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ACADEMY OF SCIENCES MALAYSIA PAY TRIBUTE TO DR MAHATHIR

KUALA LUMPUR, Aug 17 (Bernama) -- Academy of Sciences Malaysia (ASM) tonight paid tribute to former Prime Minister Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad for his contributions to the country's development in science and technology by naming an award after him.

The award called ASM Award For Scientific Excellence In Honour Of Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad will be Malaysia's most prestigious Science Award for Tropical Science.

The award was an appreciation by ASM and the local scientific community to Dr Mahathir who is also the ASM first Honorary Fellow, said Tan Sri Dr Omar Abdul Rahman, former Science Advisor to the former Prime Minister.

The award consists of four categories -- Tropical Medicine, Tropical Agriculture, Tropical Architecture and Engineering, and Tropical Natural Resources -- and will awarded to outstanding reaserchers locally and internationally, based on worldwide merit.

Recipients of each category will also receive RM100,000 cash.

Dr Mahathir accompanied by Minister of Science, Technology and Innovations Datuk Dr Jamaluddin Jarjis and ASM President Tan Sri Datuk Dr Ahmad Zaharudin Idrus, launched the award.

Also present was Dr Mahathir's wife, Tun Dr Siti Hasmah Mohd Ali and ASM Secretary General Prof Datuk Dr Mazlan Othman.

Among Dr Mahathir's notable contributions were the national car project, microsatelite and the development of all-composite Eagle light aircraft.

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