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PM NAMED PATRON OF WRITERS ACADEMY

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KUALA LUMPUR, June 24, (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad has been named patron of the Writers Academy to be inaugurated on July 3 by Finance Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim.

Malaysian National Writers Society (Pena) Chief Datuk Ahmad Sebi Bakar said the Society was greatly honoured that Dr Mahathir had agreed to become the academy's patron.

It showed his support to writers' efforts in nation-building, he said in a statement issued here today.

He said Anwar and Education Minister Datuk Amar Sulaiman Daud had also agreed to be advisers to the academy.

Universiti Malaya's head of the writing department, Prof Abu Bakar Hamid would be chairman of its administrative council. --Bernama

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