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PERLIS FOUNDATION CONFERS ITS HIGHEST AWARD TO MAHATHIR

KANGAR, Dec 20 (Bernama) -- The Tuanku Syed Putra Perlis Foundation has conferred its Royal Excellence Award to Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad.

Menteri Besar Datuk Seri Shahidan Kassim, who is the foundation's deputy chairman, said the award was bestowed upon the Prime Minister on Dec 5 in conjunction with the golden jubilee of the Perlis Raja's rule.

The award, the highest granted by the foundation, is conferred on Dr Mahathir for his contributions and excellent service to the people and nation, he told reporters today.

Shahidan, who announced the receipt on behalf of the foundation's chairman, the Raja Muda of Perlis, said the Perlis Raja would present the award to the Prime Minister at a ceremony in Perlis at a date to be fixed later.

He said the award is given to Malaysians who have served the country for at least 25 years, have strong leadership capability, achieved excellence in a certain field and received high recognition either from within or outside the country.

The award which carries a prize money of RM100,000 has only one recipient every five years. -- BERNAMA

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