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DR MAHATHIR CONFERRED UiTM HONORARY DOCTORATE

SHAH ALAM, April 15 (Bernama) -- Former prime minister Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad was today conferred Universiti Teknologi MARA's (UiTM) Honorary Doctorate in Political Science and Government.

Yang di-Pertuan Agong Tuanku Syed Sirajuddin Syed Putra Jamalullail, who is UiTM Chancellor, conferred the doctorate at the university's Commemorative Convocation here.

Permaisuri Agong Tuanku Fauziah Tengku Abdul Rashid, Dr Mahathir's wife Tun Dr Siti Hasmah Mohd Ali and Higher Education Minister Datuk Dr Shafie Mohd Salleh were present.

In his speech, the King said Dr Mahathir was an intellectual and a leader who always looked far ahead.

He said Dr Mahathir had observed and valued UiTM's contributions and status as a leading university.

Tuanku Syed Sirajuddin said apart from having 100,000 undergraduates, UiTM had produced professionals with "hands-on" skills who were in great demand by the nation and its industries.

He said the time had arrived for UiTM to honour a statesman who fought for the glory and sovereignty of the race and nation.

The King said Dr Mahathir had always given his priority to the people's interest instead of his own concerns.

"He is not only a very dedicated person but also a leader who practises noble values," said Tuanku Syed Sirajuddin.

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