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Dr M heads Sarawak honours list

KUCHING, Mon. - Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad heads a list of recipients of awards and honours to be conferred in conjunction with Sarawak's 40th anniversary celebration tomorrow. The Prime Minister will receive the Darjah Satria Bintang Sarawak (First Class).

Toh Puan Norkiah, wife of Yang di-Pertua Negeri Tun Abang Muhamad Salahuddin and Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi will receive the Datuk Patinggi Bintang Kenyalang (DP), which carries the title "Datuk Patinggi".

International Trade and Industry Minister Datuk Seri Rafidah Aziz, Works Minister Datuk Seri S. Samy Vellu and Agriculture Minister Datuk Effendi Norwawi are among 11 people to receive the Panglima Negara Bintang Sarawak (PNBS), which carries the title "Datuk Seri".

The others are Sarawak State Assembly Speaker Datuk Asfia Awang Nasar, State Infrastructure Development and Communications Minister Datuk Wong Soon Koh, Chief Secretary to the Government Tan Sri Samsudin Osman, Armed Forces Chief Tan Sri Zahidi Zainuddin, Petronas president and chief executive officer Tan Sri Hassan Marican and former Transport Minister Datuk Seri Dr Ling Liong Sik.

Six people will receive the Panglima Gemilang Bintang Kenyalang (PGBK), which carries the title "Datuk".

They are Transport Ministry secretary-general Datuk Zaharah Shaari, Rural Development Ministry secretary-general Datuk Azman Abdul Rashid, Universiti Teknologi Mara Vice-Chancellor Datuk Seri Prof Dr Ibrahim Abu Shah, former National Museum director general Datuk Shahrum Yub, businesswoman Raziah @ Rodiah Mahmud and former Sarawak's director of Health Dr Tan Yaw Kwang.

Twelve people will be conferred the Darjah Gemilang Bintang Kenyalang (DGBK), which carries the title "Datuk".

They include Miri Port Authority chairman Jacob Dungau Sagan, Miri Housing Group of Companies chairman Lau Siu Wai, businessman Peter Minos, Sarawak Amateur Athletics Association secretary Tham Siew Kai and businessman Bustari Yusuf.

Sarawak Tourism Board chief executive officer Aloysius Dris, State Public Works Department director Hubert Thian Chong Hui and Universiti Malaysia Sarawak's Prof Dr Prabir Ranjan Sen Gupta will receive the Darjah Jasa Bakti Sarawak, which carries the title "Datuk".

Six people will be conferred the Johan Bintang Sarawak, six the Johan Bintang Kenyalang, 23 the Pegawai Bintang Sarawak, 46 the Ahli Bintang Sarawak, 85 the Bentara Bintang Sarawak, 16 the Pegawai Bintang Kenyalang, 15 the Ahli Bintang Kenyalang, 28 the Pingat Perkhidmatan Bakti (Silver) and 49 the Pingat Perkhidmatan Terpuji (Bronze).