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Science award named after Dr Mahathir

KUALA LUMPUR, Tues. - The Academy of Sciences Malaysia launched an award in honour of Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad for his contributions to the country's development in science and technology at a hotel here tonight.

The award, called ASM Award for Scientific Excellence, will be Malaysia's most prestigious Science Award for Tropical Science.

According to Tan Sri Dr Ahmad Zahrudin Idrus, president of the Academy of Sciences Malaysia, the award would be presented to researchers who have made major breakthroughs in the fields of tropical medicine, tropical agriculture, tropical architecture and engineering as well as tropical natural resources.

A cash prize of RM100,000 will be presented for each of the four categories of the award which will be sustained through a trust fund.

The categories are Tropical Medicine, Tropical Agriculture, Tropical Architecture and Engineering, and Tropical Natural Resources.

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