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KING EDWARD MEDICAL COLLEGE ALUMNI CELEBRATES DIAMOND JUBILEE

SINGAPORE, Dec 5 (Bernama) -- The Alumni Association of King Edward VII College of Medicine of which Malaysian Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad and his wife, Datin Seri Dr Siti Hasmah, are honorary members, celebrated its diamond anniversary here last night.

Although Dr Mahathir and his wife did not attend the celebration this time, they were not forgotten.

Prof N.Balachandran, 70, an orthopaedic surgeon told the Straits Times of Dr Mahathir, who is a year his senior in the college.

"He was very quiet in those days, and we always thought he should get a haircut. At that time, he was already politically inclined," Balachandran was quoted as saying by the newspaper.

Singapore Deputy Prime Minister Tony Tan who spoke at the dinner said Dr Mahathir and Dr Siti Hasmah, who also studied at the college, had demonstrated their continuing support for the alumni association by gracing the opening of its new centre in 1990 as guests-of-honours.

Another Malaysian alumni of the college is former Sabah Deputy Chief Minister Dr Wong Soon Kai.

King Edward VII College merged with Raffles College in 1949 to become the University of Malaya.

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