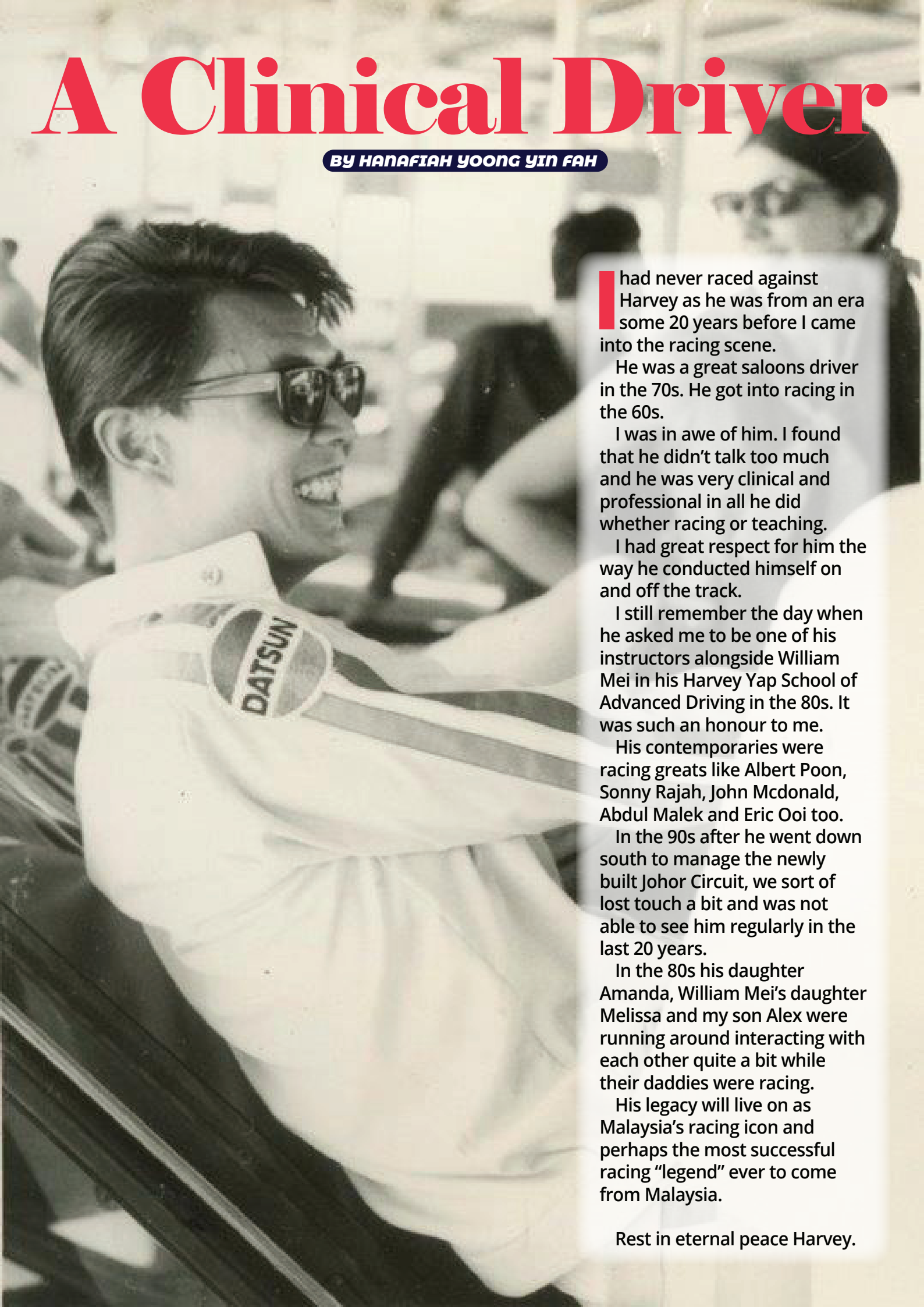


# A Clinical Driver

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I had never raced against Harvey as he was from an era some 20 years before I came into the racing scene.

He was a great saloons driver in the 70s. He got into racing in the 60s.

I was in awe of him. I found that he didn't talk too much and he was very clinical and professional in all he did whether racing or teaching.

I had great respect for him the way he conducted himself on and off the track.

I still remember the day when he asked me to be one of his instructors alongside William Mei in his Harvey Yap School of Advanced Driving in the 80s. It was such an honour to me.

His contemporaries were racing greats like Albert Poon, Sonny Rajah, John McDonald, Abdul Malek and Eric Ooi too.

In the 90s after he went down south to manage the newly built Johor Circuit, we sort of lost touch a bit and was not able to see him regularly in the last 20 years.

In the 80s his daughter Amanda, William Mei's daughter Melissa and my son Alex were running around interacting with each other quite a bit while their daddies were racing.

His legacy will live on as Malaysia's racing icon and perhaps the most successful racing "legend" ever to come from Malaysia.

Rest in eternal peace Harvey.