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Dr M receives Fiabci award

KUALA LUMPUR, Fri. - Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad was honoured by the real estate industry tonight for his contributions in modernising the country, including the building of first-class infrastructure.

The former Prime Minister was presented with a Special Award for Nation Building by the Malaysian chapter of the International Real Estate Federation (Fiabci).

The award was presented to him by the Yang di-Pertuan Agong Tuanku Syed Sirajuddin at Fiabci Malaysia's 12th Annual Awards of Distinction dinner at a hotel here.

Dr Mahathir was lauded for inspiring and pursuing outstanding real estate projects during his 22-year tenure.

Among them were the Petronas Twin Towers, the Kuala Lumpur International Airport, KL Sentral and the Federal Government administrative capital, Putrajaya.

Fiabci Malaysia also named Berjaya Group chairman and chief executive Tan Sri Vincent Tan Chee Yioun "2004 Property Man of the Year" for his contributions to the industry. Other winners are Menara Telekom for Best Office Development, Precinct 11 of Putrajaya for Best Master Plan and Ikea Damansara for Best Retail Development.

The Cyberview Lodge Resort and Spa was named Best Resort Development, the Putrajaya Marriott Hotel the Best Hotel and Bandar Laguna Merbok in Sungai Petani, Kedah, was voted the Best Residential Development. The Federal Government Administrative Capital of Putrajaya was given a Special Award for National Contribution while the British Council was the recipient of a Special Award for Specialised Project.

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