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MAHATHIR AWARDS INAUGURAL PERDANA SCHOLARSHIPS TO SEVEN

KUALA LUMPUR, Sept 23 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad today presented the first-ever Perdana Scholarship to seven postgraduate students who are pursuing their doctorate and masters degrees in various disciplines abroad.

The scholarship, under the Prime Minister's Fellowship Exchange Program -- a foundation established in 1995 -- is to promote educational excellence among Malaysians by encouraging learning and research in all fields of knowledge to help achieve the nation's goals towards Vision 2020.

The students are Aida Othman, Wan Haslina Hassan, Abdul Razak Abdul Aziz, Hasniza Mohd Hassan, Mohamad Fahmi Ngah, Yu Ei Leen and Lim Kian Tick.

After the presentation, Dr Mahathir attended the 1997 Perdana Lecture entitled "The Challenges to Health Policy in Modern Economies" by Prof Emeraitus Victor R.Fuchs of Stanford University.

Fuchs is a renowned expert in the field of healthcare whose works have influenced a new generation of health care professionals. He had written nine books, edited six others and published over a hundred articles. --

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