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TUN DR MAHATHIR LAUDS MOVE TO REVIVE ITM

PETALING JAYA, Aug 20 (Bernama) -- Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad considers the proposal to revive the Institut Teknologi Mara (ITM) as a wise move in the country's development, especially the Malays'.

"Universiti Teknologi Mara (UiTM) has played a vital role in helping the Malay community to compete against the other races," he said in his speech during an appreciation night organised by Yayasan Budiman Universiti Teknologi Mara (YBUiTM) here.

According to reports, the move to revive ITM in every state starting next year was voiced out by its UiTM Vice Chancellor Prof Datuk Seri Dr Ibrahim Abu Shah.

This will provide an opportunity for further education for Bumiputera students who achieved good results but could not gain entry into UiTM or other public universities.

Dr Mahathir was also happy to note that two UiTM graduates Muhammad Muqharabin Mokhtaruddin and Ahmad Reduan Rozali who scaled Mount Everest recently were honoured during the ceremony.

Meanwhile, YBUiTM Chairman Tan Sri Mohd Saleh Sulong said the night was organised to honour Dr Mahathir's contributions to the nation and especially to UiTM.

During the dinner Dr Mahathir and his wife Tun Dr Siti Hasmah obliged a request from the guests to render a song titled "Dari hati ke hati".

Entertainment was provided by Siti Nurhaliza and Vince who were backed by UiTM Symphony Orchestra.

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