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THE LATE Tun Dr Lim Keng Yaik was a true visionary behind Wawasan Open University (WOU).

WOU’s board of governors chairman Prof Emeritus Tan Sri Gajaraj Dhanarajan said the late Dr Lim was both the inspiration and driver behind the founding of WOU.

“He was a concerned patron and did much to ensure the university maintained its independence as an academic institution, shielding us from political and other unwarranted interference. It was both a pleasure and privilege to work with him in the establishment of WOU. We will miss his unique brand of leadership,” he said in a statement, here, yesterday.

WOU’s vice-chancellor Prof Datuk Dr Ho Sinn Chye said Dr Lim, a fervent believer in lifelong education, always urged WOU to stay relevant by offering affordable programmes catering to the educational needs of contemporary job seekers amid the changing perception and career plans.

Dr Lim served as WOU Council chairman since 2005 and was appointed chancellor on May 9, 2011 for a three-year term.

He was formally installed as WOU’s second chancellor on Nov 19, 2011.

The last function attended by Dr Lim was the recent third convocation ceremony at WOU main campus in Penang on Nov 24.

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