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He obtained a B.Sc (Econ) from the London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE) in 1971. He taught at the Department of International Relations in LSE from 1972-1975. Between 1975 and 1978, he was research analyst for Daiwa Europe NV in London and then went on to obtain his Ph.D in International Relations at LSE in 1978. Tan Sri Munir was made an Honorary Fellow of the LSE in 2005.

Tan Sri Munir joined the New Straits Times Press (NSTP) in 1979 as leader writer and progressed to become Group Editor. During his time at the NST, he published numerous articles on national and international politics and economics. He left NSTP in 1986 to become CEO of a small merchant bank, Pertanian Baring Sanwa (PBS), whose name he changed to Commerce International Merchant Bankers Berhad (CIMB) which was then transformed into one of Malaysia's leading merchant banks. He was invited by the Government of Malaysia to establish and become the first and founding Executive Chairman of the Securities Commission in 1993, where he served for two terms until 1999. In 1997, he received the Cranfield Management Excellence award. After leaving the Securities Commission, he served as Senior Independent Non-Executive Director of Telekom Malaysia Berhad for 4 years until June 2004, and was Chairman of its mobile subsidiary Celcom (M) Berhad from 2002-2004. In June 2004, Tan Sri Munir joined the Malaysia Airlines Board of Directors and later in August 2004 was appointed as Non-Executive Chairman of Malaysian Airlines. Tan Sri Munir stepped down as Chairman of Malaysia Airlines in July 2011.

He has also served on various governmental boards and committees, such as Malaysian Industrial Development Authority (MIDA), Bursa Malaysia Securities Berhad (formerly known as The Kuala Lumpur Stock Exchange), Foreign Investment Committee (FIC), as well as various private sector companies and organizations such as Kuala Lumpur Options and Financial Futures Exchange (KLOFFE), Council of the Association of Merchant Malaysia (AMM), Malaysian International Chamber of Commerce and Industry (MICCI). He is the founder President of the Kuala Lumpur Business Club and recently was appointed by the Malaysian Institute of Management to be a member of its Court of Fellows.

Tan Sri Munir presently also occasionally lectures for the Toronto Centre for Leadership in Financial Market Regulation where he sits on the Advisory Board for Securities Market Regulation. He is a member of the International Institute for Strategic Studies (IISS) in London. He also writes for The Edge.

Born in Penang in 1948, Tan Sri Munir received his early education at St Mark's Primary School in Butterworth and the Bukit Mertajam High School. He received his upper secondary education at the Royal Military College in Sungei Besi near Kuala Lumpur where he was awarded the Commandant's Prize for being the best all-round student in 1967. He left for London the next year.

Married with two children, his hobbies are: reading (novels, history and biographies), theatre, music (classical and opera), swimming, golf and, now mostly passively but still with some fanaticism, soccer, tennis and cricket.

