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INDIA HONOURS DR MAHATHIR

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NEW DELHI, June 14 (Bernama) -- India has bestowed the "the Jawaharlal Nehru Award for International Understanding" on Malaysian Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad for his outstanding contribution to promoting close cooperation among developing countries.

The jury consisting of seven eminent people including the Chief Justice of India is headed by Indian Vice-President K.R.Narayanan.

Narayanan said Dr Mahathir had boldly and vigorously articulated the concerns of the developing countries.

The jury said it decided to confer the award on Dr Mahathir "after careful consideration of the numerous nominations received from all over the world."

The award named after India's first Prime Minister carries a Trophy, 1.5 million rupees (US\$42,850) in cash and a citation.

The award is administered by the Indian Council of Cultural Relations of the Ministry of External Affairs. -- BERNAMA

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