## Danesh Rejaie; Founder and the First Managing Director of Monenco Iran

Danesh Rejaie was born in Abadeh, Fars, in 1924. He completed his primary and secondary education there and was admitted into Daneshkadeh Fani Nafte Abadan. He completed his education with a Bachelor in Electrical engineering in 1948. After his graduation he worked at the Abadan Refinery as an engineer in training.

In 1954 he moved to Tehran and started working in Tehran at Tehran Glass Factory as an field engineer and in 1955 he started working in French Engineering Consulting Company GICOF.

In 1957, Danesh and his colleagues initiated the EHDAS Engineering Construction Company (www.ehdasco.com) which is a contractor company active in electrical and civil projects throughout Iran.



In 1965, Danesh and his colleagues formed MERZ QUANTA as a joint venture of Iranian company Quanta with Merz & Mclellan Engineering of England. The company was engaged in a variety of electrical engineering projects.

In May 1973, Danesh Rejaie formed Monenco Iran in partnership with Montreal Engineering Company of Canada. The change was made from Merz to Monenco as Danesh would state; "the Canadians were more open to technology transfer". Danesh, the founding member, was also the Managing Director of Monenco Iran until 1980.

He passed away in October 2009 after battling Parkinson's disease.



From left to right: Danesh Rejaie (managing director of Monenco Iran, Arnold Gerrish (Technical Director), Brian Gilbert shows relay testing techniques to engineer from Iran utility (TAVANIR).