

Queen: Dr M inspired various achievements

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PENANG: Raja Permaisuri Agong Tuanku Fauziah Tengku Abdul Rashid paid the highest tribute to former Prime Minister Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad, saying he was the source of inspiration for various achievements attained by the country.

In her address, the Queen who is also the chancellor of Universiti Sains Malaysia (USM), lauded Dr Mahathir for his dedication in placing the country at a great level today.

Dr Mahathir will be conferred an Honorary Doctorate in Science in conjunction with USM's 33rd convocation today.

"With his full confidence and determination, we have achieved success not only in the field of automotive technology,

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biotechnology and information and communication technology but we have also explored the Antarctica," she said.

She was speaking at the chancellor's dinner banquet held in her honour in conjunction with the convocation ceremony.

The banquet was graced by Yang di-Pertuan Agong Tuanku Syed Sirajuddin Tuanku Syed Putra Jamalullail.

Also present were Yang di-Pertua Negri Tun Abdul Rahman Abbas and his wife Toh Puan Majimor Shariff and Chief Minister Tan Sri Dr Koh Tsu Koon.

After her speech, the Queen launched a book entitled *We lead Universiti Sains Malaysia: 1969-2004*.