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Chair fit for the captain of a country

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THE Harvard Club of Malaysia last night presented Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad with a typical Harvard professor's chair.

Dr Mahathir had earlier delivered an address on "Management of an Economy in Crisis" at the Harvard Club Dinner in Kuala Lumpur.

Club president Tan Sri Ahmad Sarji Abdul Hamid said the chair - "unique, distinctive and elegant" - was designed like a captain's chair and used by every professor at Harvard.

The chair was crafted in solid oak and finished in gleaming black with gold trimmings. The backrest holds the Harvard crest. It was carried on stage by club deputy president Tan Sri Dr Lin See Yan.

The chair, Ahmad Sarji said, was transported by road from New England to New York and later flown on a Malaysia Airlines flight to the KL International Airport in Sepang.

"It was undented, sir, and never got lost at the airport baggage," he joked.

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