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CUEPACS PRESENTS HIGHEST AWARD TO DR MAHATHIR

KUALA LUMPUR, Jan 9 (Bernama) -- Cuepacs presented the "Negarawan Teladan Berwawasan" award to Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad today in appreciation of his contribution to developing the national economy and enhancing Malaysia's image in international circles.

Cuepacs secretary-general A.H Ponniah, in delivering the citation at Cuepacs' 20th Convention, said Dr Mahathir was a statesman who had done a lot to strengthen Malaysia, especially in terms of its economy and racial unity.

He said Dr Mahathir's vision and policies had brought about positive changes, especially in the international community's views of Malaysia and its people.

"Dr Mahathir has introduced Malaysia to the world as a country with vision and far-sightedness in heading towards the 21st century," he said.

He said the policies implemented by the government like the privatisation and heavy industries policies reflected Dr Mahathir's far-sightedness in preparing the country to compete in an increasingly challenging world.

As such, Cuepacs had decided that Dr Mahathir was the most qualified person to receive its highest award, he added. -- Bernama