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Seven receive Perdana Scholarships to pursue postgraduate studies

KUALA LUMPUR, Tues. - Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad today presented the inaugural Perdana Scholarships to seven outstanding scholars.

The scholarships are awarded as part of the Prime Minister's Fellowship Exchange Programme which is aimed at promoting educational excellence in various fields of knowledge.

The chairman of the Perdana Scholarship Board of Trustees, Raja Tun Mohar Raja Badiozaman said it was the aim of the programme to make the Perdana scholarship the most prestigious scholarship award in the country in terms of value, fields of study and places of learning and research.

"It is our hope that the Perdana Scholarship will receive the recognition comparable to some of the internationally renowned scholarship programmes."

He said more than 300 applications were received.

Aida Othman, Lim Kian Tick, Wan Haslina Hassan, Abdul Razak Abdul Aziz, Hasniza Mohd Hassan, Mohamad Fahmi Ngah and Yu Ei Leen received the scholarships to pursue postgraduate studies for either Master's or Ph.D programmes.

Aida was represented by her brother, Muttaqim Othman. She will be pursuing her Ph.D in Islamic Law at Harvard University while Lim is currently doing his Ph.D in Economics and International Relations at Oxford University.

Wan Haslina will be pursuing a Ph.D in Information Technology. Abdul Razak will be doing a Ph.D in Serious Musical Composition.

Hasniza will be reading a Master's degree in Law at King's College, London, Mohamad Fahmi, a Master's degree in Polymer Science and Engineering at the University of London and Ei Leen a Master's degree in Automation in Industry.

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