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Mahathir-Award

DR MAHATHIR TO RECEIVE ASEAN ACHIEVEMENT MILLENNIUM AWARD IN S'PORE

KUALA LUMPUR, Aug 29 (Bernama) -- Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad will be conferred the "Asean Achievement Millennium Award" by the Asean Business Forum (ABF) at a special dinner in Singapore on Sept 10 for turning Malaysia into an exemplary and dynamic nation.

Asian Strategy and Leadership Institute (Asli) chief executive officer Datuk Dr Michael Yeoh said in a statement here today that the prime minister would receive the award from Singapore's former president Wee Kim Wee, who had served as the island state's high commissioner to Malaysia.

Another recipient of the award is Singapore's Senior Minister Lee Kuan Yew.

The Langkawi Crystal to be presented to the prime minister, among others, will be laser-engraved with the following:

"The Asean Business Forum presents the Asean Achievement Millennium Award to the Honourable Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad for his unique achievement of providing the vision, commitment and the impetus for transforming a multi-ethnic, multi-religious, multi-cultural Malaysia to become a vibrant and dynamic nation that has become exemplary and the hallmark of success for other countries to follow and emulate."

The black-tie Asean Achievement Awards dinner, jointly organised by the ABF and Asli, will be attended by some 600 business leaders from Malaysia and Singapore.

"Several cabinet ministers and senior government officials will also be attending the dinner which is a rare occasion when both Dr Mahathir and Mr Lee Kuan Yew will speak at the same platform," Dr Yeoh said.

He said the 250 Malaysian businessmen expected to attend the function would also have the opportunity to interact with their Singaporean counterparts with a view to developing mutual cooperation and smart partnerships.

Dr Yeoh said the unique event would provide a timely opportunity for the private sector to honour two leading statesmen from Asean who had not only been outstanding nation-builders but also regional stabilisers.

"The awards ceremony and dinner is a fitting tribute to both men. It represents the Asean private sector's salute to two distinguished statesmen who have played meaningful roles in strengthening Asean regional cooperation," he added.

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