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Name a varsity after Dr Mahathir

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WHILE the nation waits for one of its most illustrious sons to retire at the end of October, it should consider rewarding him with a suitable gift that will make his 22 years of contributions a lasting one.

One fitting gift would be to name one of our public universities after him. There has been a lot of talk about introducing an institute for the study of Dr Mahathir's thoughts. While this is a good move, it is not adequate.

Four universities are now named after three former prime ministers. Tengku Abdul Rahman Putra, the first prime minister, is honoured through Universiti Tunku Abdul Rahman and Universiti Putra Malaysia. Tun Abdul Razak is honoured through Universiti Tun Abdul Razak (Unitar) and Tun Hussein Onn through Kolej Universiti Teknologi Tun Hussein Onn (Kuttho) in Johor.

Perhaps the authorities should consider naming Universiti Utara Malaysia, Universiti Mahathir Mohamad, a fitting gesture as Dr Mahathir is