postharvest disease, with a thesis entitled: **Study on Parsnip Cancer and Review of Postharvest Losses in Tropical Food**. He graduated with a Master of Science (M.Sc.) degree in 1978.

Mr. Martoredjo taught several courses in Plant Disease during his time as a Teaching Staff in the Department of Plant Protection, Faculty of Agriculture. His core of study was Post-Harvest Disease, and he always used the term “Kemuspraan Pascapanen” to describe great postharvest damage caused by the pathogen. He also taught Crop Protection Basics, Basic Plant Pathology, and Postharvest Disease.

Ir. Toekidjo Martoredjo, M.Sc. had published several books on Plant Disease, which were:

1. Postharvest disease
Published in 1983
Publisher: GHALIA, Yogyakarta
2. Science of Postharvest Disease
Published in 2013
Publisher: BUMI AKSARA, Yogyakarta.
3. Introduction to Plant Disease as Part of Plant Protection
Published in 1989
Publisher: ANDI OFSET, Yogyakarta

Mr. Ir. Toekidjo Martoredjo, M.Sc. was one of the founders of the Indonesian Phytopathological Society (PFI), which was established on August 5, 1970, at Pagilaran, Central Java. He was the first chairman of the Yogyakarta commission. He was never absent from attending the PFI seminar until he retired as a lecturer at the Faculty of Agriculture, UGM on May 2, 2002.

His professional organizations are:

1. The Indonesian Phytopathological Society (PFI).
2. Entomological Society of Indonesia (PEI).

Ir. Toekidjo Martoredjo, M.Sc. had served also as the dean at:

1. Faculty of Agriculture, University of Bengkulu in 1986–1990.
2. Faculty of Agriculture, University of Sarjana Wiyata Taman Siswa in 2001–2004.

Mr. Toekidjo Martoredjo (“Pak Toek” or Mr. Toek) always abide the Tridharma Perguruan Tinggi (Higher Education Creeds) during his academic career. He did many types of research or was involved in joint research with his colleagues from the Department of Plant Protection, Faculty of Agriculture, UGM. Mr. Martoredjo did not hesitate to participate in research conducted by younger staff. Together with the author he studied and conducted banana tissue culture in 1995 which at that time the method had not yet been mastered. Together with other writers and researchers, he did not hesitate to hunt for shots of various types of bananas in the village of Teras, on the slopes of Mount Merapi, Boyolali. The success of the research team in making banana tissue culture was also due to his role. Mr. Martoredjo was very friendly to anyone. He greets the owner of the banana tree and because of this, the owner of the banana tree was happy to give the best shots.

With him, the research team always in high enthusiasm because he always worked happily and humorously. He was also active in serving the community together with staff at the Department of Plant Protection. Laboratory of Plant Disease always enjoyed his humor and joy. One of his humor was about bombs in Belfast, Northern Ireland during his Master study. At that time Northern Ireland was an unsafe area because of the political problems in the United Kingdom. Mr. Martoredjo responds casually to this. He said that he was very familiar with the sound of the bomb. He was not afraid because the sound of the bomb was just like a firecracker. Although in an unsafe situation, he graduated his Master study in 1.5 years.

Even when he was ill, Mr. Martoredjo always showed his happy face. Mr. Martoredjo was active in sport, he rarely ill until he passed away on February 15, 2019, and was buried at the UGM Cemetery, Sawitsari. About one year before he died, he had suffered from appendicitis. The author visited him at Sarjito Hospital. He smiled while sitting. When asked, “Are you feeling any better?” He answered with a big smile. “Yes, I’ve finished my porridge.” He showed me the empty porridge bowl. In conclusion, Mr. Toek has healed and is healthy again.

Goodbye, Mr. Ir. Toekidjo Martoredjo, M.Sc. to a glorious place next to the Almighty God.