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DR MAHATHIR TO BE CONFERRED HONORARY DOCTORATE

KUALA LUMPUR, Jan 27 (Bernama) -- Former Prime Minister Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad will be conferred an honorary Doctorate in Islamic Thoughts from the University of Malaya (UM) at a special convocation this Friday.

UM Vice-Chancellor, Prof Dr Hashim Yaacob said the degree was conferred based on Dr Mahathir's contributions to the country.

"UM recognises Dr Mahathir as a great thinker and his ideas are mostly based on the teachings of Islam and the contents of the Quran," he said here today.

Hashim said the public was invited to attend the special convocation, to be held at UM's Dewan Tunku Canselor from 10am.

Among Dr Mahathir's contributions in the context of Islamic thoughts were introducing Islamic insurance, Islamic banking and establishing the International Islamic University.

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