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Dr Siti Hasmah receives award

PENANG, Thurs. - Yang di-Pertua Negeri Tun Abdul Rahman Abbas conferred the Darjah Utama Pangkuan Negeri award, which carries the title "Datuk Seri Utama" on Datuk Seri Dr Siti Hasmah Mohd Ali at the Rumah Tetamu in Jalan Macalister yesterday.

The Order of Chivalry, instituted in 1967, is the highest order in the State and conferred in conjunction with Abdul Rahman's 65th birthday recently.

Dr Siti Hasmah was honoured for her excellent contributions and outstanding services in the fields of medicine, education and public services, both at the national and international levels.

Present at the ceremony was Abdul Rahman's wife Toh Puan Majimor Shariff.

Others included Chief Minister Tan Sri Dr Koh Tsu Koon, several State Executive Councillors and Dr Siti Hasmah's daughter, Datuk Paduka Marina Mahathir, who is also the president of the Malaysian AIDS Council.

Born in Selangor in 1926, Dr Siti Hasmah was among the few pioneer Malay women doctors in Kedah.

In recognising her contributions to the nation, Dr Siti Hasmah has also received numerous awards.