

# Prime Minister: I would prefer to be called doctor

KUALA LUMPUR, Thurs. — Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad today said he would prefer to be referred to as a doctor rather than being called by titles.

The Prime Minister said

this when one of the participants of the Conference on Islam and Tolerance organised by the Institute of Islamic Understanding Malaysia (Ikim) wanted to know how he would react if

he was called "a man of all seasons".

"I dislike titles. In fact, I wanted to avoid from being given the datukship, but when a Sultan rings you up and says he wants to confer

it on you, how could you say no," Dr Mahathir said.

Whether he wanted the titles or not, he said, he was now "a datuk 12 times over".