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Mahathir-Degree

DR MAHATHIR TO RECEIVE HONORARY PhD FROM UUM

JITRA, Jan 9 (Bernama) -- Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad has agreed to receive an honorary doctorate in philosophy (PhD) from Universiti Utara Malaysia (UUM), said UUM Vice-Chancellor Prof Datuk Dr Ahmad Fawzi Mohd Basri today.

"Dr Mahathir has verbally stated his agreement to me during our discussion just now, although a letter from Dr Mahathir's office recently stated that he was not ready to receive it," he told reporters after a meeting with Dr Mahathir at Education Community Centre for Kubang Pasu Parliamentary Constituency, here.

Dr Mahathir, who was also former Kubang Pasu Umno division head, had earlier held a closed-door meeting with the Kubang Pasu Umno division protem committee members.

Dr Ahmad Fawzi said the former Prime Minister would be conferred the doctorate in Development Management in view of his involvement in the setting up of a university in the state, that is the UUM.

He said Dr Mahathir's wife, Tun Dr Siti Hasmah Mohd Ali had also agreed verbally to receive an honorary PhD in Social Work from the UUM.

He said that UUM had, for the moment, left it to the couple to decide on the date for them to receive the degrees.

"The conferment can be held simultaneously with the UUM's annual convocation in September or at a special convocation to be held at a convenient time," he said.

Meanwhile, Dr Mahathir said after the closed-door meeting with the Kubang Pasu Umno division protem committee that he thanked members of the Kubang Pasu Umno for their support previously.

"I'm now in good health and came today merely to say thank you for their support when I headed the division," he said.

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