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TUN MAHATHIR TO GET UPM DOCTORATE

KUALA LUMPUR, July 16 (Bernama) -- Former Prime Minister Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad is to receive an honorary Doctor of Science degree from Universiti Putra Malaysia (UPM) for his services and sacrifices to the country, according to a UPM statement.

Dr Mahathir will receive the award from Sultan Sharafuddin Idris Shah of Selangor, who is also UPM Chancellor, at the university's 28th convocation which starts tomorrow and ends on Monday.

The award recognises Dr Mahathir's outstanding contributions in education especially in science and for his efforts in inspiring UPM to become a renowned university in the region, the statement adds.

In 1997, Dr Mahathir announced UPM's change of name from Universiti Pertanian Malaysia to Universiti Putra Malaysia.

UPM is located in Serdang, Selangor and was established in 1971 as an agriculture-oriented university.

A total of 4,091 graduates will receive their scrolls in the convocation, including 32 Ph.D, 381 Masters, 3,013 bachelors and 665 diplomas.

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