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Liver Foundation to hold charity dinner in tribute to Dr Mahathir

KUALA LUMPUR, Sun. - The Malaysian Liver Foundation will pay a tribute to its patron Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad at a charity dinner at the Sunway Lagoon Resort Hotel grand ballroom in Bandar Sunway on July 13.

Foundation president Datuk Dr Ismail Merican said: "Dr Mahathir has been very supportive of the foundation and its activities. He deserves this tribute from all of us."

Apart from raising funds for the foundation to have its own building, the charity dinner also aims to create awareness of liver disease besides improving the quality of treatment and research in the country.

At present, the six-year-old foundation is renting a building at RM3,000 a month.

"It's better to have our own building," Dr Ismail said, adding that the money raised would also be used to set up a liver registry.

"The registry is crucial to study the pattern of liver disease in the country, the different types of liver disease, intervention and management of liver disease."

It is also to determine how liver patients fare with treatment. The outcome would help the ministry to formulate policies, said Dr Ismail.

Tables are priced at RM50,000, RM30,000, RM20,000, RM10,000, RM7,000 and RM5,000 each. The foundation hopes to raise RM1 million.

Dinner proceeds will also go towards a series of public education programmes on the importance of taking care of one's liver.