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AGONG MADE HONORARY FELLOW OF ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS

KUALA LUMPUR, March 15 (Bernama) -- The Yang di-Pertuan Agong Sultan Salahuddin Abdul Aziz Shah was conferred an Honorary Fellowship of the Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland at a ceremony in Istana Negara here today.

The fellowship was presented to the King by the college's president Prof Barry O'Donnell in the presence of the college vice-president Prof George Parks.

Sultan Salahuddin is the seventh distinguished recipient of the fellowship.

Former Yang di-Pertuan Agong Tuanku Ja'afar and Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad have also been made honorary fellows of the college.

Other recipients are Ireland's two presidents Mary Robinson and Mary McAleese, Bahrain's King Shaikh Isa Ali Khalifa and former South African president Nelson Mandela.

Istana Negara said in a statement it was the college's tradition to recognise the support of the host country and its relations with Ireland when holding its meeting in a foreign country.

The recognition was accorded by conferring the Honorary Fellowship to the head of state or government of the host country where the meeting was held, it added.

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