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DR MAHATHIR AND WIFE RECEIVE "AMBASSADOR FOR PEACE" AWARD

PUTRAJAYA, Sept 18 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad and his wife, Datin Seri Dr Siti Hasmah Mohamed Ali, today received the 'Ambassador for Peace' award for their contribution in promoting peace and unity.

The award was presented by the Interreligious and International Federation for World Peace (IIFWP) at the Prime Minister's official residence, Seri Perdana, here.

Dr Siti Hasmah received her award and her husband's from IIFWP representative Christopher B. Kim. Dr Mahathir was not present at the function.

IIFWP Asia regional secretary-general Genie Kagawa told reporters later that Dr Mahathir and his wife had been instrumental in promoting unity and harmony among people both young and old from different political, social and academic backgrounds.

"We accorded this award to Dr Mahathir because we feel that he is a model leader who has shown a high sense of responsibility in promoting good leadership," she said.

She added that Dr Mahathir's style of leadership could also serve as an example for other political leaders.

IIFWP Asia, which is based in Manila, is a United Nations-affiliated body.

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