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DR MAHATHIR TO RECEIVE ASOCIO IT AWARD THIS MONTH

KUALA LUMPUR, Nov 18 (Bernama) -- PIKOM, the Association of the Computer Industry Malaysia announced that Prime Minister, Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad will be receiving the ASOCIO (Asian-Oceanian Computing Industry Organisation) IT Award on Nov 26, 1998.

The award would be presented to Dr Mahathir at the ASOCIO-PIKOM gala banquet to be held in Petaling Jaya, PIKOM said in a statement released today.

The ASOCIO IT Award is given to an outstanding person of the ASOCIO host country, having contributed most significantly to the IT (information technology) industry in the host country and standing of the IT industries of the ASOCIO region.

The recipient also has promoted the significance of the IT industry to the economy in general, and in the past, most of the award recipients in other host countries include senior government officers and ministers.

Shaifubahrim Saleh, PIKOM's chairman said; "We are indeed honoured to have Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad to grace our dinner function and accepting the ASOCIO IT Award in person."

"It was the council's unanimous decision and endorsed by the ASOCIO member countries to bestow this award to YAB (yang amat terhormat) who has set a world class example of how one statesman with a bold decision can promote IT."

ASOCIO established in 1984 is the region's umbrella IT organisation comprising 10 full and five associate member organisations representing a total of 15 countries in the Asia-Oceania region, and five guest member organisations from North America and Europe.

The full member countries are Australia, Indonesia, Thailand, Taiwan, South Korea, New Zealand, Japan, India, Malaysia and Singapore, with associate members from Bangladesh, Nepal, Mongolia, the Philippines and Sri Lanka, while guest members are from the United Kingdom, the United States, Canada, Spain and France. -- BERNAMA

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