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MAHATHIR OPENS UKM TEACHING HOSPITAL

KUALA LUMPUR, July 14 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad today opened the 1,050-bed Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia (UKM) Hospital in Bandar Tun Razak here.

He also toured the surgery department and witnessed a laparoscopy operation and a telemedicine demonstration.

Dr Mahathir himself had undergone a minor surgery at the hospital last May to remove a blood clot from his left ankle and for subsequent treatment.

The teaching hospital, which became fully operational in July last year, is run by medical specialists who are also professors and lecturers.

It could cater for 700 undergraduates and 600 post-graduate students.

The UKM Hospital is the country's third teaching hospital after the University Hospital here and the USM Hospital in Kubang Kerian in Kelantan.

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