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Dr M gets peace award

KUALA LUMPUR, Mon. - Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad today received the U Thant Peace Award from international peace leader Sri Chinmoy during a 35-minute private meeting at the Prime Minister's office.

A Press statement issued by Sri Chinmoy said the award was for Dr Mahathir's service to the people of Malaysia and all developing countries as well as for his unique contributions to the integration of spiritual and material progress during his 18 years of service to the country.

The award honours distinguished individuals and organisations for their exceptional service to world peace.

Previously, Sri Chinmoy presented the award to Pope John Paul II, Mother Teresa, President Mikhail Gorbachev, President Nelson Mandela and the Yang di-Pertuan Agong Tuanku Jaafar.

The award, given by the Peace Meditation at the United Nations, takes its name from the late UN secretary-general who exemplified the spiritual ideals.

Sri Chinmoy is on a seven-day visit to the country with 200 of his students from several faiths. After Kuala Lumpur, the group will be going to Penang.

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