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DR MAHATHIR ANNOUNCES HOLIDAY FOR UiTM TOMORROW

SHAH ALAM, Aug 26 (Bernama) -- Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad tonight announced tomorrow a holiday for Universiti Teknologi MARA (UiTM).

The Prime Minister made the announcement at his last official address at the university as he will be retiring in October.

"Please don't misunderstand. It's not raining this year but this will be my last as Prime Minister to give a speech here.

"As such, with permission, I propose a holiday (be given to UiTM students tomorrow)," he said to the applause of some 10,000 students present when officiating the ground-breaking ceremony for Shah Alam Campus 2, an additional campus to the main UiTM campus at the university's stadium here.

The ceremony was also held in conjunction with the launching of the UiTM National Day Festival 2003 (FESKEM 2003).

Last year, the Prime Minister also gave the students a one day break when it rained while he was officiating the festival.

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