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Mahathir-Fellowship

PM TO BE AWARDED ACADEMY OF SCIENCES HONORARY FELLOWSHIP

PETALING JAYA, July 24 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad will be awarded a honorary fellowship by the Academy of Sciences Malaysia (ASM) in conjunction with its first anniversary celebration on Aug 2.

Dr Mahathir was selected for the inaugural award for his significant contribution and commitment to the growth of science and technology in the country, the academy's council member, Professor Datuk Dr Syed Jalaludin Syed Halim told a news conference here today.

The award would be presented at the Academy of Sciences Award Presentation Dinner which would also see the launch of a book on Dr Mahathir's contribution to spurring the development of high technology industries in Malaysia.

The book, entitled "Contribution To the Development of Science Engineering and Technology in Malaysia," was the ASM's first publication and also the first written about Dr Mahathir's leadership in the realms of his vast contribution as the father of modern Malaysia, and his determination in making Malaysia an industrialised country, he said.

The book was co-written by Sumanggala Pillai, the academy's chief publisher and Universiti Pertanian Malaysia (UPM) Economics Faculty's Agriculture Policy Research Centre Director Prof Abdul Aziz Abdul Rahman.

Syed Jalaludin said the book was expected be a collector's item because the printing of the hardcover version would be limited.

The Bahasa Malaysia version is expected to be available by October.

Since its inauguration on Sept 8 last year, the academy has 50 foundation fellows including Tan Sri Dr Mustaffa Babjee, former Veterinary Services Department Director-General and Datuk Dr Tengku Azzman Sharifadeen Ibrahim, Malaysian Institute of Microelectronics Systems (Mimos) Director-General. -- BERNAMA

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