

# Dr. M.M. Mahmud "Mudi" Awan

STURBRIDGE- Dr. Mahmud Awan passed away on Wednesday, August 9th, 2017 in Sturbridge, MA.



An Attorney and an Economist by academic training, Dr. Awan graduated from Government College, University of Punjab, Pakistan, where he received his Masters and L.L.B. degrees.

He also earned his L.L.M. degree in International Law from Boston University Law School and, in 1976, a Ph.D. degree in International Trade from Clark University, Worcester, MA. He authored a book on Foreign Capital Utilization, published by the University Press of America in 1978, and served as a Presidential Adviser to Government of Pakistan as well.

Engaged in International business for the last forty years, Dr. Awan was a recognized investor and industrialist. He founded Techman International (TI) in 1982, when American Optical (AO) was divested by Warner Lambert. Techman was a distributor of AO product lines and expanded into manufacturing fiber optic and electro-optic products. He successfully transformed TI from a small management consulting organization to its present status as a prominent international trading and technology transfer company.

In addition to his responsibilities at TI, Dr. Awan was Professor Emeritus of National University of Sciences & Technology in Pakistan, where he was a member of the Corporate Advisory Board. He also served as adviser to government agencies in China, Kazakhstan, and several other countries for privatization, deregulation, and trade liberalization. He was a senior management consul-

tant to a number of European and North American companies. In 1998, he was elected as Chairman of the Board of Technical Communications Corporation (TCCO), a NASDAQ company, a manufacturer of encryption codes for air defense systems and other secure communications equipment. A pioneer in furthering the fiber optic industry, Dr. Awan was instrumental in setting up several manufacturing plants in Asia including Oman Fiber Optic Company, where he served as Vice Chairman of the Board of Directors. In 2003, he was elected President of New England Fiberoptic Council (NEFC), and recently served as the President of Regional Technology Corporation, an organization devoted to regional economic growth in Western Massachusetts.

Dr. Awan was involved in several trade missions for the U.S. Department of Commerce and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. He represented the Massachusetts high technology industry in multiple trade delegations to Europe. In 2003, he was appointed to the Regional Competitive Council by Massachusetts Governor Mitt Romney.

Dr. Awan had a passion for teaching and had held faculty positions at various academic institutions, including Nichols College and International Islamic University Malaysia. His most recent faculty appointment was as an adjunct at the University of Massachusetts Lowell, where he taught from 2011-2017 in the Department of Economics and OIS Department in the Manning School of Business.

Dr. Awan is survived by his wife, Roohi Awan, two sons, Alijaan "AJ" and AbdurRehman "Ara," and a daughter, Aamina Awan.