



Prof. Dr. Ali Ghufron Mukti, MSc., PhD, an expert who is well known for his great involvement, mainly in health insurance, was recently appointed as vice-minister of health of the Republic of Indonesia on October 2011 by President of The Republic of Indonesia.

Besides health and financing/ health insurance, Prof. Ghufron also has expertise in the field of health service quality, family medicine, and epidemiology.

As for his educational background, after earn his medical degree from University of Gadjah Mada, Prof. Ghufron took his master degree at University of Mahidol, Bangkok with MSc degree on tropical hygiene. After completing his master degree, on 2000 Prof. Ghufron finished his doctoral degree on public health from University of Newcastle, Australia. As part of his educational history, Prof. Ghufron has received an award as a research fellow from Brown University.

During his professional career, Prof. Ghufron has been appointed to several important positions. As an academician, some of the academic positions trusted to Prof. Ghufron are Head of Public Health Division, Director of Gadjah Mada Medical Centre (University Health Plan), and Director of Gadjah Mada Graduate Program on Health Financing and Health Insurance Management in the Faculty of Medicine, University of Gadjah Mada Yogyakarta.

On 2008, at the age of 46, Prof. Ghufron was appointed to take the dean position in the faculty of medicine, University of Gadjah Mada and became the youngest dean of the Faculty of Medicine of the University of Gadjah Mada. Other than academic position, Prof. Ghufron was also have professional career as consultant for international agencies in the area of social protection, health finance, and health insurance.

Prof. Ghufron is quite productive as a writer and an experienced speaker. Since the 90's, Prof. Ghufron has published more than 30 publications and wrote several books. His publication consist several disciplines,

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not only about health financing/insurance, but also in the field of public health and healthcare management, clinical epidemiology, etc. He was invited as lecturer and examiner in prominent national and international universities such as: University of Indonesia, University of Tokai in Japan, Asia University in Taiwan, and University Kebangsaan Malaysia, University of Newcastle, Vrije University, Netherland.

Besides his professional career and academic activities, Prof. Ghufon is actively involved in many professional organizations both in the national and international scale. In some of the organization, such as the Indonesian Community and Public Health Doctor Association (PDK3MI), Indonesian Health Insurance and Social Security Expert (PAMJAKI), and Indonesian Health Economics Association (IHEA), Prof. Ghufon was appointed as Chairman of the organization. Internationally, Prof. Ghufon was appointed as Indonesian country representative for the South East Asian Public Health Institutes Network (SEAPHEIN) on 2007 and designated as Chairman of the ASEAN "One Health" on 2011.