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Senate-Putrajaya

A SENATOR SUGGESTS A ROAD NAME IN PUTRAJAYA OR SOMETHING ELSE TO
REMEMBER DR MAHATHIR

KUALA LUMPUR, July 3 (Bernama) -- A senator today suggested a road name in Putrajaya or something else to remember Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad as the architect of the new seat of the federal government.

Senator Rosli Mat Hassan said Dr Mahathir weathered all challenges including destructive criticism from the opposition parties and the economic downturn to set up Putrajaya.

"Since Dr Mahathir has expressed his desire to resign, it is only proper that the administration of Putrajaya creates something in appreciation of his service," he said when debating the Putrajaya Corporation (Amendment) 2002 Bill.

He said a road in Putrajaya for example could be named after Dr Mahathir or it could be in other forms.

It would be something for the next generation to remember, a man whose vision leads to the creation of Putrajaya, he said.

Senator Hassan Sukri, in his speech, wanted something too to remember the late Sultan Salahuddin Abdul Aziz Shah of Selangor during whose reign saw Putrajaya declared as a federal territory.

He said appreciation should be given to Selangor for allowing Putrajaya to be a federal territory even though the land did not belong to the state government but still within the state.

Hassan hoped that the township's administration would also take into consideration spiritual development of the residents by building more religious schools.

Senator Datuk Hamzah Zainuddin said Putrajaya Corporation should ensure that Putrajaya would remain as a well planned township.

In winding up the debate, Deputy Minister in the Prime Minister's Department Tengku Azlan Sultan Abu Bakar said more development projects would be carried out in Putrajaya, such as hotels, modern markets and religious schools.

The bill was later passed.

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