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Mahathir-Award

ASEAN ENGINEERS TO PAY TRIBUTE TO DR MAHATHIR WITH AWARD

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JAKARTA, Oct 19 (Bernama) -- The Asean Federation of Engineers Organisation (AFEO) will pay tribute to Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad with a special award for his invaluable service in the development of the engineering profession in South-East Asia.

The award will be presented to him on Wednesday in Jogjakarta in conjunction with the AFEO conference to be held on Oct 22 and 23.

"There are so many policies expounded by Dr Mahathir that have encouraged the growth of the industry, technology and human resources, for him to deserve this award," said assistant secretary of the Indonesian Engineers Association (PII=Persatuan Insinyur Indonesia) Lamhot Sinaga.

He said it was these policies and his farsightedness that had enabled Malaysia to steer out of the economic crisis tormenting the region some years ago, and enjoy the current level of development.

Lamhot said the Prime Minister would deliver a speech before delegates from all the 10 Asean member countries and observers from Japan, South Korea, India, Hong Kong, the United States, Canada and Australia.

Dr Mahathir, who will be leaving office end of this month after 22 years of leading Malaysia as Prime Minister, is expected to arrive in Jogjakarta on Tuesday evening for an overnight visit before continuing his journey to Timor Leste and Papua New Guinea.

On the conference, Lamhot said that it would discuss various issues affecting Asean engineers like the standardisation and certification programme for its members.

This was part of the effort to gain recognition in terms of skills and competency of engineers when competing among themselves in the region, he said.

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