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TUN DR LING HAILED AS "FATHER OF TAR COLLEGE DEVELOPMENT"

KUALA LUMPUR, Aug 17 (Bernama) -- Tunku Abdul Rahman (TAR) College today bestowed its former Council Chairman Tun Dr Ling Liong Sik "Father of TAR College Development" in recognition and appreciation of his role and immense contribution to the development of the college.

Dr Ling received the honour at a specially organised function for him at the TAR College main campus here.

At the ceremony, a pictorial book entitled "The Golden Years of Tun Dr Ling Liong Sik", highlighting the former MCA President's monumental achievements, was launched by MCA President Datuk Seri Ong Ka Ting.

Also present at the ceremony were his MCA Deputy President Datuk Seri Chan Kong Choy, Dr Ling's wife Toh Puan Ena Ling, Trustee of TAR College Datuk Tan Cheng Swee, Health Minister Datuk Dr Chua Soi Lek and TAR College Council members.

As a further gesture of the college's gratitude to Dr Ling, Ong also announced that the college's signature building at its main campus here would be named after Dr Ling.

"This modern signature building, which has been planned, will house the Information and Communication Technology hub and administration of the college. It will be called the Tun Dr Ling Liong Sik Cyber Centre," he said in his speech.

Ong said the centre would be the college's landmark and serve as testimony of the college as a premier institution of higher learning.

He also recalled many happenings unknown to many on how Dr Ling's worked behind the scene by holding series of discussions with former Prime Minister Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad and land owners to develop TAR College.

A lot of discussions, persuasions and the good spirit of the Barisan Nasional (BN) finally came to fruition with the establishment of the TAR College, he said.

He said the success of TAR College under Dr Ling's stewardship as TAR College Council Chairman since 1986 and with its student population of 30,000 and six branch campuses had resulted in the government to invite it to set up the Universiti Tunku Abdul Rahman.

TAR College Principal Yoong Lai Thye meanwhile in her speech said that under Dr Ling's leadership the college had chartered numerous unprecedented milestones, gaining recognition locally and internationally as a premier institution of higher learning.

"Your dynamic leadership coupled with your commitment to make it happen is evident in the growth and success the college enjoys today. Your visionary idea and innovative approaches will long be remembered as the catalyst that has made TAR College great.

"Thank you Tun, and we salute you Yang Amat Berbahagia Tun Dr Ling Liong Sik, as the Father of TAR College Development," she said as some 2,000 guests present and the students gave a rapturous ovation to Dr Ling.

Thanking all the kind words and sentiments, Dr Ling in his acceptance speech, attributed the success to all the people who had been very cooperative and supportive in all the college's projects.

Quoting a phrase "no man is an island", he said he considered himself a lucky person as he had been blessed with freedom on what he wanted to do and received the support from people who had stood by him in every projects.

Dr Ling said he was happy that he had left the college in good hands.

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