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MAHATHIR GIVEN AWARD FOR VISIONARY LEADERSHIP IN SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

KUALA LUMPUR, Aug 6 (Bernama) -- Former Prime Minister Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad was today presented the Golden Jubilee Science and Technology Award by the Malaysian Scientific Association (MSA) which praised him for his visionary leadership in the promotion of science and technology.

He received the award from MSA president Datuk Dr Soon Ting Kueh at the Putra World Trade Centre here.

In a citation, the award committee chairman Prof Datuk Dr Khairul Annuar Abdullah said Dr Mahathir's contribution to the country was immense.

He pointed out the Multimedia Super Corridor (MSC) flagship projects, Putrajaya administrative centre, the futuristic Kuala Lumpur International Airport, world-class Sepang Formula One Circuit, Olympic-standard Bukit Jalil Stadium and the Petronas Twin Towers as examples of his contributions.

Speaking to reporters later, Dr Mahathir said he appreciated the award which highlighted the importance of science.

He stressed that learning science in English was "not because we have less regard for our national language".

"Knowledge increases very fast. If you are going to wait for translation, you are never going to catch up," he said.

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