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Alumni

UNIVERSITY OF MALAYA/SINGAPORE ALUMNI TO MEET

KUALA LUMPUR, Oct 16 (Bernama) -- The Yang di-Pertuan Agong Tuanku Ja'afar, Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad, Singapore's Senior Minister Lee Kuan Yew and other well-known figures are expected to meet at a function being planned by Universiti Malaya here in April next year.

The university's international relations unit and alumni affairs will attempt to gather all the university's former students in the 1960s and the years before that, for the three-day meeting from April 18.

Pulau Pinang's Yang Dipertua Negeri Tun Hamdan Sheikh Tahir, as chairman of the organising committee, said it was being held for former students of the university in Kuala Lumpur and Singapore, including those from the Raffles College, to meet.

More than 1,000 alumni are expected to attend the meeting to be held at the university's campus here, he told a news conference here today.

Dr Mahathir is expected to deliver the Premier Alumnus speech at the occasion.

A book exhibition on the literary works of the alumni and sight-seeing visits to places of attraction in Peninsula Malayasia will also be arranged.

Tun Hamdan said the meeting would also raise contributions for the alumni scholarship fund in aid of university students of both countries.

The committee was still compiling a list of the alumni, and their addresses for them to be contacted, said Tun Hamdan.

The university first set up its campus in Singapore in 1949 with the merger of King Edward VII Medical College, established in 1905, and the Raffles College, set up in 1928.

The university's campus here was set up in 1959 and was administered independently of the Singapore campus from 1962.

Apart from Tun Hamdan, other former students before 1962 were the late Prime Minister Tun Abdul Razak, former Chief Secretary Tan Sri Ahmad Sarji Abdul Hamid, Royal Prof Ungku Aziz and the university's vice chancellor, Datuk Abdullah Sani. -- BERNAMA

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